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Grow in Faith Seek Wisdom Live in Peace

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Please note:

Mark McGowan, WA Premier, has made a statement this morning regarding school closures. We will have a statement from Catholic Education WA later today.

Dear Parents

A quick thank you to everyone in our school community for how you are all working together to support each other. I know these times take their toll, but the one thing that gives me goose bumps, seriously have them right now writing this, is the way I see our families and staff working together for the best for our kids. This is due to living our school motto which is, 'Grow in Faith, Seek Wisdom and Live in Peace'. I am not sure you all understand just how much easier you are making things for me as a Principal by bringing compassion and understanding to everything we do here at St Columba's School. You know it. I said it in the video yesterday, and in The Donegal, this is the time we focus on wellbeing and all the humans we have in our lives. You are amazing people who get it. Like, you really do. I mean, honestly:

- Who is the most blessed Principal in the world? How good do I have it?

Special thanks for the feedback on the video from yesterday. You are all very generous. I did warn you about laptops and televisions. Some of our kids are looking at me differently this morning. Too funny! I do not have Facebook so thanks to those who assisted in getting it out there. I asked some Year 4s if they reckon I should get into the movies? They are generous. Although no offers have come through as yet, I do not think they are far off. I sent the video through to my girls. They think the angle of the phone needed to be considered and the distance ...maybe step back a bit dad, was a comment.

A few things happening tomorrow:

- **Free Dress Day tomorrow** – No gold coin. Just come and be. [Great announcement by Tom on the mic today. The announcing of messages may be taken over by our kids]
- **Water fountains** will only be used for filling drink bottles. The fountains will be thoroughly cleaned this evening for tomorrow morning. Please ensure kids have a **drink bottle** at school. If you forget, do not stress, we have some cups, but we will stop kids drinking directly from the fountains.
- **NO CHISHOLM CANTEEN and No St Columba's Snack Canteen as from today.** We appreciate the short notice, however due to numbers, we need to cancel these two options for the remainder of the term.

Thanks for your understanding with everything, it has been much appreciated. A quick plug for your kids. Whatever parents, grandparents and staff are doing at the moment, it needs to be bottled. They are quality!

Goodness your way!

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