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Michael Kent - PRINCIPAL

Hi everyone and welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter. Congratulations to all of our amazing students for their contributions to the recent 'Around the World' day last Friday. It was fantastic to see the students engaging with some STEM based, open ended learning activities across the day. There were some amazing pieces of work that were shared throughout the day. Thanks also to the staff team for providing such rich and enjoyable activities for the students to engage with. We are looking to plan and provide another open ended learning day in a couple of weeks time. Thank-you to our student leaders who have providing some engaging content for everyone to enjoy over the previous weeks. It has been wonderful to have these young leaders taking responsibility for leading the assembly videos and sharing motivational content. As a group, they have been meeting with staff to discuss opportunities and ideas for ways that they can continue to lead in a remote manner. We are so proud of their efforts and commitment to their roles. Similarly, we are so proud of all of our students whom continue to strive in their efforts and achievements. It has been a very different learning experience this year but our students have made the most of everything that has been provided.

I do hope that your families are coping well with the continued restrictions and that the remote learning program is continuing to provide some stimulation to your children. We await further announcements from the Government and Department over the upcoming weekend. Hopefully this will provide some clarity about the final week of the term and also what may lay ahead for schools in term 4. As soon as we know more information, I will be in touch with you all to outline how things will proceed for WHPS. We really hope to have our students back on site and engaging with our school based program asap.

Please be aware that we have a scheduled curriculum day on Wednesday 9th September. This day will be focussed on our curriculum review and development for the years ahead. This is important work that requires the attention of all staff. We wanted to have this day during this time so as to avoid having another day without students at school in term 4. During this day we will be providing students with the opportunity to focus on their wellbeing.

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**COMING UP
NEXT WEEK**

**CURRICULUM
DAY
WEDNESDAY
9TH SEPTEMBER**

Please note that there will no onsite learning program or students on this day.



**TheirCare will be
operating on
Curriculum Day.
Please make your
booking through their
website.**

<https://theircare.com.au>



2020 TERM DATES

TERM 1 - 30TH JAN-27TH MAR

TERM 2 -14TH APR -26TH JUN

TERM 3 -13TH JUL -18TH SEPT

TERM 4 - 5TH OCT - 18TH DEC

There will be no English, Mathematics or specialists programs on this day. Rather, an opportunity for students to enjoy some space from the normal programming and focus on their wellbeing. Teachers will provide some suggested activities that will be optional for students. Some students may just enjoy some space from the technology and the opportunity to engage with activities such as: gardening, cooking, reading, mediating, yoga, listening to music, writing a song/jingle, craft, mindful activities, painting, drawing, lego, construction, puzzles, colouring, exercising, etc. Your teacher will provide some outlines in their usual overview of next week's program that will be coming home today. We hope that this day will provide some flexibility and opportunity for children to focus on themselves as well as some family connection.

If your child is wanting to continue their engagement with the core subjects, there are a number of online resources that staff have previously shared with you that the students can continue to engage with. Please note that there will no onsite learning program or students on this day. However, if you require supervision for your children on the 9th September, TheirCare will be running an OHSC provision on this day. Bookings will be made available through their website.

Indigenous literacy day

This week we enjoyed National Indigenous literacy day. A time to celebrate Aboriginal culture through literacy and support all Australians to raise literacy proficiencies.

<https://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au>

There were a couple of resources that our students were encouraged to enjoy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEqbxdtS13Q&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SrIWlSBzuw&feature=youtu.be>



School Fees

In light of current restrictions and the hopeful resumption of onsite learning in Term 4, School fees will be reviewed, and any changes communicated once we gain further information after the 13th September. Camp fees were due on the 28th August and the proposed plan is that camps will still proceed in Term 4.

Once we are made aware of the COVID restrictions for Term 4, relating to school camping programs, we will advise of the new due date for the camp payment. It is still possible for families to pay for camp in advance before this decision is made, and in the event that camps do not go ahead, a credit will be applied to your family account for 2021. For families leaving W.H.P.S at the end of 2020, refunds will be issued. If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to contact myself or Bronwyn in the office.

Department supporting families

The Department of Education and Training are offering support to families in the form of a podcast from Dr. Michael Carr-Gregg. The Department has funded the Raising Children Network to deliver a 10-episode podcast series called Raising Learners'. Raising Learners will provide parents with practical advice, tips and ideas for supporting children's health, wellbeing and engagement at school and at home.

The first three podcasts will be available from 1 September, and the rest throughout terms 3 and 4, and can be accessed from podcast apps and the Raising Children Network website.

Managing the Coronacoaster webinar

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg's webinar, [Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era](#), gives families practical skills, knowledge and strategies for managing the lockdown period and remote learning.

The Department has engaged Dr Carr-Gregg to present a repeat edition of Managing the Coronacoaster, after his August webinar booked out in three days.

When: 7:30pm, Tuesday 15 September

Duration: 45-minute presentation, followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer session

Format: online via live stream

Cost: free

Register for the Managing the Coronacoaster webinar via Eventbrite

2021

If you are planning on departing WHPS for any reason in 2021, please contact me asap so that places can be offered to those on enrolment waiting lists. 2021 planning is well underway. Please note that any requests for grade placements are to be emailed to me directly. Please refrain from contacting classroom teachers in regard to this. All requests will be directed to me. Please also be aware that this process is for special considerations and extenuating circumstances, not to request certain teachers.

