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Dear Parents,

I trust you and your loved are all safe after the terrible week we have had. I am sure that you share the range of emotions I am feeling– a sense of disbelief and unreality, fear, hope, gratitude and so many more. It has been a tragic time and I have hated looking out of my window and seeing smoke, hearing gunfire and smelling burning. As we all try and come to terms with this, my prayers and thoughts go out to families who have lost businesses and who have been affected in so many ways. Thank you to the Settlers' family members who have been on patrol and served the community in so many ways.

Over the past few days, it has so been encouraging and uplifting for the teachers to interact with the children whose parents were able to join the zoom times. Out little ones have had so much to deal with over the past 18 months. Seeing their beloved teachers and having some sense of normality in their lives was my main reason for planning these times.

At this stage, I am hoping that the situation is stable enough for us to resume school on Monday. There are several factors that must be considered. Most important is the safety of all our Settlers' family. It will also depend on if our staff can all get to school. If we start school, I appeal to you to be on standby in case you need to fetch your children. When we are back at school, we won't offer online lessons as the staff need to be fully involved with the children in their classes.

If we aren't able to return to school, I will communicate with parents on Sunday evening. We will then update you on our online plan. Please remember that the well-being of you and your family is most important. If you can't join zooms or do online work, do not worry! There are many ideas on our Facebook page that I posted during lockdown last year.

Friday Treats:

In term 3 we shall use the same list of children receiving Friday Treats as for Term 2. **The charge will be amended because of missing this week.**

Thank you for your ongoing support and for the positive messages and feedback we have received. In the words of Robbie Wessels in the song "Siya Kolisi" that he wrote after South Africa won the last rugby cup "We're stronger together, we work better as one."

3rd term: dates:

Friday 10th September– Grandparents' Day on Settlers' Park field. (This is if COVID permits; more details will follow.)

Please note - Monday 9th August - Public holiday (National Women's Day)

Mid- term break

Friday 13th August – Monday 16th August (school starts on Tuesday 17th August)

Friday, 17th September: Science fun day. School closes.

Once again, we are faced with the unknown. There is no handbook to follow. Please draw your strength from where you need to – your faith, your family, your friends. As Mrs T so wisely advised me "take one step at a time, don't look at the whole staircase."

Kind regards,

Ellen Borain
Principal



If you are struggling today remember this:

You have survived everything you have gone through up to this point.
The best day of your life is yet to come.
There are still people you haven't met and things you haven't experienced.

YOU CAN DO THIS