

NEWSLETTER No. 6

Friday, 24th April 2020



DIARY DATES

TERM 2

APRIL

Saturday 25th **Anzac Day - No Public Services**

MAY

Friday 1st	Learning Pack Pick Up
Friday 8th	Book Club orders due
	Learning Pack Pick Up
Friday 15th	Learning Pack Pick Up
Sunday 17th	Mothers' Day
Friday 22nd	Learning Pack Pick Up

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations everyone on making an excellent start to remote schooling. As we keep on hearing, these are unprecedented times; it is certainly something that I have never experienced in all my years of teaching. The pandemic is traumatic for so many people and is causing a lot of anxiety about the future. My heart goes out to those people who have lost their loved ones and weren't able to comfort them during this time, to the displaced with no where to go or the refugees being detained in terrible conditions, to those who have lost their jobs and face the uncertainty of how to pay the bills. It is at times like this that we see the best and worst of people. We see those who are working tirelessly and selflessly to make sure that we have the best health care available despite putting themselves and their families at risk. We see those who ensure that our lives continue to function and we can get the basic necessities. My thanks go out to all the charities who are working in overdrive around the world, providing support to the many who have found themselves plunged into poverty and homelessness. But sadly there are still those whose self-interest raises its ugly head above the greater good (think toilet paper fight). In an interview I watched with a World War II veteran, a survivor from the



TERM 2 - 14 April - 26 June
TERM 3 - 13 July - 18 September
TERM 4 - 5 October - 18 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:
Term 2 - Saturday 25 April (Anzac Day)
 Monday 8 June (Queen's Birthday)

Burma Railway, I was reminded of the strength and resilience of the human spirit and the importance of looking after each other. He talked about the power of community, whether it was during the Great Depression or the atrocities of war. He said that he always knew that his mates had his back. His message was that all the people who are thinking only of themselves and complaining about being in isolation, needed to look back at history and take a good hard look at themselves. The interview certainly provided a grounding perspective.

ANZAC DAY: DRIVEWAY AT DAWN

This would be the first Anzac Day that I can remember where people can't gather to acknowledge those who have served and died in wars and peace keeping missions. One way we can show our respect and commemorate those who have served is through the 'Driveway at Dawn' movement. This is supported by the RSL and we are asked to stand in our driveways before 6am with a lighted candle, light from a phone, etc. and observe the minute's silence. This is an innovative way of getting together and feeling connected within our community as well as showing our respect.



St Michael's Primary School acknowledge and pay our respects to the Gunaikurnai people, traditional custodians of the land on which the school is built. As a school community, we commit to walk alongside our First Nations people for reconciliation, truth and justice.





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MYSTERY PERSON

See if you can guess who our Mystery Person is for this week.

MYSTERY PERSON

HOBBIES & SPORTS:



YUMMIEST FOOD EVER:



Pizza

COLOUR

RED

FAVOURITE MOVIE:



FAVOURITE GAME:



HOLIDAY PLACE



Queensland

TV SHOW



OTHER INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT ME:

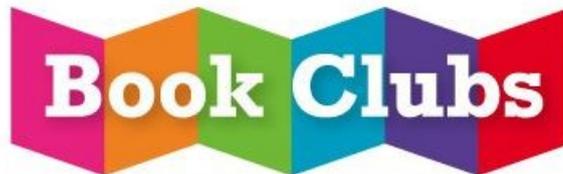
My dad comes from Egypt.

SATURDAY NETBALL UPDATE

Due to the current restrictions relating to COVID-19 that have been put in place by our Federal and State Governments, Netball Victoria have suspended all community netball until at least May 31st. These restrictions will be re-evaluated on May 14th. Our Saturday netball season and Saturday NSG were due to commence on May 2nd and May 9th. Due to the current restrictions we are unable to start on those dates. At this stage we remain optimistic that our Saturday season will go ahead in some capacity. We will continue to work on different scenarios that may be realistic once restrictions are relaxed. Please contact us at salenetball@gmail.com if you require any further information.



SCHOLASTIC



Every Child Deserves a Good Book

Due to the current situation with the Covid-19 restrictions, Scholastic have decided to send their catalogues via a digital link (see link below). There is no obligation for parents to buy anything but should you choose to make purchases they must be paid for through Scholastic's LOOP facility. Your purchases will be sorted at school and placed in your child's remote learning pack ready for the next scheduled pick up.

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

Orders will need to be placed before 8th May.

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Tohara and Graham families on the passing of their grandmother/great grandmother. We wish them strength at this difficult time.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrated their birthday over the last fortnight.

