



Principal's Message

Dear Parents

The end of Term One of 2020 has arrived at great speed and its perceived speed can be directly correlated to the busy term we have had. Not to mention the threatening Covid-19 curve-ball we are managing - on this matter, I would like to thank you for your cooperation in regard to the information shared and decisions made over the past weeks and the preventative strategies we needed to implement in our homes and school. Please DO continue to remain vigilant and persist in consolidating the importance of social distancing and hygiene in your families.

Our school has been a hub of activity through Purim culminating in the primary school's foot-tapping and head-bobbing Purim Shpiel and the preschool's Purim Carnival, both events well supported by our valued parents. I commend Reviva Hasson and the PTA for their tireless efforts to make the Purim Pop-Up and Misloach Manot a success - I am certain that they would be appreciative of your assistance at future events.

Thank you to our staff for individual and team efforts to give our children worthwhile learning experiences during Term One.

We are pleased to announce that Arielle Wolffs will be taking up Morah Chani's Kodesh position while she is on maternity leave and then to continue as a Kodesh teacher. We are most grateful to Morah Jacky who will continue teaching the Preschool's two to three year old group, bringing consistency to this class. Jeanne Freed's hours, as our School Counselor, has been slightly reduced with a view to improving staffing efficiency whilst retaining her professional services which are highly valued.

We wish our staff and students a well-deserved break over next week, before resuming remote learning from 30 March for a week, before Pesach. We hope and pray that we'll be able to return to school on 20 April, healthy and happy.

Please convey our fondest regards to our children who we miss due to the Covid-19 situation and the declaration of the national disaster by our president. We hope that they are enjoying the work that their teachers have prepared for them and that their learning is meaningful. They are reminded to tackle the tasks systematically as we do not want them to feel overwhelmed at any stage - their teachers are available to engage and support them. We continue to explore, debate and test ways to improve this new way of remote learning and teaching.

Happy holidays!

Regards
Theodore Thomas
Principal