

## NEWSLETTER No. 7

Friday, 8th May 2020



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 2

#### MAY

Friday 15th	Learning Pack Pick Up
Sunday 10th	Mother's Day
Friday 22nd	Learning Pack Pick Up
Friday 29th	Learning Pack Pick Up

#### JUNE

Friday 5th	Learning Pack Pick Up
<b>Monday 8th</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</b>
Friday 12th	Learning Pack Pick Up
Friday 19th	Learning Pack Pick Up
Friday 26th	<b>End of Term 2</b>

Term  
Dates



**TERM 2** - 14 April - 26 June

**TERM 3** - 13 July - 18 September

**TERM 4** - 5 October - 18 December

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

**Term 2** Monday 8 June (Queen's Birthday)

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

With Mothers' Day coming up this weekend I thought I'd like to say a big thank you to all the wonderful and strong female role models that our children have in their lives—the mums, the grandmothers, the aunts, the friends. We are so blessed to have you guiding and nurturing the children. In today's society there is a new job—that of an 'influencer' on social media. It appalls me that people are gullible enough to be taken in by this but I want you all to know that you are the most powerful influencers in your children's lives and I thank you for that!



Keep up the good work with the remote learning everyone! I am really pleased to hear the comments from parents about how there are positives to come out of this even though it is challenging juggling everything at home. Feedback I am getting is that parents are really getting to know their children as a learner—their learning styles, their strengths and weaknesses and challenges. They have also expressed an appreciation for the work of teachers (many have said it's not a job they'd take up!). I expect we will know more about the changes to occur after this weekend.

### FAMILY CHALLENGE

The family challenge for this fortnight is to make the best decorated cupcake. Send in your photos by Thursday afternoon—we will have a winner from each grade and the prize will go home in the learning pack. Congratulations to our challenge winners from the last fortnight—Cooper W-L, Luther, Arthur and Henry. Challenge photos are included in this newsletter.



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. Did you guess who the last Mystery Person was?

It was Oscar.

## MYSTERY PERSON

### HOBBIES & SPORTS:



Horse riding

### YUMMIEST FOOD EVER:



Chocolate

### FAVOURITE MOVIE:



HEARTLAND

### FAVOURITE GAME:



### HOLIDAY PLACE



Gold Coast,  
Queensland

### COLOUR TEAL BLUE

### OTHER INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT ME:

I love to play outside at home.



Congratulations to Brehanna, Cooper and Allaiynah on the arrival of Everly, a new daughter/sister. We hope you are both well and enjoying the new addition to your family.

## BIRTHDAYS

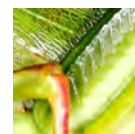
Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrated their birthday over the last fortnight.

Xavier	28th April
Jeanette Bellion	28th April



## PROBLEM/PUZZLE

Did you guess what they were?



A basketball, capsicum seeds, a pencil and a grasshopper.

## THIS FORTNIGHT'S PUZZLES....

### PUZZLE 1

An elderly woman goes for a leisurely walk. Two young men in excellent physical condition are directly behind her, sprinting toward her. No matter how fast they run, they can't catch up with the old woman.

Why can't the men catch up with the woman and where are all three people?

### PUZZLE 2

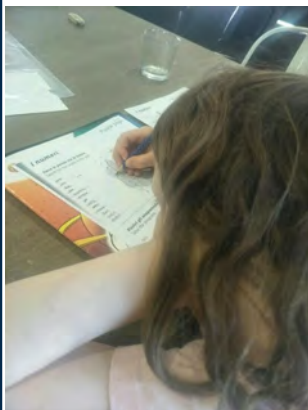
A man with many aliases has an international reputation but has never been seen. Occasionally he dashes out under the cover of night. His home is very remote and nearly impossible to reach.

What is the man called and where is his home?



## AT HOME WITH.....

### HARPER



Harper would prefer to be at school with her friends but likes being able to be at home with her family, safe from the virus.

### OLIVER

I'm enjoying home learning because I can stay home with Betty my dog. For maths last week we did measuring and we measured Jelly the pony. He was more than 1 metre long.



### LACHLAN

I really like learning at home. I like listening to music and helping my brothers but I miss my teachers and friends. When I go back to school I can show my friends what I have learnt at home.



