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Assistant Principal News

As we write this it is hard to believe that just over two weeks ago the school was participating in our fabulous Colour Run yet here we find ourselves in another period of home based learning.

Home based Learning

We recognise that for many in our school community home based learning is a challenge given work, family commitments and limitations of devices and internet. That is why our teachers have developed more open-ended learning tasks which do not require print outs. It is always a challenge to implement a remote learning program on short notice that suits all families in our community so we appreciate the extraordinary efforts of parents and carers. Although every lockdown is very different we appreciate any feedback so we can continue to improve the effectiveness of our remote learning alternatives.

Return to School

When we return to school the focus will be two fold:

- ensuring we create calm and supportive environments in the classrooms to allow students to re-engage with learning routines
- competing our assessments to ensure we can complete Semester 1 Reports.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE BACK ON-SITE!!

Mike and Dan Primary Assistant Principals

LOTE News

The LOTE Team started off the term with the introduction to colours. The students had fun learning about colours which was followed by the concept of family and food. The students shared information about their favourite cultural foods with their peers and teachers. We are looking forward to introducing some creative activities and hold informative quiz sessions during the lockdown to keep our students engaged in active learning. Stay tuned for details.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

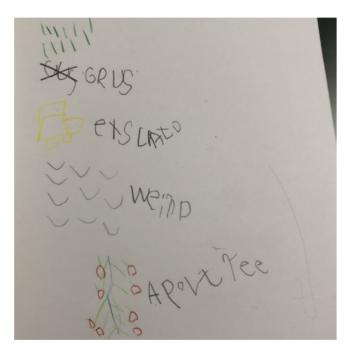
Keep your eyes peeled for something exciting SRC have been working on. We will need your help to complete our project.



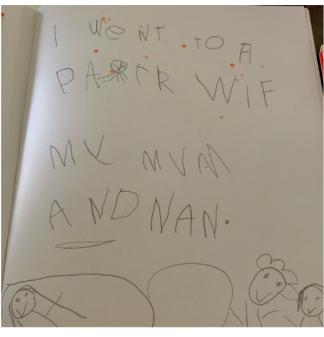
Prep News

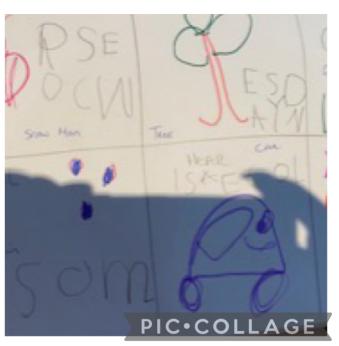
Our students have been developing their writing skills by writing personal recounts. They have shared with their class what they have been doing at the weekend. Prep students have been working hard towards writing the sounds that they can hear in words, using finger spaces and a full stop at the end of their sentence.

During integrated learning our students have been exploring their senses. They went on a sensory walk and noted what they could see, hear, smell and feel.









Grade One News

This week during remote learning, the grade ones had a poem read to them in their morning zoom with their teacher. While it was being read, students were asked to visualise - form a picture in their mind using clues from the poem. After the reading, students drew some beautiful pictures in their books of what they were visualising. This was their poem:

I plant a little seed in the cold, cold ground, Out comes the yellow sun, big and round, Down come the raindrops soft and slow, Up comes the flower, grow, grow, grow!









Grade Two News

The grade two team feel incredibly lucky to have had the opportunity to be able to participate in this years colour run before the return to remote learning. We had a wonderful colour filled day and the students had so much fun getting sprayed with water and colour as well as running through all of the exciting obstacles. We hope that the grade two students are still finding opportunities to be active whilst learning at home.



Grade Three News

Although distance learning is not what we wanted in Grade 3, we are still able to see amazing quality work through Google Classroom!

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Our Zoom sessions have been lots of fun- Miss Barton's class did a quiz to show off all that we have been learning about indigenous peoples culture, the three levels of government and a little about the Colour Fun Run!

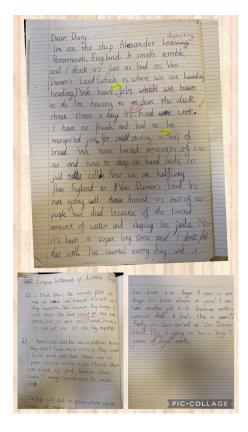
We look forward to being back in the classroom as soon as possible.

Grade Four News

This week in Grade Four we have been working in the Google Classroom for the first time this year and everybody has done such a fantastic job! It has been a bit tricky switching back to online learning, but the Grade Four students have worked hard, and we are seeing lots of fabulous work being uploaded. This week we have had a focus on reviewing a lot of topics that we worked on during Term 1 and 2 before lockdown. In maths we have looked back at place value, number patterns and length! We have also put on our problem-solving hats and worked on addition and subtraction problems using the strategies we learnt in the classroom.

In reading this week we have been looking at comprehension strategies and reading our Just Right books at home. We have been making predictions about our reading and writing summaries about what we have read. Another strategy we have focused on is questioning and asking ourselves questions about our text. In writing this week we have been focusing on making our writing more exciting for our reader by including strong show not tell writing. The Grade Four teachers have been enjoying reading the writing that has been uploaded to Google Classroom and all of the show not tell language that is being displayed in the writing. A picture of the grade 4 teachers making a video for their students:





Community News



Check out this awesome video that captures the amazing day the Primary students experienced at our Colour-Run on Friday May 21.

https://youtu.be/6B_90s1INOc

A huge thank you to our wonderful Secondary media teacher Michael Poke and his student helpers Ruby and Elijah for capturing the excitement, joy and smiles of both staff and students on the day.

Colour-Run prize ordering extension

We have extended the prize ordering window and return of cash raised to Wednesday June 16 – due to remote learning.

Please hold onto any cash raised and return to the school once students are back on site. Prize delivery will also be delayed – likely to be the first weeks of Term 3.

Please email Rebecca.Collins5@education.vic.gov.au if you have any questions.

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