



Respect & Care

Responsibility

Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding

Excellence

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

Welcome to a new mode of learning!



This week has been a hive of activity for all students from prep to grade 6! It has been exciting to hear about the learning, to see student work uploaded to Class Dojo, and to listen to parents talking about their children in very different ways to usual.

Thanks for your ongoing support as our teachers continue to fine tune the learning content, format and delivery methods. Your feedback is valuable and we are listening. While there are different feelings and opinions, we continue to make adjustments. The most valuable feedback is from the students themselves, which we are seeing daily in their

work.

While we are definitely not teaching in the usual sense, it is still helpful to see what the students are able to complete in a different environment. Teachers are attempting to give feedback on student work. We asked students this week to upload only the portfolio tasks. This has been helpful for the teachers to focus their feedback. Students are also asking questions in order to access support.

Digital Platforms

The first Webex class meetings were very successful yesterday! It was delightful to see everyone's faces, and the happy smiles, teddies, waves, birthday songs and greetings. It was also good to note very respectful behaviour- the children need to keep their microphones muted until it's their turn to speak. This makes the meetings run more smoothly. It's good to think of the meeting as just like being in the classroom.



Assembly this morning was a lovely experience! It was great to sing the National Anthem, Happy Birthday and the school song together. We will continue to work on the assembly format to make it more accessible and for the student leaders to participate effectively.

Supervision of students at school

A reminder to parents regarding requests for supervision. If you have exhausted all options, please contact the school for information. Students must be learning from home if this is possible.

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.

Natalie Toohey
Principal

Dates:

Monday 27th April is not a holiday! The public holiday is on Saturday.

*Grade 6 transition forms due back at school– May 29th
(The date has been delayed due to the current situation)*

Mathletics Goes Remote!

Mathletics is a wonderful resource to tap into during remote learning. Teachers are using this platform as part of their weekly Math lessons. They are setting students tasks to complete that link with the lesson intention for the day and the learning goals of individual students to further their development from afar. Teachers are checking these regularly!

Mathletics offers further resources through the resource hub on the new website, giving students and parents access to videos, ebooks and other rich learning task ideas. Feel free to take a look at these as a family.

Congratulations to Kye, Zenia, Flick, Riley and Jasmine on achieving a silver certificate each this week.



Prep enrolments for 2021

Due to the current situation, we have been unable to hold our usual prep information session and tours. If you have a child currently attending four-year-old kinder, please contact the office to get more information. If you know someone who has a child to enrol for next year, please ask them to contact us. All enrolment information is also on our website.

 **Aussies & Kiwis for ANZACS**

**AS SEEN ON TELEVISION
ACROSS THE NATION**

ANZAC DAY 2020
Saturday 25th April

PLANNED DRIVEWAY SERVICE

Many ANZAC Day gatherings will not go ahead in 2020. What we have proposed is everyone step outside (*social distancing rules to apply*). Light a candle for our veterans then go to the end of your driveway or stand on your balcony at 5.55am, ready to listen to the Last Post at 6am and share a minute silence.

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."*

**THE ORIGINAL HOME OF THE
DRIVEWAY AT DAWN MOVEMENT**

The National Dawn Service from Canberra will be broadcast by ABC National available on our app (Due to be released shortly)

Lest We Forget **Aussies and Kiwis for ANZACS**

Music lesson with a difference...



Many of our students are still accessing instrumental lessons remotely, with our music teachers. Tarwin had a great drum lesson this week with Gez via Zoom!





Name: Clementine
Year: Six

Best things about learning from home:

- Having a bit of space to move around in
- Setting other challenges for yourself
- Finishing earlier
- Bigger working spaces
- Getting ready for high school

Most challenging things about learning from home:

- No teacher visually guiding you
- No friends to keep you company

Tips for home learning:

- Have a clear head
- Stay calm
- Remember that you can ask your parents for help

Introducing our Remote Learning Interview Team!

Clementine and Samuel will be conducting interviews weekly of how our students are adapting to our remote learning.

This week they have kicked off with an interview of themselves.

We look forward to reading more about how everyone is adapting, as well as seeing many more of your smiling faces.



Name: Samuel
Year:6

Best things about learning from home:

- Spending more time with my parents
- "Walking" to school every day through the wetlands.