Prep Enrolments

Have filled fast and we have ceased our enrolment processes. Demand for enrolments has been high and we don't want anyone connected with the school to miss out. If you haven't lodged your enrolment forms please contact me directly to discuss this further.

Sunsmart

In line with our Sunsmart policy, for the remainder of the year all students are required to wear their hats when at school for all outside activities.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

Regards,
Michael

ONLINE METLINK SESSION

With the final school term approaching, now is the time to help Year 6 students learn about navigating their way on Melbourne's public transport network. Many will be travelling independently for the first time, so we have put together a practical session to get our youngest passengers on the right track.

Book your free online session by completing the booking form link

<https://www.metrotrains.com.au/rail-awareness-safety-education-application/>



Year 6
Independent Travel

Prepare your students
for secondary school
travel in 2021

- *Myki
- *Journey Planner
- *Emergency Assistance
- *FAQs

Available term 4

Click to book your
free online* session

*Webex and Zoom available.
Perfect for remote and
school based learning

Around the World Day in Prep!

Last week we flew into 'Around the World Day' at Watsonia Heights. First we hopped onto Zoom to take off from the airport together! The Prep children were provided with challenges from many different countries, including; building an Egyptian pyramid, making a Panama Mola artwork, constructing an Italian gondola, baking Polish Gingerbread, making a Norwegian love heart, creating a Japanese fish kite, building an English landmark and travelling to Brazil to make an Amazon Rainforest diorama! Here are some happy snaps of some of the AMAZING creations from our Prep students.

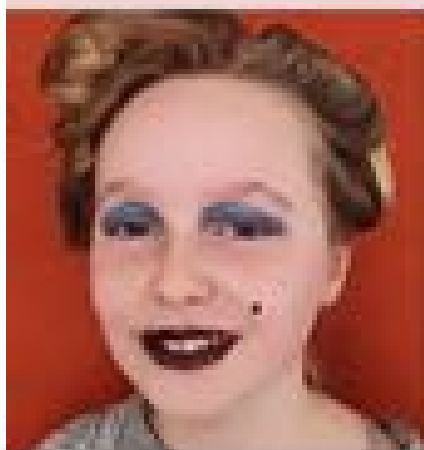
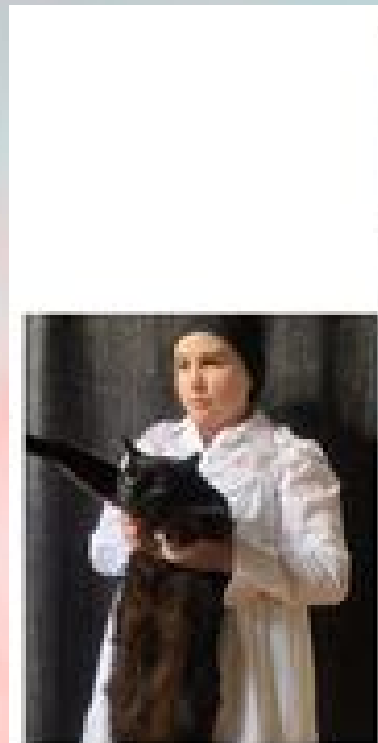




arts *re-created*

WOW look at these AmAZInG artwork recreations by Grade 3-6 students!

We were so impressed by everyone's creativity and imagination with dressing up and copying famous artworks.



DOING IT OUR WAY

arts re-created

We were so impressed by the range of artworks students discovered, from Pop Art Andy Warhols Marilyn Monroe to Art Nouveau (modern) Style of Theophile Steinlen in Pierrot and the Cat, self-portraits and mixed media creations.

Congratulations to everyone for an outstanding effort, we hope you had lots of fun
– Mrs Phillips & Mrs Cordwell



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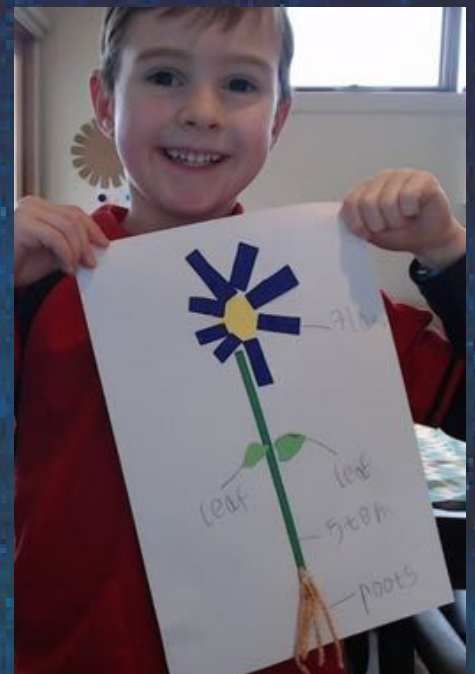
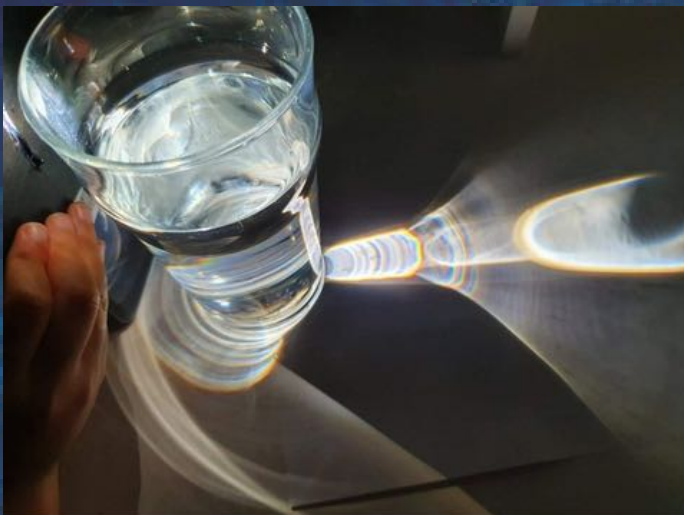
What a busy bunch of scientists our WHPS students are!