### PHOENIX & MAX

I think working from home is good because you get extra time to finish work and you get extra lunch. The only downside of working from home is not being able to see your friends or your teacher. By Phoenix



I like working from home because I can see the stuff I'm doing, but I miss all my friends as well. By Max

## WORKING AT SCHOOL....

### INDY

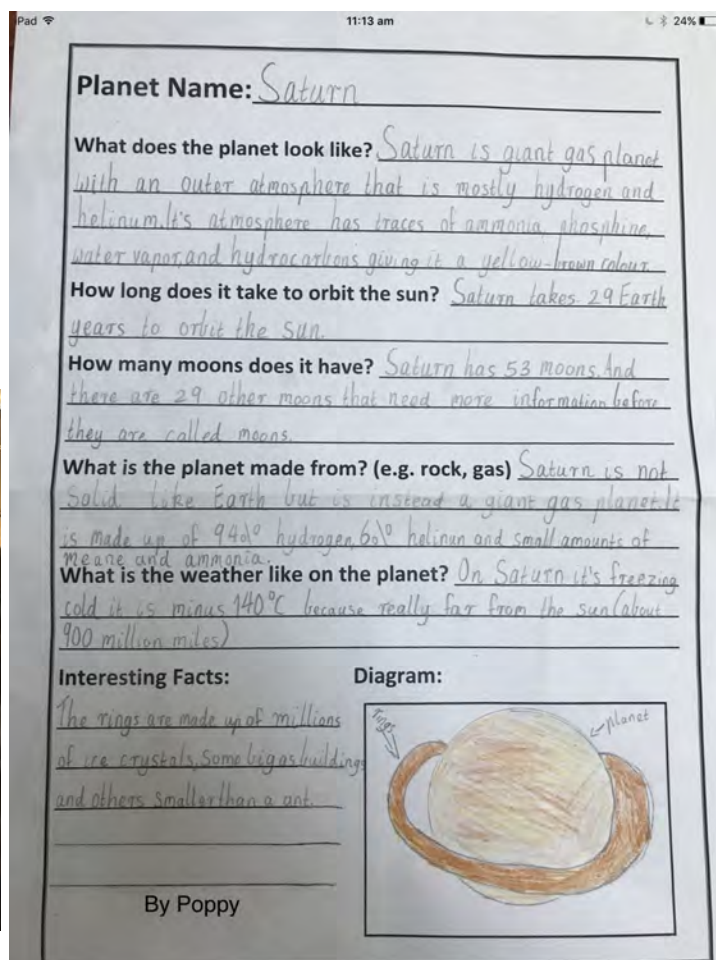
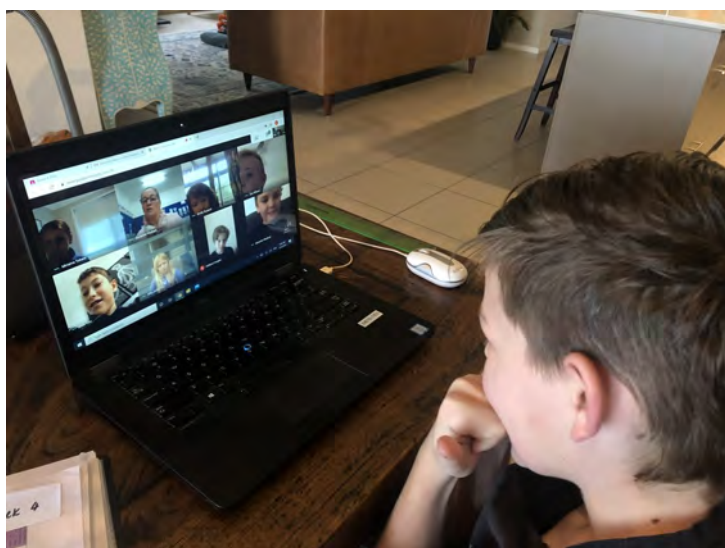
Indy has worked out how to be comfortable at school on these cold days—bring along your unicorn slippers!





## ONLINE CLASS MEETINGS

Everyone has had their first online class meeting this week and from what I hear they went off very well, with only a few minor glitches. I did hear that Room 2 was very vocal until Louise figured out that she could mute everyone and that Room 4 took a bit of persuading to say anything! We will be having class meetings each week so that students can touch base with each other and catch up with their teacher.



## INTEGRATED INQUIRY ABOUT SPACE

In rooms 2 & 3 the students are learning about space. They are finding out all sorts of amazing information and have been writing information reports, creating awesome artworks and even stargazing. We all loved the photo Poppy took of the moon the other night—it is incredible.







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## ROOM 4 WRITING

Room 4 students have been working on the craft of writing narratives. This week they focused on creating a setting and using mood to set the scene. I have included Miriama's writing as excellent examples of this technique.

### An excerpt from 'The Storm' by Miriama Tohara

#### *Using weather to create settings...*

It was Friday afternoon. My little sister and I had just got back from school. Luckily, we got back before the storm because we were walking home. I was sitting in the lounge room when I heard little footsteps coming from the hallway. It was my dog Scout (he is a small dog) and he jumped on my lap. I turn the TV off and I heard a thunder storm. I put Scout down and looked out the window. The wind was howling like a pack of wolves and the thunder was like a mighty lion!