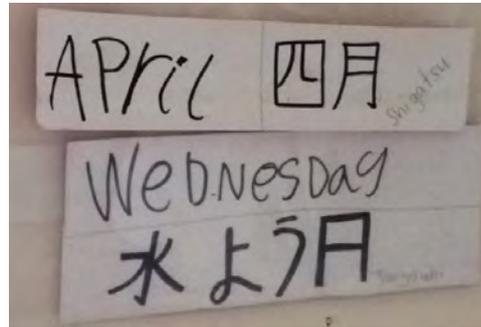
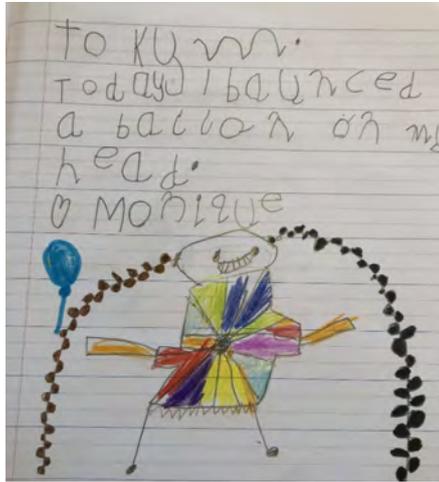
Most challenging things about learning from home:

- Not having the noise and atmosphere of the classroom at home.
- Not having my teachers on site to teach!

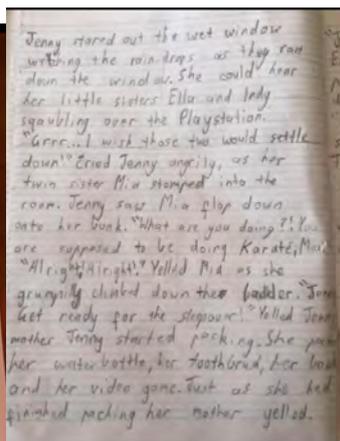
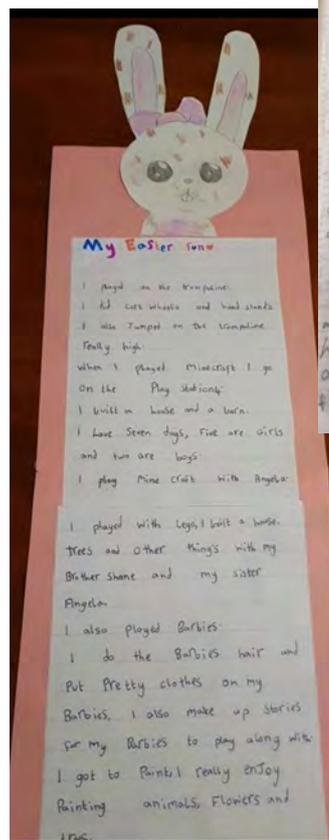
Tips for home learning:

- Have a break
- Have a few deep breaths
- Be organised. Have a clear workspace.

The teachers are very proud of the many pieces of work that students have submitted this week. Each week we will celebrate our online learning achievements with a newsletter WOW wall. Congratulations to all students for giving our first full week of remote learning a 'RED HOT GO'.



Remote Learning WOW Wall!

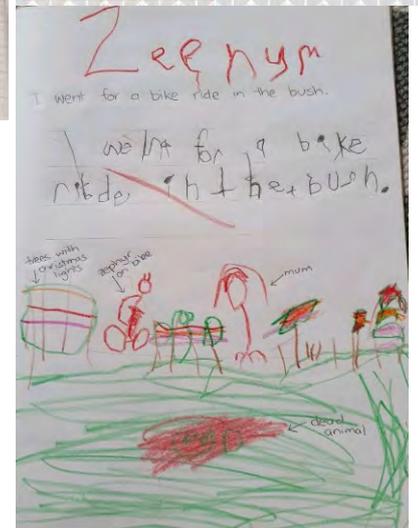
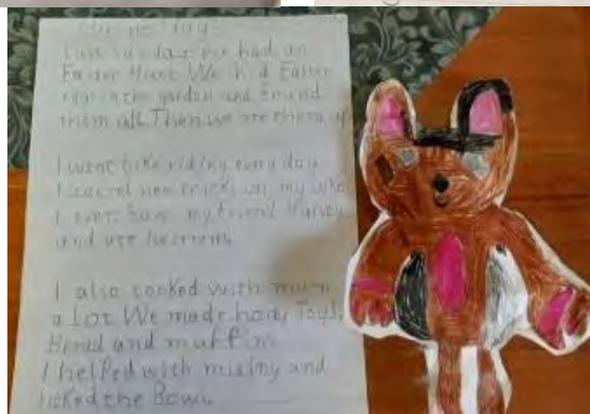


Maths 20/4/2020

Q1. 7.80 cm	Q2. 6.50 cm	Q3. 9.90 cm
Q4. 7.50 cm	Q5. 9.00 cm	Q6. 2.40 cm

object	selected	Actual	Difference
Book	20.5 cm	19.9 cm	0.6 cm
tooth Paste	20.5 cm	20.3 cm	0.2 cm
Photo frame	20.5 cm	22.0 cm	1.5 cm
telexes	20.5 cm	17.5 cm	3.0 cm
Pine	20.5 cm	25.0 cm	4.5 cm

Jarcy Janssens



Borrow Box



Did you know? If you are a member of your local library, you can access BorrowBox. This app allows you to borrow either audio or ebooks from your local library any time of day from anywhere. All you need is an email address, your library barcode and a PIN number. Once you've downloaded the books you don't even need to remain online.

