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## ***How to support the King family***

Good Morning,

During this past week a small group of people, who had a connection to the family, met together with Alanna (mother of Archie and Seth) and her parents to discuss how we can provide support to her and her family. Representatives from the College, Central Coast United, Terrigal Football Club and Central Coast Mariners were all present to provide support for the family. We have collectively agreed to draft this communication that can be shared throughout our collective communities to ensure we are all informed and know how best to support the family.

Initially Alanna provided us with an update regarding Neil and how he is in hospital. Neil has sustained significant injuries from the car accident and his future at stage is still uncertain. Over the coming week Neil will be taken off the ventilator to see how he responds, however, there is concern that his injuries are substantial and there is still great uncertainty with respect to his future. Alanna has requested that we allow her time to focus on supporting Neil before we have discussion regarding any memorial services and activities to acknowledge Archie's passing. She has also requested that any communication regarding Neil's status and updates regarding any services are centralised through a small group of people. We agreed that we will meet again in a few weeks to discuss any further steps.

Alanna is extremely grateful for all the kind words and thoughts that have been shared and is overwhelmed by the offers of help. We have assured her that there are so many people that just simply want to help her and her family. We asked what would be helpful in the short term which was a challenging conversation as the next month or two are very uncertain for Alanna and her family.

We have offered to do two things in the short term. We have set up a Go Fund Me campaign with the intention of raising some funds for the family to alleviate some of the financial burden that the next few months will bring. The Go Fund Me page is now online and we encourage families to consider contributing to this campaign by going to the following link:

<https://gofund.me/8dda07d1>

Beyond this form of help, the King family were in the middle of some substantial renovations on their family home. Mr Matt Fowler, who has known the family for some time and is the project manager of this work has made the offer to help facilitate anyone who may have suitable skills that they would like to volunteer to assist with this work to please contact Matt (0488 491 410).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to make contact via email and I would be happy to either answer your questions or put you in contact with the most appropriate person who may be able to help.



Our ongoing thoughts and deepest condolences remain for the King family.

Kind Regards

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