Our Prep students have proved that they are not only fantastic scientists, but artists too, creating some colourful diagrams of flowers when exploring the features of plants. The Grade 1 and 2 students fired up their torches again for a great refraction experiment that bent and separated light into the colours of the rainbow. As they continued to explore the forces of flight, the Grade 3 and 4 students constructing paper helicopters and timed how long they could whirl and twirl through the air. Meanwhile, the Grade 5 and 6 students were cooking up a storm in the kitchen, creating carbon dioxide when making delicious honeycomb.



Lets celebrate

SCIENCE



PLAYING WITH THE
FORCES OF LIGHT

ACROSS THE AP'S DESK...

TONY RYAN - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Podcast Jingle Winner:

A big thank you to all those students that entered our Podcast Jingle Competition earlier in the Term. We plan to produce a student led vidcast when things return to normal and we have our students back onsite. This competition sought to highlight the creative talents of our students and feature their musical creation as the intro/outro for this show.

It has taken some time to choose a winner based on a number of excellent entries. But we have a winner..... Our congratulations go to Dakota Edmonds in 5/6H!



Dakota created a fantastic track in Garage Band using a number of musical instrumental loops and no doubt could turn her hand to some work into the future as DJ Dakota! In addition to the honour of having her music featured on the school vidcast, Dakota will score some great competition prizes including an iTunes voucher and set of headphones. It's a little bit challenging to share music in a newsletter but I'm also hoping to introduce the track to the community through our assembly video this afternoon!

Awesome Work:

A highlight over the past week has been checking out some of the amazing work our students have been completing at home and uploading to their Seesaw pages. In addition to some of the amazing creations and experiences that came out of our Around The World Day last Friday, there have been some amazing passion projects posted online.

One that caught my eye was the passion project by Aiden Rowe, who created the 3D football oval below complete with scoreboard, grandstand and players. Think it must have been a 2020 match as there aren't too many people in the stands! Outstanding work though Aiden and to all the other students out there that are STRIVING to complete their best work and challenging themselves at home. Well done!

Another highlight was our Library video this week hosted by our library captains Isabelle and Kirsty-Lee. There were a variety of other special guests including Ranger Dixie (who bears a striking resemblance to one of our students Mataya) and some American sounding penguins who took over the library! We were also very lucky to get a personalised message for our school from Ranger Ash at the Phillip Island Nature Park.

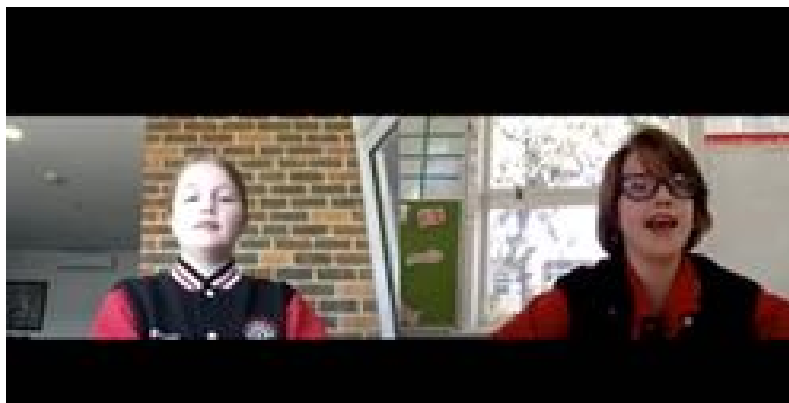


ACROSS THE AP'S DESK..CONTINUED

TONY RYAN - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



Watching the penguin parade virtually each night at 7.00pm on Youtube is a great family activity and one I recommend wholeheartedly. Congratulations to our Library Captains for their work on this and to Kathrynne for her efforts in supporting our students and our penguins!



Father's Day:

This Sunday marks a special day on the calendar, where we get to acknowledge our Fathers and other special men in our lives. Our school is very lucky to have such a large group of engaged and connected men who not only support our students but support the school through a variety of ways. To those men and all men in our community, we thank you for your contribution and hope you have a great day on Sunday. This year more than any other, taking the time to talk, express our gratitude and reach out to one another is vitally important.

Cyber Safety

Given the current circumstances we find ourselves in, many students are spending considerably more time online than they may have in the past. It is easy for this to become 'the norm' and for us to become a little complacent about the risks that exist for children in online environments. Many households are trying to juggle working from home commitments in addition to a number of children trying to engage with school work remotely at the same time, which places pressure on the number of available devices and spaces in the home. This being the case not all of the below guidelines may be achievable in your circumstances, but I think it's timely to remind ourselves of safe online practices for children. A recommendation where possible is to have children in a communal space where you can keep a close eye on their activities and who they become in contact with online.