Educational Websites for families

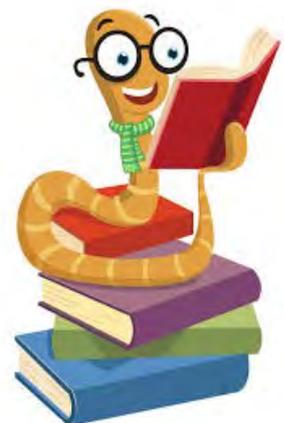
Phonics Play	Melbourne Zoo	Young Explorers magazine for young
Craft and Activities https://www.allkidsnetwork.com/	Illustrated recipes to cook with your kids 2-12 https://www.nomsterchef.com/	Ziptales https://www.ziptales.com/ Login: dana14 Password: dsps
NASA Weather, climate, atmosphere, water, energy and plants http://climatekids.nasa.gov	Geography with National Geographic http://kids.nationalgeographic.com	Mathletics https://login.mathletics.com/ See login
Scholastic https://classroommaga-	Kodable Coding for kids 4-10 years https://www.kodable.com/	Reading Eggs https://readingeggs.com.au/login1/

Prompts For Comprehension



In The Book

Who was ...?
Where ...?
When ...?
Tell us what...(a character) looks like?



About The Book

Tell me what happened.
Tell me 5 facts from the text.
What might happen next?
Why did _____ happen?
What does this word mean?
What is special about...(this character)?



Beyond The Book

Has this happened to you? Explain.
Why did the writer write this?
What does the author want you to think?
Do you agree with the author?
Would you be friends with this character?
Explain.



Support for Families

The current COVID-19 situation is challenging every aspect of our society. In just a few short weeks, we have experienced a huge shift in the way we go about our days, the rituals that punctuate and give meaning to our weeks, and most importantly, seeing the people with whom we have relationships outside the home.

This is extremely challenging for everyone.

Your child might be feeling more stressed, and might be approaching learning with a negative attitude. Although it's hard to tell what's 'normal' at the moment, there is enough evidence to show that it is very difficult for children to learn when they are experiencing high levels of stress. You might find that it is difficult to engage your child with the learning. Some days the tasks might be overwhelming. Some days you might feel like you all need a break. We understand!

We do not want to add to any stress your family is experiencing. We do not expect parents to be teachers. I could not suddenly become a builder, artist, architect or nurse. I would have no idea how to begin. The teachers are there remotely to support you in any way we can. Message, call the school...there will always be support.

If it all seems too much on some days, be prepared to give yourself a break. Jumping on the trampoline, watching ABC Education, playing cards, cooking a cake....anything that gives the family a break is helpful. No one will suffer if the learning does not get done on a given day. Let us know and we will support you.

Below is also a list of contacts during this time.

Service	Call
Emergency (Police / Fire / Ambulance)	000
Lifeline (Crisis Support)	13 11 14
Beyond Blue (Counselling and Support)	1300 22 4636
Kids Helpline (Support for children and young people aged 5-25)	1800 55 1800
Child and Family Services (Connecting families to resources and support)	5337 3333
The Orange Door (Support for Family Violence)	https://orangedoor.vic.gov.au
Safe Steps (Support for women and children who are victims of family violence)	1800 015 188
MensLine Australia (Counselling service for men with family and/or relationship issues)	1300 78 99 78
Child Protection (For children and young people whose safety is at risk)	13 12 78

BOOK CLUB ~ ISSUE 3 2020 ~ DUE DATE 8TH MAY 2020

In these unprecedented times we're all being asked to change the way we work and live. Our tradition of putting books into the hands of kids isn't going to change, but for Term 2, we're doing things a little differently. Unfortunately, we will not be accepting any cash payments. You will need to register on-line to complete and pay for your book club orders.

Click on the link to get book club catalogue: <https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

If you wish to place an order, books can be delivered to the school free of charge. We will notify you when the books will be available to be collected. Please contact the office if you have any questions.