

## To the incredible, brave children of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School.

We all miss you. **We miss your laughter** in the corridors, your positive work ethic in our classrooms and your **happy smiles**. The school feels too quiet! We know it is a hard time for you also and you are missing all of your friends and teachers.

You have heard a lot about the coronavirus and some strange things are happening that may make you afraid or worried. Please try not to be worried. **Lots of brilliant grown-ups are helping** sort this tricky problem. These clever women and men are giving us some very clear guidance and working hard to help us. They are telling us **to stay away from people, apart from our immediate family for a period of time**. It is important that we follow this guidance. By doing this, it will help to keep our loved ones and friends safe. Staying away from each other and from our wonderful school will not last forever. These are very unusual times and one day, when this is all over, you will be telling your children about the time that our brilliant community overcame a huge challenge, how we stuck together to help and care for each other. You will also tell them how brave you have been.

This is the most challenging time in our life, sometimes we get worried about our own family, the people we love and of you. In time, our communities will grow stronger because of the awful things we are currently facing. **The sun will shine again** and break through the dark clouds that appear all around us. We know that you are strong, compassionate with those around you and will be a powerful force for good in your homes. **This thought fills us with pride.**

**Talk to the adults in your family, your grown up brothers and sisters if you are feeling worried,** talking will help. Let the worries pass over you. If any worries do come, share them with the people who care for you: the adults in your life who love you so much.

**We are very proud of you at Our Lady of the Rosary.** We look forward to welcoming you back whenever this is. This strange time will pass and at some point in the future, you will sit again at your desk, play outside with your friends and look forward to some fun times. You will be laughing about the w2s and 3's and when we tell you to bring in your homework! In the meantime, **be kind, be hopeful and talk to the people who love you.**

**We think the world of you all, we will write to you on a regular basis and your teachers are going to write newsletters to you also.**

Lots of love from

**Mrs Graham and Mrs Sutherland.**