ACROSS THE AP'S DESK..CONTINUED

TONY RYAN - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

We also sometimes get fixated on the amount of screen time children are exposed to but there is an increasing body of evidence to suggest the more important element is the types of activities done online, rather than just the amount of time spent. We encourage all parents to engage their children in regular conversations and supervision of what they are doing online. During this time online gaming can appear an important way for our children to remain engaged with their friends and peers, but this does not come without risks. Well design games are intentionally created to stimulate our senses, challenge us, promote competition and a sense of achievement. These can become very addictive elements and can cause children to become fixated and withdraw from other positive and healthy family pursuits. In addition to this, losing in these very competitive environments can promote forms of cyber bullying from both friends and sometimes strangers. Turning something that was intended to be a positive way to remain connected to friends into a very negative space that is harmful to friendships and self-image.

This view is not coming from an extreme position, suggesting that online gaming should be banned, but rather to shine a light on the importance of adults actively supervising and monitoring the health of our children's interactions online. I have attached a flyer from the eSafety Commissioners website about some of the top online safety guidelines and recommend parents explore the many resources on this website as a way to open the door to conversations with their children about the importance of online safety.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/covid-19/letter-parents-carers>



Table Talk:

Child Safety and Building Resilience are both vitally important things to consider as we support the personal growth and safety of our children, but they often require different considerations and approaches. It's important that students can differentiate between issues that require adult support/intervention and those they can handle themselves.

As a family discuss a variety of hypothetical situations with your child and get their insight as to whether the example is a small issue that they can deal with themselves or with the help of their friends, or a bigger safety issue where they should seek the support of their parents or other trusted adults in their lives.

Have a great weekend everyone
Tony

Top 5 online safety tips for kids

1

Set up your device to protect your information.

2

Explore safely & tell an adult if you see anything online that makes you feel yuck.

3

Limit who can contact you when you're playing games.

4

Stop all contact with anyone online who asks you to do anything you don't want to do. Report and block them.

5

Ask for help if anything online is bothering you.



News from your Library



Premier's Reading Challenge Closes on Friday 18th September

Great News!!! this year the Premiers' Reading Challenge has been extended by two weeks and will now close on **Friday 18th September**.

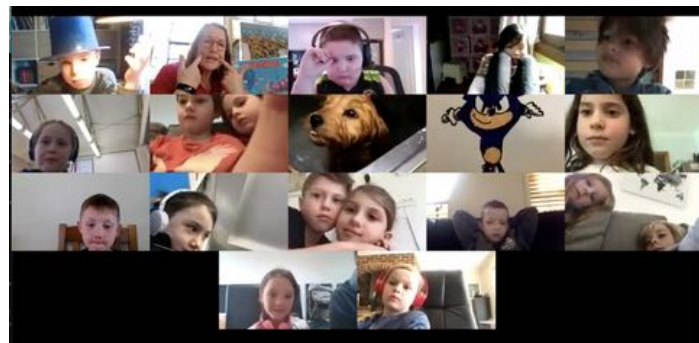
That will give you a little more time to finish your books and also submit a review for the Book Review Competition.

To enter the **Book Review Competition**, all you need to do is submit a review for any of your Challenge books, and primary school students can even submit a drawing of your favourite part of a book if you like. This year two winners will be selected randomly so why not enter now!

It's easy and you will have the chance to win a pack of books for yourself and a virtual visit from Tim Harris, one of these Australian authors, for your whole class!

Don't forget to get all your books and book reviews into your PRC portal by **Friday 18th September!**

Library Zoom-a-fun Sessions!



Some of our Gr 2 & 3/4
Library Zoom Superstars in action!
(and a few Preps thrown in for good measure! he, he! :))



It has been soooooo wonderful to see so many smiling faces during our Library Zoom-a-Fun sessions over the last 2 weeks! and chat to you (almost) face to face!

Our first Zoom Room party was with the amazing Gr 2's last Monday and we all travelled around the world to lots of wonderful countries!

We even found ourselves in lovely **Jamaica!** and a big thanks to marvellous Marascos for your great navigational support with getting there!

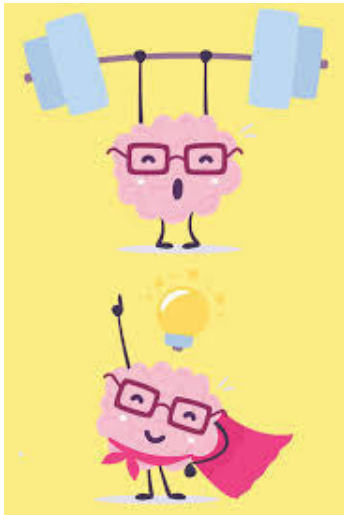
This Monday I was lucky to hang out with the sensational Gr 3/4's and chat about their favourite book of the moment.

There were some fabulous '**must read**' recommendations flying around the zoom room and it was also great to hear how some (much loved) classics from years gone by are still being read and loved today!!

We had everything from The Babysitters Club, The Fabulous Five & Secret Seven and the Narnia collection, right through to the current day must reads, Bad Guys, Tree House, Percy Jackson, Wings of Fire, Harry Potter and Fantastic Beasts!

