



NEWSLETTER

Term 3
September 9th, 2020

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Block 3 remote/flexible learning	Mon 7th – Fri 18th Sept
End of term 3	Fri 18th Sept
Term 4 commences	Mon 5th Oct
Remote learning first week	Mon 5th – Fri 9th Oct
All students on-site	Mon 12th Oct
School council meeting via WebEx	Tues 20th Oct
Public Holiday	Fri 23rd Oct
Whitfield Cup for students	Fri 30th Oct
Curriculum Day – pupil free	Mon 2nd Nov
Cup Day Public holiday	Tue 3rd Nov
Last day for students	Thur 17th Dec

TERM 3

Dianne and I have been really impressed with the way students have settled into the remote learning this time round. The experience of term 2 and the little changes this time round has helped with improved routines and management of learning tasks and this has seen some great student work submitted. You have been doing a great job assisting your child/ren and the one on one support they have received from you with their learning is special for them and valued by us.

On Sunday 6th September, a 'roadmap to easing coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions in schools' was released and it included the following decisions about school operations.

All schools will continue to provide remote and flexible learning for the remainder of Term 3, except specialist schools in rural and regional Victoria, consistent with current settings. These changes remain subject to the advice of Victoria's Chief Health Officer:

5 – 9 October (first week of Term 4)
Remote and flexible learning will continue for all students, except in specialist schools in rural and regional Victoria.

From 12 October
Schools in rural and regional Victoria
All students (from Prep to Year 12) return to full-time on-site schooling by Friday 16 October. Schools can stagger the return of different year levels as appropriate during this week. This

decision can be made by individual schools or networks/clusters of schools.

Our school plan presently is to have ALL students return to onsite learning on Monday 12th October.

It has been good to connect with students and families over the last few weeks via email, phone calls, text, WebEx and when collecting materials. Please keep the communication coming. It is also an important reminder for us all to use these communication methods to reach out to friends and families and keep connected during these next few weeks.

Toward the end of this newsletter, there are a couple of resources that the department has initiated to support remote learning.

Stay safe and thank you,
Mark van Bergen (Principal)

Music

Water-Water Everywhere the MusicaViva concert that was held on the first of September. The performance via Zoom was different, but it was great to see and hear so many Whitfield names participating and joining in.



The music task this block, builds on the performance by making sounds and home percussion around the house.

Thanks for the generosity and support that King Valley Arts provided. The cost of the performance was entirely covered for our cluster students.

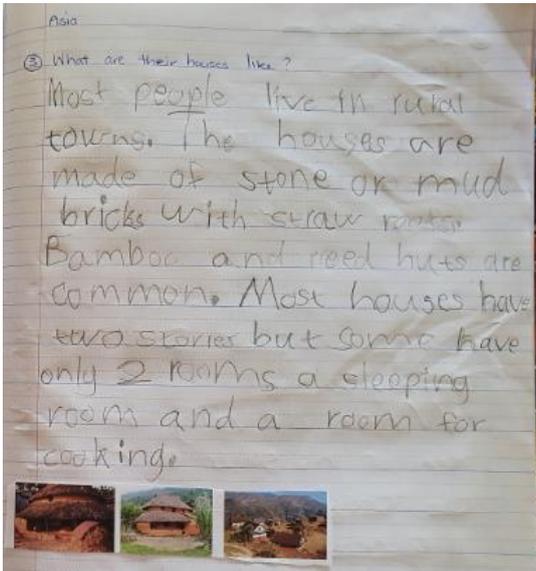
Literacy

The 'Literacy corner' will again showcase some of the great writing that some of our Prep – 3 students have been doing and shared with us, in this first two week block of remote and flexible learning.

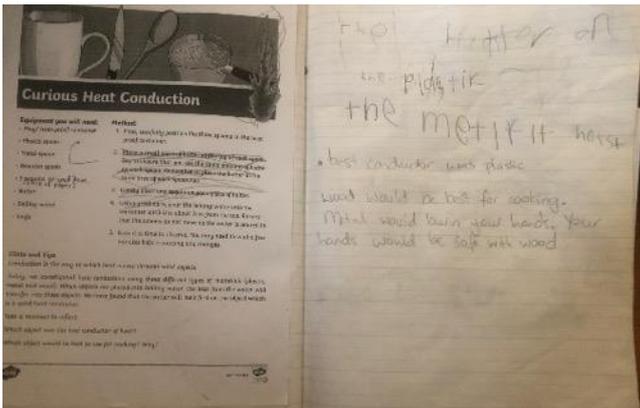


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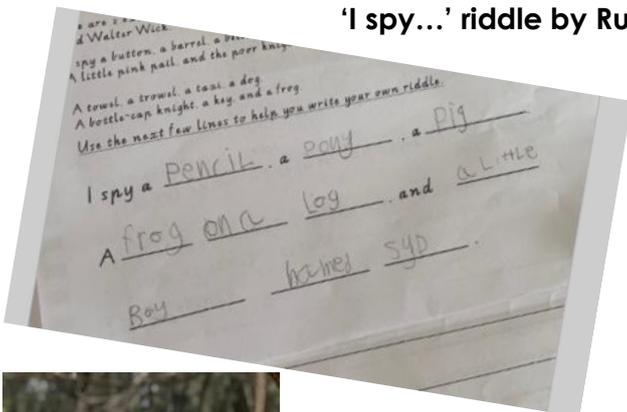
House in Nepal by Joshua



