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Technology at School and Home

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last two weeks, we have been reviewing the online apps and programs that we use to support learning, both at school and at home. Part of this process was to survey the teachers and audit the usage of the school's online subscriptions. The purpose of this was to determine whether this is something that we should continue to fund.

After looking at the usage rates, it was determined that the following apps; Reading Eggs, Dogeared, Mathletics and Mathseeds, were being engaged with regularly by less than 10% of students and classes each week. As a result, we decided that we would not be renewing these subscriptions for the entire school. All other subscriptions are continuing. Once this decision was made it was then discussed at our school's P&C meeting the following day.

These products cost our school a significant amount of money and we need to be able to ensure that we are making purchases that are having a purposeful impact on student learning.

While I understand that there will be families that truly value these resources, the amount of use that they receive is just not enough for us to continue to fund them. Moving forward, we have asked that each stage look at online resources they might like to use, that would get more students engaging with them. The decision whether or not to implement online resources will be made by stages and needs to be based on evidence of effectiveness. Once these determinations have been made, we will let you know.

Kind regards,

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Acting Principal