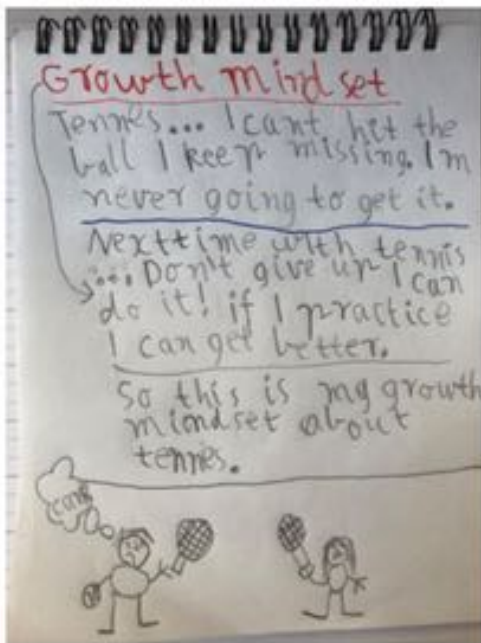
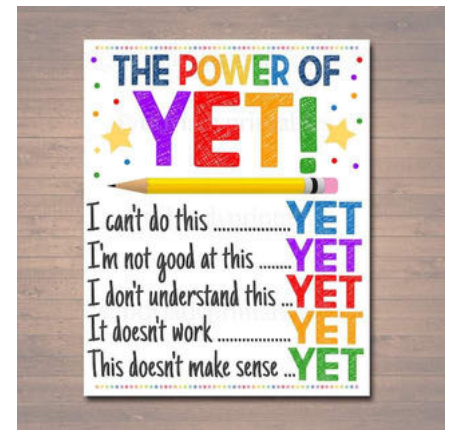
Oh and we had sooooo many wonderful picture story books that are still being loved and read over and over! A huge thanks to Josh who had to lend a hand and be my assistant when we hit a little tech hick up!

No doubt about it JD and you are a star!

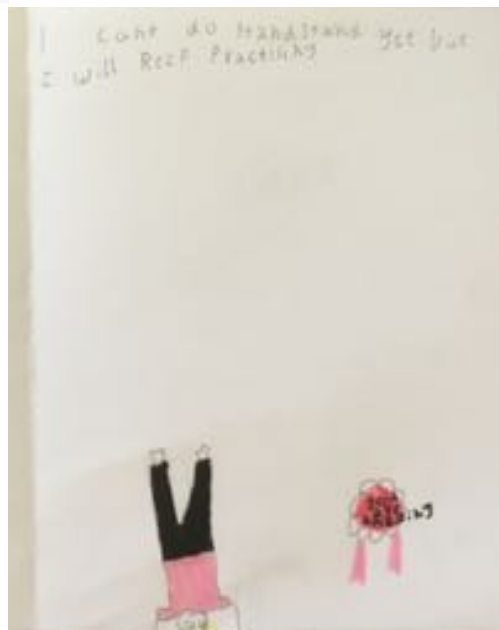


Celebrating a Growth Mindset and 'The Power of Yet' in Year 1

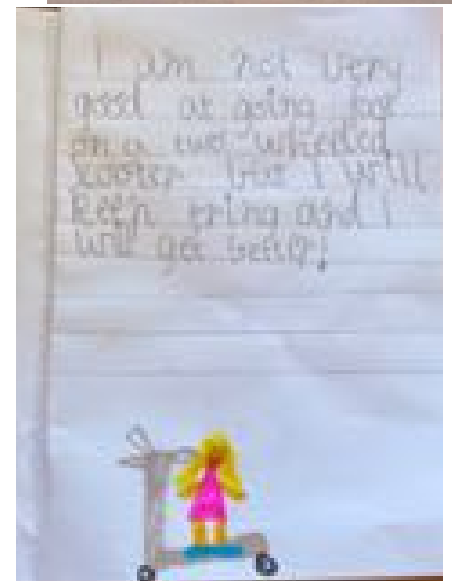
Our fabulous Year 1 students have been keeping a journal throughout remote learning. Here are some great examples of having a growth mindset by using The Power of Yet!



Brennan 1D "If I practice I can get better."



Summer 1M "I can't do handstands yet but I will keep practicing."



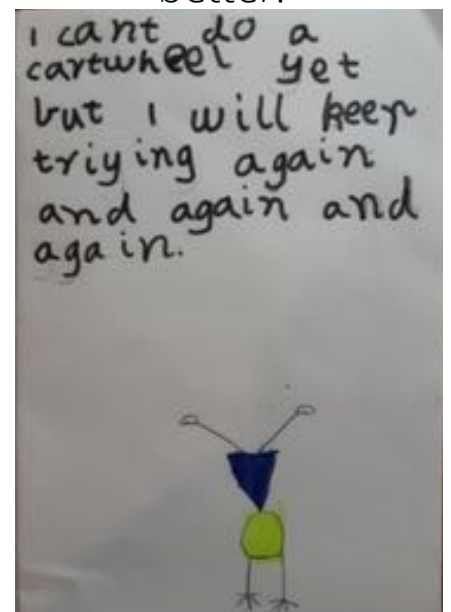
Indie 1R "I will keep trying and I will get better!"



Mitch 1M "I can't slam dunk yet but I can touch the ring."



Lucy 1D "I can't do it by myself YET!"