Science by Maya



'I spy...' riddle by Ruby



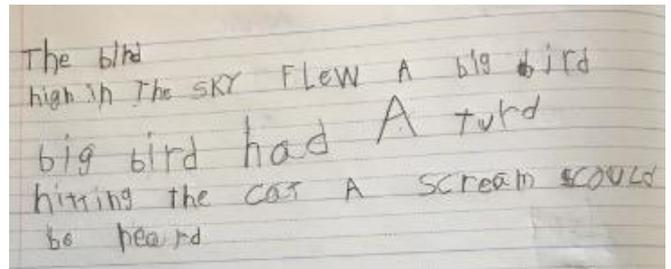
Printing for Father's Day by Sylvie

'I spy...' riddle by Joah



I spy a book, a pencil case, a jar.
A pig, a wig, a chair, and a car.
A snake, a flake, and a shoe.
A pot, a sharpener, and some glue.

The bird by Maxwell

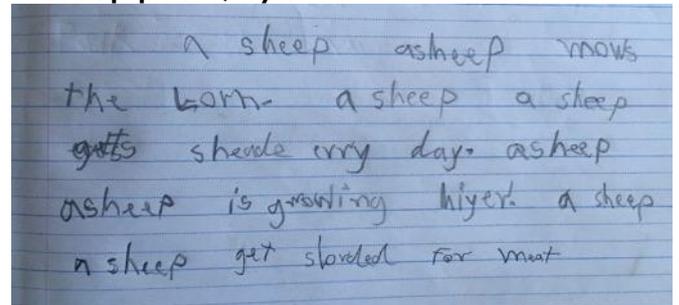


Limerick by Nina

Nina
There once was a girl called Nina.
Who really liked drinking Ribena.
She drank it all day.
And I'm happy to say
Now she is a great ballerina.



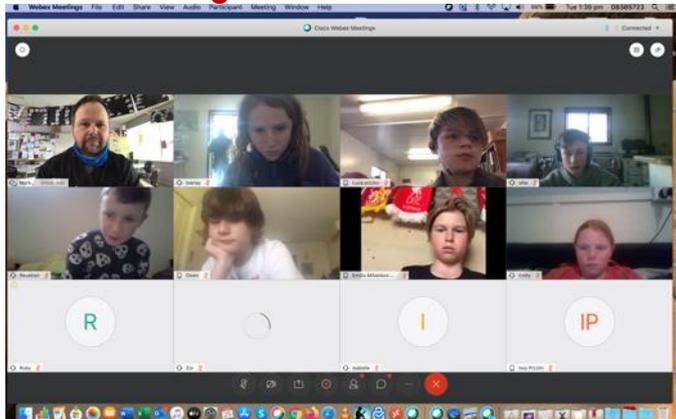
A sheep poem, by Johann



Awards



WebEx meetings 4-6 class



The grade 4-6 class have been learning and submitting their work online as well as meeting and discussing their work (and sharing jokes). Thursday 10th we will have Pete Sacco from the Social Enterprise Academy joining our class WebEx to hear about the students prototyping.

Every day counts



EVERY DAY COUNTS – school attendance

Remember, every day counts. During this term, attendance is being taken remotely. Please check in each day with Dianne if your child is in her class. For Mr. van Bergen's class, students need to complete the attendance question by 2pm on the Google Classroom.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Dear parents and carers,

There are two helpful new resources to help you support your children during remote and flexible learning.

Raising Learners podcast

The Department of Education and Training has funded a 10-episode podcast series through the Raising Children Network called 'Raising Learners'. It features parenting experts from organisations including the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Career Education Association Victoria, as well as the Australian eSafety Commissioner, Julie Inman-Grant.

Raising Learners provides parents with practical advice, tips and ideas for supporting children's health, wellbeing and engagement at school and at home. Topics include how to connect with your child's school and community, how to best support your child's learning, what to expect for VCE and VCAL students and how to keep your child safe online.

These topics were drawn from common questions that parents raised with the Department's coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline and Parentline.

The first three episodes will be available on 1 September, and the rest throughout terms 3 and 4. Raising Learners can be accessed via podcast apps and [Raising Children Network website](#).

Managing the Coronacoaster webinar

Renowned child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is back by popular demand to repeat his Coronacoaster webinar.

On 15 September, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg will again present Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era. His first webinar in August booked out in three days, with more than 12,000 registrations.

In this webinar, Dr Carr-Gregg provides tools and strategies for parents and carers to help manage the lockdown period and remote learning. Topics include:

- your supportive role
- setting the emotional tone
- focusing on what you can control
- how to deal with disappointment
- more resources and where to get help.

Webinar details

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](#)

COMMUNITY NOTICE

**Join us for Year 7
at
Wangaratta High School**

Information about starting Year 7 in 2021 is live on our website now.
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Join our vibrant & innovative learning community today.

Enrolments for 2021 closing soon.

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