



Respect & Care

Responsibility

Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding

Excellence

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

Thanks for your understanding and patience as we again dive into remote learning. On Monday, our staff were simply amazing – with one day’s notice, they were able to ensure all students went home with a pack of learning for the rest of the week. Students also had a short, year-level disco. We felt very sad to see the children walk out the school gates, but optimistic too; knowing that we have done this before and we can surely do it again, with flexibility and responsiveness.

Today we sent all families a copy of our Remote Learning Handbook. It is slightly adjusted from remote learning in term 2, and may have some good reminders for families.

Our staff worked hard on Tuesday and throughout the week to begin planning for the following weeks. We have listened to our community; *the remote learning survey you participated in has helped us to reflect on our practices and make adjustments here and there:* Writing tasks will be less cumulative over the week, with some stand-alone lessons to lessen the pressure on students. The learning pack for each day will have everything required. Links to videos will be embedded in the plans. Resources will be included in the day’s post. P.E. Art and Japanese lessons (designed by our specialists) will each be included in the learning posted by the classroom teacher.

Teachers will continue to have daily Webex lessons to start the day. Here the roll is marked and teachers will discuss the day’s learning with the students. Wellbeing activities will be spread through the Webex meetings and learning activities.

We will continue to hold assemblies on Fridays via Webex meetings, at the new time of 11:30am. All times and sessions are on page 2 of the newsletter and in the handbook.

Please remember that we are in *remote learning* mode, not home schooling. We are all doing our best - families and teachers in different situations, facing daily challenges we never dreamed of, but all determined to do our best! Don’t stress if a day’s learning does not get done, or the technology doesn’t work on a given day. Some families may find they don’t get to every learning activity each day. Some families will prioritise just Reading, Writing and Maths. Some days you might only get the portfolio task completed. In the big picture of thirteen years of schooling, student progress is not going to suffer if we can’t connect for a day or two, or don’t complete all remote learning tasks. Your child will remember how they *felt* during this time. It’s an important time to love, care and reassure our children. Those things are high priorities right now.

Supervision of students at school

A reminder to parents regarding requests for onsite supervision. Please contact the school for information if you have not previously requested this. Onsite supervision is available for students whose parents are working away from the home and cannot make any other arrangements, and extremely vulnerable students.

Once it is determined that a child is able to attend, a scheduling form, obtainable from the school, *must* be submitted for the following week by 3:30pm on Thursdays. This allows us to arrange appropriate staff ratios for supervision.

Dates:

Monday 10th August
Winter appeal donations last day

Friday 14th August
Assembly 11.30am via Webex

Monday 17th August
School Council Meeting

Tuesday 18th August
Pie Orders Delivered

Wednesday 19th August
Year 7 Placement Notifications

Fun Run ~ Postponed until Term 4

Thursday 12th November
School Photos



Event Cancellations

Although it saddens me to write this, obviously there are several term 3 events that have had to be cancelled. Among these are grade 3/4 camp, sporting events and several excursions. Having just announced our popular Fun Run for week 8, we will now endeavour to postpone this event until term 4. When we do return to school, we will need to be creative in finding ways to schedule and conduct events.

Natalie Toohey ~ Principal

**KEEP ON SMILING
AND STAY POSITIVE**

Don't forget, we are all in this together.
You are not alone, your teachers are
only a post or a video call away.



Pie Drive

Thanks for the many orders received for the pie drive. A special mention to the family of Ruby (1/2K) - orders of over \$1100! Several families have sold orders worth several hundred dollars. We will let you know the amount raised in next week's newsletter

Pies will be delivered on **Tuesday 18th August**. We will let families know the method of pick up soon.



Winter appeal

Thanks for the many donations of non-perishable food for the 3BA winter appeal. We will be delivering the food early next week. If you have something to donate, Monday 10th August is the last day.



A Big **THANK YOU** to Ballarat International Foto Biennale for supplying our school with the yellow bags to help put our remote learning tools in.



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Times & Sessions For Remote Learning

Learning posted on Class Dojo	4pm on Friday for the following Monday 4pm the previous day for Tuesday – Friday			
P.E. lessons	Monday – learning included in pack posted on Friday			
Art Lessons	Tuesday- learning included in pack posted on previous day			
Japanese lessons	Wednesday- learning included in pack posted on previous day			
Portfolio tasks	 One each day- signified by icon: Students to upload to portfolio.			
Class Webex Meetings	9:00am daily	9:15 am daily	9:30 daily	9:30 daily
	PrepK Prep/1S Prep/1B	1/2K	1/2D 2/3S 3/4A 3/4K	5/6E 5/6K 5/6S
Teacher Focus groups via Webex	Teachers will arrange these and inform students/ parents.			
Friday Assembly	Friday at 11:30am (note change, to accommodate the morning class Webex meeting)			

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN THE ART ROOM...

In the art room we have created some amazing pieces. Now that we have reverted to remote learning again my lessons will be aimed towards families completing them together. I look forward to seeing photos of your remote artwork.

Here is a snap shot about what we were learning prior to remote learning...

JUNIOR UNIT

In the Junior unit we have been learning about cool and warm colours and primary colours. We have also been learning about Monet and recreating one of his famous pieces - 'The Water Lily Pond' using paint and tissue paper.

MIDDLE UNIT

In Middle unit we have been exploring Monet's work and working on recreating his 'San Giorgio Maggiore at dusk'. We have also been working with chalk and using it in different ways.

SENIOR UNIT

In the Senior unit we have been creating art based around symmetry and using the shape from our names.