Zara 1R "I can't do a cartwheel yet but I will keep trying"

Students of the Week



WEEK 6

*Prep G -Grace, *Prep N - Izaak N-K, *Prep R - Patrick, *Prep M - Hudson

*1M -Millar & Nam, *1R -Zen, *1D - Chloe, *2M -Sam, *2HT -Alexia,
*2T - Audrey

*34A -Olivia, *34D -Gordon, *34M - Ben, *34K - Max, *34G - Dane

*56A - Isabel, *56L - Storm, *56J - Archie, *56H - Lachy

Specialists:

*Library - Fleur of 1M & Kaiser of 3/4K, *Science - April 2M,
*Music - Olivia of PN, *PE -Dakota of 56H, *Mandarin-Violet of 2HT,
*Art - Thomas B- 3/4D

WEEK 7

*Prep G - Kai, *Prep N - Isaac B, *Prep R -Oliver, *Prep M - Ziggy

*1M - Cadence, *1R - Eli, *1D - Zion

*2M - Edie, *2HT - Minnie, *2T- Willow

*34A -Thomas, *34D - Joshua, *34M - Reuben, *34K - Archer, *34G - Caleb

*56A - Dylan, *56L - Chelsea, *56J - Annabel, *56H - Matthias

Specialists:

*Library - Mitchell of 34A, *Science - Layla of 34D, *Music - Dusk of PM,
*PE - All students of 56L -legends!, *Mandarin- Brennan of 1D,
*Art - James of 56H

Well done to all of our superstars!

Time to get stepping!



As September has rolled around, it's time to get out those walking shoes on and out and about for your hour of exercise!

Benefits of walking

- Improve Circulation
- Strengthen Muscles
- Lighten Your Mood
- Improve Sleep
- Stronger bones and improved balance
- Reduced risk of heart disease and stroke
- Good for the body, good for the brain!



Johane, Daniel and family

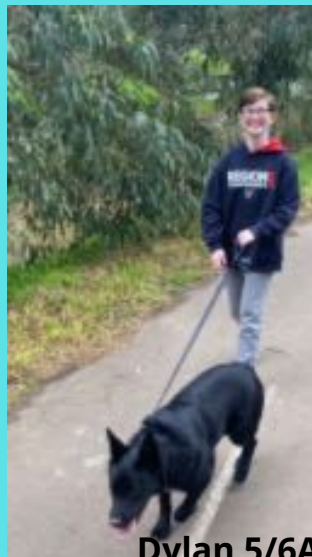


The 5/6 students and their families are already off to a flying start!



Annabel 5/6J

Challenge:
Can you get 8,000-10,000 steps every day this month?



Dylan 5/6A



Thyme 5/6L

How can you track your steps?

- Health App on your phone
- Fitbit, Garmin, Apple watch
- Map my Walk App



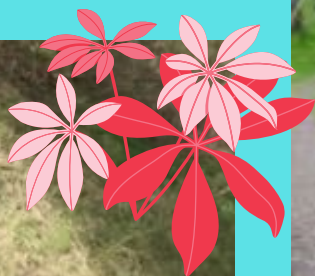
Amelia 5/6L



Mitchell 5/6H



Matilda 5/6J



FROM THE REMOTE LEARNING PE SHED

Miss Macellari

I HAVE BEEN SO PROUD OF THE EFFORTS OF ALL OF OUR LITTLE WHPS LEGENDS AND THEIR PE. FROM THEIR CUP GOLF, TO PLASTIC BAG THROWING, TO UNLOCKING THEIR PHONE, TO CREATING THEIR OWN OBSTACLE COURSES AND FILLING IN ACTIVITY TRACKERS. KEEP UP THE AMAZING WORK LEGENDS! I AM LOVING IT, TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF WHPS'S ACTIVE LEGENDS.
MISS MASSA



Penny 1D
Rockclimbing in the backyard



Maurice 3/4M
BMX course in the backyard



Luca C PN
Unlock My Phone Challenge



Monica 2M and Nathan 5/6A
Circuit Training in the backyard



Ryder 5/6J
Rollerblading around the kitchen



Maddie 1M and Julia 3/4K
Tree Climbing



Josh D 3/4D
Cup walking to start off his obstacle course



Siena 2T and Kai PG
Doing a workout class



Faith PR and Mary 34A
AFL superstars at the local oval

GETTING TO KNOW OUR 2020 ICT CAPTAINS: OSCAR ECCLESTON AND ISAAC BLAND

Oscar Eccleston and Isaac Bland, our 2020 Watsonia Heights ICT Captains, joined Grade 5/6 teacher Miss Munforte and WHPS Vice-Captain Charlie Phelan for an interview on Zoom. Read below to find out about their favourite apps and some tips and tricks when using technology during remote learning.

MEET ISAAC

Hi I'm Isaac, and my favourite thing to do in my spare time is to solve Rubik's Cubes. I love learning the algorithms and getting my solving time down. One of my favourite apps is FlipaClip which is an app where you can make animations.

MEET OSCAR

Hi I'm Oscar, and in my spare time I love coding and making mini movies. One of my favourite apps to use is Stop Motion, where I use Lego to design and make awesome movies.

Charlie: What has been your favourite thing about being the ICT captains at WHPS?

Isaac: My favourite thing about being ICT captain has been being sent on a mission to make Heights Hero badges for all the classes. We used the app Tinkercad, which is also a great coding app that you can use on Safari as well!

Oscar: I really liked when we got to help out the grade 1/2's in Term 1. We helped them make their movies for Discovery Learning and it was fun to teach and help the junior students.

Charlie: During remote learning how have you looked after your physical wellbeing?

Isaac: I go outside every 1 to 2 tasks and I regularly go on walks with my family. My mum also makes sure I have a healthy fruit snack every day.