- Chloe 9th April
- Stella 15th April
- Marie Holt 16th April
- Tina V 24th April



HARDSHIP

These are tough times at the moment. If at any time you need a helping hand or extra support, please get in touch with Jenny Miller and the school will help where it can. This can be in many different ways; do not be too proud to ask.



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AT HOME WITH.....

NOAH

It's been different working from home and I find it hard to start work but it's good because I don't have to get out of bed as early.



TORI

My Remote Learning Experience

It's very hard for me not seeing the amazing teachers, especially Mrs Wheeler and not seeing my brand new friends. But it's nice to see my pets on breaks. When I started all of this it wasn't easy because Mum (or my teacher) made me do two days worth of Maths and seriously, why on the first day, like come on! But now it's getting easier and I know what to do every morning. I also like watching the videos Mrs Wheeler puts up on Class Dojo. I like doing Spelling and Maths on the iPad. I also like spending more time with Mum but I wish I can go back to normal school soon.



MIA

Mia's overview of learning from home

"I am enjoying working at home because mum can help me straight away. She is very patient with me. I am missing my friends and my teachers."

Parent's Perspective

Actually I am surprised that I am finding it a lot easier than I thought I would knowing that she doesn't like to do more than she has to and doesn't like to be wrong or told what to do, however I find that it is easier to do some of the next days work between 6pm-8pm when I am not working as much and can concentrate more on teaching and all the questions so that works well for both of us.



YVETTE





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FAMILY CHALLENGE

GRADES P—2 DOMINO CHALLENGE

In your children's learning pack for next week we have included dominoes. The challenge is to make a domino run. In the run, the dominoes are placed in a line that knocks the next one down until the end. You can be as creative as you like and use other things with the dominoes. This is a good one to have a look at together online—Youtube always has amazing domino runs. Make sure you take a photo and/or video and send it in to your classroom teacher.



GRADES 3—6 LEGO CHALLENGE

For students in grades 3—6 we are expecting you are motivated by the return of Lego Masters and thought your challenge could be to create an awe inspiring Lego world like the Lego Masters did on the first episode. Show us your creativity and build your own unique world. We hope you all have Lego at home to use. Take a photo or video and send it to your teacher.



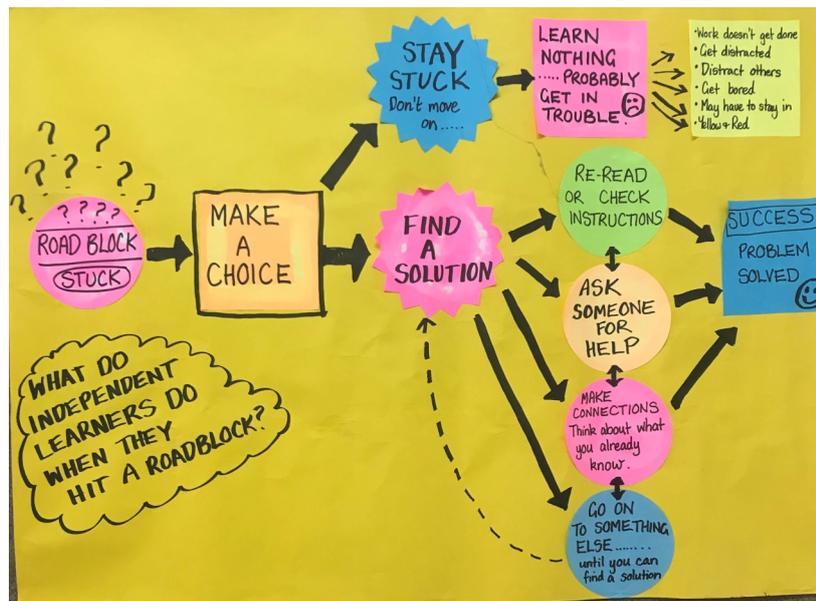
INDEPENDENT WORKING SKILLS

Remote schooling is a unique opportunity for all students to develop some of the 'Keys for Success' learning traits as time goes on. I am sure that parents can see how it is an ideal time to focus on organisation, independence, persistence and problem solving. These are all skills or traits that will stand them in good stead throughout their

lives and come under the banner of '21st Century Learning'.

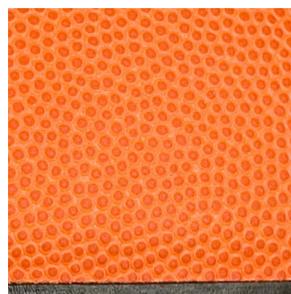
It is okay to let students make mistakes and learn from them. If you are doing the thinking for your children they are not going to learn and their teachers won't know what to focus on to support them in their learning.

Below is a picture of a problem solving flow chart. This might be helpful in working through how to be independent.



PROBLEM/PUZZLE

Can you guess what these mystery photos are?





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ART GALLERY

