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Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week we have had our creativity and resilience tested yet again! Many of us lost power, pot plants, fences and a few hours of sleep as the storm fronts came through on Tuesday night. St Joseph's was without power all of Wednesday and we enjoyed creatively adapting to learning with no lights or modern technology. Strangely, I think both students and staff felt a certain satisfaction in discovering ways to tackle this difficulty together.

With each passing day more of our students return to school. Obviously, we are aware that some families continue to learn from home to protect themselves, loved ones and the wider community. Our staff are happy to provide remote learning for those who have indicated that they are continuing to keep their children home. Difficulties arise when students attend school and then occasionally have a day at home expecting to access remote learning. If the class teacher is of the understanding that your child has returned to school, they may have stopped uploading activities to your child's Seesaw or Teams account. If this is the case, then they will not be able to complete class work.

Next week we will be issuing fee statements as many parents prefer to receive them early in the term to assist with budgeting. As many families are experiencing financial pressure we have extended the due date until week eight. Please be assured that your child's place at St Joseph's is guaranteed regardless of your financial situation. I encourage you to contact me if you have any concerns regarding school fees, knowing that any arrangements are confidential.

We continue to wait patiently for Sunday, when our Premier is due to announce the next step in easing restrictions. Whatever the outcome, the weekend has the potential to be suitable for picnicking. I hope you find a way to enjoy special time with your family and a Mother's Day celebration. My mum used to remind us that the best gift she could ever receive was her children getting along with each other – once I became a mother I certainly understood what she meant! I think the apostle Peter must have been on the same page when he said:

*Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.*

**1 Peter 4:8**

Enjoy your weekend. Stay safe and well.

God bless

**Jane Olsen**

**(Acting Principal)**