Oscar: I have been going on regular bike rides with a friend and every morning before school I go down to the reserve and go on a walk with my mum.



From top left; Isaac Bland, Miss Munforte, Oscar Eccleston and Charlie Phelan during their Zoom interview

Miss Munforte: What apps would you recommend to undertake mindfulness?

Isaac: It's called Buddhify, this isn't a free app but it has guided meditation and is calming and quiet. It's a really good app for when you're on the go and you need to relieve stress.

Oscar: I use Smiling Mind, this is a free app. There are a lot of different things you can do and I really like how you can put in your mood and then it generates a meditation for that mood.

Charlie: What is your favourite coding app?

Isaac: My favourite coding app is Scratch because it's fun and easy to use.

Oscar: My favourite coding app is also Scratch because you can make a variety of programs and games and it's not as limiting as some of the other apps.

Miss Munforte: What are some ways that we can reduce our screen time?

Isaac: Some ways you can reduce your screen time is taking regular breaks so you can rest your eyes and get some fresh air. I have been doing this during remote learning by completing 1-2 tasks and then making sure I get outside!

Oscar: I set time limits on certain apps, such as games. Once the time limit is up you can't go back into the app and so you can set limits of say, 30minutes and then this reduces your screen time.

THEIRCARE SLUMBER PARTY!

CURRICULUM DAY =
PJ & MOVIE DAY

WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

Open 7:00am-6:00pm

Please Bring: Pjs, teddy or toy, morning tea, lunch, drink
bottle and a hat

Book online @ www.theircare.com.au



TheiCare
Where Kids love to be!

The
place to be
these Spring
holidays!

Ocean Odyssey

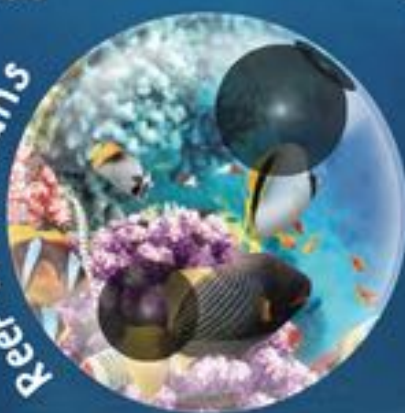
Buried Treasure



Seaside Feast



Reef Guardians



Coastal Craze



Rainbow Aquarium

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Bookings Now Open!**

1300 072 410 www.TheiCare.com.au

Watsonia Heights Primary School

Hours of operation: 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Call us on: 0438 522 874

Service Address: 41 Henry Street, GREENSBOROUGH VIC 3088



TheiCare

Where Kids love to be!

Inclusion / Special Activity



In House Fun



Coastal Craze - Monday 21 September

It's time to layout your beach towel, slap on some sunscreen and relax as we take a trip to the coast, without needing to leave the Holiday Program. We'll paint using baking soda, see how low we can go in a game of limbo and even take part in a game of beach cricket.

Feature Activity: Baking Soda Painting
Additional Activities: Octopus cupcakes, limbo, grumps island game, beach cricket, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$9.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$60.00. Suburb Avg \$13.80.



Just Add Water - Tuesday 22 September

Head off on your adventure in style with a personalised drink bottle, then be inspired by famous artists as we create water lily images, turtle crafts, and Van Gogh's Starry Night.

Feature Activity: DIY Drink Bottle
Additional Activities: Turtle crafts, Monet inspired water lilies pictures, hula ball game, basketball, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.24 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$68.25. Suburb Avg \$15.70.



Rainbow Aquarium - Wednesday 23 September

Salt watercolour pictures, pendulum painting, maze tag, feed the shark game, Lego, plus time to choose your own adventure.

Feature Activity: Diorama
Additional Activities: Enjoy the sights of the ocean without needing to leave your home, with your very own aquarium diorama. We will construct our under the sea inspired masterpieces, paint with salt, watercolours and pendulums. We will also take part in games of maze tag and feed the shark.

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Buried Treasure - Thursday 24 September

Arr Mateys, today we are going to board the tall ship Pearl and raise the Jolly Roger as we become pirates. Come dressed as a pirate and be ready to learn how to speak like the crew, create a treasure map, and even cook mini pizzas for lunch. But whatever you do, don't walk the plank and go overboard during a game of shipwreck!

Feature Activity: Pirate Maps & Treasure Hunt
Additional Activities: Learn to speak as a pirate, mini pizzas, shipwreck game, Lego, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.
Lunch Provided

As low as \$9.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$60.00. Suburb Avg \$13.80.



Just Keep On Swimming - Friday 25 September

Get ready for some amazing fun with these DIY Wooden Boats that you can design and race! Then get ready to make some noise by making sound spinners, and challenge yourself to break the service record in the minute to win it games.

Feature Activity: DIY Wooden Boat
Additional Activities: Sound spinners, minute to win it challenges, mosaic boat scene, Um el Tuweisat game, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.24 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$68.25. Suburb Avg \$15.70.

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Incursion / Special Activity



In House Fun



Surfing Safari - Monday 28 September

Get ready to jump in and watch a mystery movie featuring some of your favourite under the sea characters. We will also create a coral painting, whale puppet, and challenge our friends to a game of capture the flag.

Feature Activity: Movie Day

Additional Activities: Swimming whale puppet, ocean coral blow painting, snorkel pictures, capture the flag game, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$9.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$60.00. Suburb Avg \$13.80.



