

Fishy News

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A message from the Principal

Hi everyone,

We are now entering the final stretch of term 3 and hopefully (fingers crossed) remote learning. With two weeks to go in the term, it is still important to try to get as much learning done as possible. I really want to emphasise getting in a great deal of learning in week 9 and 10 as we look to finish off the school term. In week 10 our program will look slightly different as we will be holding a Fish Creek World Records Week, where all students will be given a range of fun activities that they have to complete and upload to seesaw. During this week we will still be completing our traditional numeracy and literacy activities and our WebEx sessions, combined with our world record attempts. All families have done a tremendous job with remote learning and we wanted to finish the term in a fun, enjoyable and educational way. During our first stint of remote learning we noticed that the work levels dropped off across all grades in the last two weeks of learning. We are hoping by finishing with an exciting week we can keep our students engaged and motivated during this period. Just a quick reminder it is important to try to keep up the WebEx sessions with your teacher as this sets the platform for learning for the week and to keep uploading your work to seesaw. As always, if you are having any issues with remote learning, or if you need any devices or equipment please have no hesitation in getting in contact with myself or your teacher. We are only too happy to help. I hope everyone enjoyed getting dressed up on Wednesday in your teams favourite colours. For me it was very difficult to get dressed up in my Bombers colours after a disappointing loss to the Eagles the night before. As a true supporter I decided to abandon my team and wear my cricket colours instead. It was great to see all the great photos uploaded to Seesaw, the only photo I didn't enjoy seeing was Mrs Smith dressed up in her Magpies gear (for an extremely good teacher, she has extremely bad taste in football teams) I hope all students had fun and enjoyed the day. A big thank you to Mr Cooper for organising this great event. Cheers, Dale.



Jack and Alberts Bug Hotel. Wonder how many visitors they have had already?

Albert in his finest Liverpool colours on Wednesday



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Important Dates

SEPTEMBER

18th Last Day Term 3



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Primary Welfare

Muuuuuummmmm, I am BORED." My kids say this to me about 10 times a day, usually when I am hiding in the laundry taking a work call or on a WebEx with either of the grades I teach. If there is no response to the "I'm bored" they will climb into the pantry/fridge or get into an argument or sometimes, many times, they actually progress from boredom into constructive, creative, co-operative play.

This is messy and loud, I am often watching from my WebEx, trapped - as many things from the house go out into the yard or the painting things come out or the microphone or the piano. The poor cats are always part of the play, ears back searching for escape.

I come off my WebEx/phone call/Seesaw task setting time and my house is in disarray. There is usually water somewhere, the cats are up a tree or on the neighbour's roof. There have been snacks made, usually involving a lot of honey. There is also usually a packet of Band-Aids that have been opened with all the little bits out of the packet everywhere.

I would like to say that we all have a Mary Poppins like family fun clean up time once I come back into mother mode, we don't! Everyone disappears when I say it is time to clean up and I have to choose between getting them back in to help or plodding through it ALONE blissfully ALONE! I often choose the latter.



We know boredom is good, that is when the ideas come. It is tempting to go to the TV or screens for boredom but all the chaos around thinking of something to do is actually the stuff the kids remember, that gives them the problem solving skills they need for other situations in life!

I know times are trying right now but without even knowing it you are creating lifelong memories for your children by giving them time to grow, play and be a little bit bored!

Yet sometimes those days can be long and hard and you need someone to talk to. Please reach out for a laugh, a cry, a frozen dinner or any other support.

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Student of the Week

- Grade P/1** Django for amazing reading and work on Seesaw.
- Grade 1/2** Bodhi for sharing his new skill and writing great procedural text.
- Grade 2** Elsa for increased independence with home learning and great effort with all her tasks
- Grade 3/4** Shayla for fantastic efforts posting to Seesaw
- Grade 4/5** Leticia for getting creative with showing a variety of angles around her house
- Grade 5/6** Jacob for great persistence reading the class novel and sharing his thinking in literacy circles
- WellBeing Wednesday** Rye for using his vintage bottle collection to make differently toned flutes.

Respectful Relationships

R U OK? is asking all Australians to learn what to say if someone in their life says they are not OK. 'There's more to say after R U OK?' is the message for R U OK? Day 2020 (on Thursday the 10th September) and will focus on building confidence and increased skills for people so they know how to navigate a conversation with someone in their life who might be struggling. You don't have to be an expert but by knowing what to say when someone says they're not OK, you can show you care and genuinely help someone access appropriate support long before they're in crisis. That conversation could change, or even save, their life.

By asking, listening without judgement, encouraging action and checking in, you can help someone you care about through a tough time. Please visit the website for more information.



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More guitar fun with Miss Jackie