### Moonlight by Miriama Tohara

#### *Using MOOD to create settings...*

It was almost pitch-black outside, but the bright glistening stars and the powerful moon were keeping the light awake. Jessica Jolly sat on her bed looking through the window. She had a huge urge to jump into the sky and ride a star like a horse. Jessica opened her window and jumped out of it (her house was one storey). She sat down on the grass and let the peaceful moonlight shine on her. She ran around the garden, she raced round the horse field, she zoomed around the plum tree, all the way to her favourite spot - her tree house. She climbed up the ladder and she gazed at the beautiful moon and stars, it was so peaceful and calm she almost wished that it would never end.

As peaceful, quiet and calm as it was Jessica Jolly could hear owls. She looked at the tree not far away from her - eight owls were in the tree. It was almost like they were having a party. She looked back up at the moon and smiled and let the peaceful moonlight shine on her.



*...when our hearts and minds are open we discover more.  
So we pray today to recover that curiosity we had as children,  
that we may be delighted by unexpected discoveries...*



## PODCASTS

Jade and Tina have very kindly recorded a 3STM Radio Broadcast seeing as we can't get the children to do it. If you haven't accessed the podcasts before, you will need to paste the following link into your podcasting app where it says 'join by url' :

<https://xTmrBvzL:m19XOFHa@private.transistor.fm/3stm-podcasts>

The podcast is not searchable as it is a private one for our school community.

Not having accessed the podcasts for a while, we have found that we have been asked to enter a username and password as well. These are as follows if you are asked to do this:

Username: xTmrBvzL

Password: m19XOFHa

We hope to publish more podcasts throughout the year and may be calling on students to conduct interviews with family members or record stories they have written, as well as convince the staff to record more 3STM Radio segments.

We hope you and the children enjoy listening to the podcasts and if you have any good ideas for podcast material, please let me know.



## P & F

A big thank you goes to P & F who have provided every child with a pack of take home books to supplement your home libraries! We really appreciate this support given that we are not allowed to send books home at the moment. These are your books to keep however if you would like to donate them back to school when we resume we would be very pleased.



Another big thank you goes to our P & F for providing the 'mystery' mothers' day gifts that every child received in their learning pack today.

Thank you to Tina McGill for taking the time to wrap and label every single gift—it was a huge job. We hope you enjoy them!

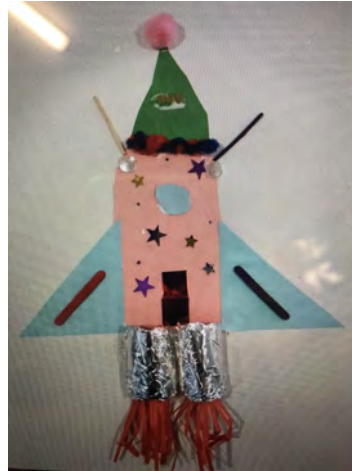




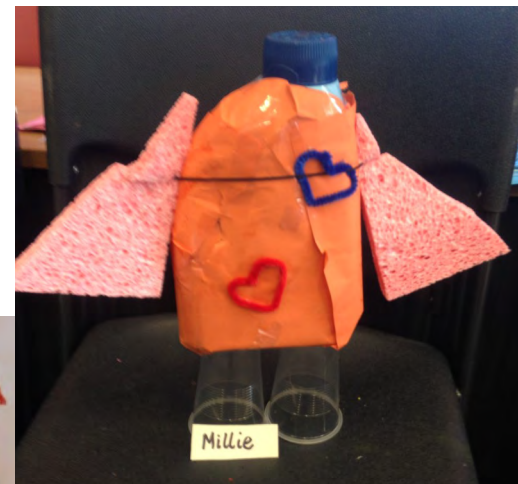


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# ART GALLERY



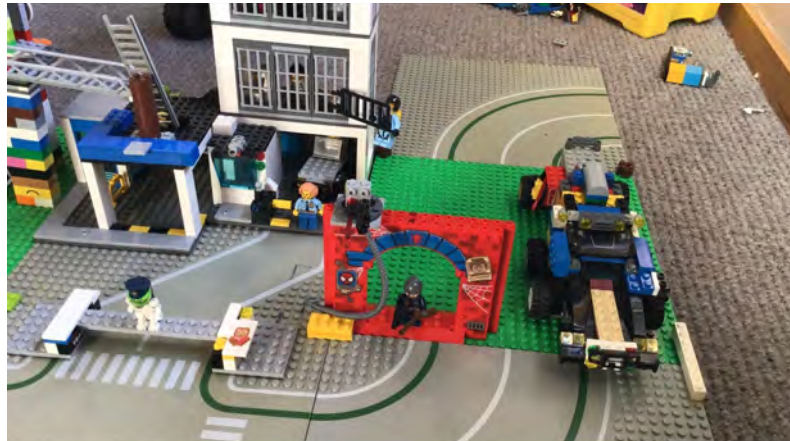


## THE CHALLENGERS

ARTHUR AND HENRY



COOPER



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