Lights, Camera, Action - Tuesday 29 September

Today we will explore the technique of stop motion animation & Claymation videos using in popular shows such as Wallace & Grommet & Shaun the Sheep. We then will create a short video using an under the sea theme using tablets, clay and our imagination.

Feature Activity: Claymation Incursion

Additional Activities: Monet inspired water lilies, paper plate beach ball, lei necklaces, lighthouses, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$11.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$78.25. Suburb Avg \$18.00.



Reef Guardians - Wednesday 30 September

The Great Barrier Reef which is located off sunny North Queensland is large enough to be seen from space, and is home to over 1500 species of fish and 1/3 of the world's soft coral. We are going to explore how we can help preserve the reef for future generations, create a reef collage and an adorable turtle.

Feature Activity: Coral Reef Collage

Additional Activities: Waste warriors, muddy mangroves game, turtle crafts, chess, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$9.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$60.00. Suburb Avg \$13.80.



Up in the Air - Thursday 1 October

Today we will be using modroc, a fast setting plaster to create hanging hot air balloons. We will also play a game of crab soccer, challenge our friends to a paper planes building competition and draw with sand.

Feature Activity: Modroc Hot Air Balloons

Additional Activities: Crab soccer, paper plane competition, sand pictures, beading, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.24 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$68.25. Suburb Avg \$15.70.



Comedic Capers - Friday 2 October

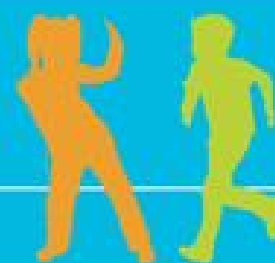
Today we will be joined by the team at Toonworld as we embark on a journey filled with creativity and drawing challenges. You will meet fun characters and design your own wonderful heroes while defending the Toonworld island.

Feature Activity: Cartooning Workshop

Additional Activities: Shark head bands, all about water experiment, fish gobble game, puzzles, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$11.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$78.25. Suburb Avg \$18.00.

Using the service



What to Bring

✓ Food and Drink

- Breakfast and an afternoon snack will be provided.
- Families need to supply a healthy morning tea, lunch (such as wholemeal sandwiches and dips) and a drink bottle just like you would pack for on a normal school day.
- For lunchbox ideas visit <http://heas.health.vic.gov.au/schools/healthy-lunchboxes>.
- Due to the risk of anaphylaxis items containing nuts should not be included in the lunchbox.
- Please do not include items which need to be reheated.
- Water will be available all day to refill drink bottles.

✓ Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who has been diagnosed with a medical condition, including all allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy or any other medical condition which may effect the child must have a completed medical management plan with a colour photo in order to attend.

It is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Term & Conditions for bookings that these are provided, along with any medication listed on the plans where required.

These can usually be sourced from your doctor or can be found in the FAQs at www.theircare.com.au/holidayprograms.

In the interests of the child's safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication not be supplied or is incomplete.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of our friendly educators at the service or call us on 1300 072 410.

✓ Appropriate Clothing & Hats

- Clothing suitable for an active day, including closed toe shoes and a jacket if it is predicted to be wet or cold.
- A Sun Smart hat similar to the one worn at school is required. Children who do not bring a hat will be unable to play outside.
- Sunscreen will be provided throughout the day.
- For more information about being Sun Smart visit www.sunsmart.com.au.
- We recommend that all items are labeled with the child's name in case they are left behind at the end of the day.

✗ Personal Belongings & Devices

Personal belongings including electronic devices such as phones, iPads, laptops, game consoles, money and valuables should be left at home. If brought to the service, these remain the responsibility of the family. We can not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

Reminders

Keeping Everyone Safe - COVID-19

We have implemented strict infection prevention and control measures to reduce the risk of spreading communicable diseases such as COVID-19. We are guided by the Health & Education Departments in your state, along with advice from professionals.

- Families who are unwell, are showing symptoms of the virus or have been directed to isolate by the health authority are not to attend the service.
- Each child will have their temperature checked upon arrival at the service. If a fever of 37.5 degrees Celcius is detected, entry will be refused.
- Regular cleaning of all high touch areas.
- Everyone will wash their hands at least every 30 minutes.
- Social distancing of adults, including limits to the number of adults in the service.
- Hand sanitiser is available at the sign in desk for families.
- Modifying activities to promote physical distancing, including using multiple rooms/spaces where available.
- All staff have received additional training in infection control and supporting children through the pandemic.
- VIC - Masks: All adults are to wear masks when picking up or dropping of their children in line with government directions. We follow the same rules as the classroom teachers in relation to educators wearing masks.

Changes to your booking

We understand that your needs may change in the lead up to your attendance at the Holiday Program. Whether you need to add an additional day to keep the kids busy or cancel a day to suit your schedule, we're here for you.

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or give us a call on 1300 072 410 between 6:30 am to 6:00 pm on weekdays.

As we plan our programming, suppliers and educators in advance to the day to ensure that the children have lots of fun, all changes to bookings, including new bookings and cancellations made within the 5 days of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session) will incur a \$10.00 charge.

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.

Changes to your booking

Activities and times are subject change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather and provider availability. In the rare event that an activity will unable to be run, an alternative activity will be provided where possible. If an alternative can not be sourced, we will automatically update your invoice to reflect the lower fee.