

## NEWSLETTER

7th May 2020

### Principal's Report

As we continue with our remote learning program, it is fabulous to see the junior school students and parents embracing the Google Classrooms platform. Well done and thank you to everyone for the smooth transition.

A few reminders when using google classrooms are:

1. The "Daily Greeting" video is uploaded each morning under the stream tab. The students can play this video to hear from their teacher/s and respond to the daily question or prompt.
2. The allocated tasks for the day, and the resources attached to that task are in the classroom tab. Students need to open and access what is required through the assignment button.
3. All questions for the teachers relating to the task, need be asked in the comment section of that assignment.
4. Don't forget to submit all completed tasks by using the 'turn in' button.
5. It is important for the students to respond each day to the daily greeting or turn in the learning tasks for the day in order for the student to be recorded as present for that day. Due to students logging in at different times of the day, we would like all students to have completed one of these tasks by 2pm each day.

If your child is unwell and cannot participate in the learning for the day, for example, due to illness, can you please call the school and report them absent, as is the usual process.

Over the last two weeks, our student leaders have produced videos to introduce themselves and make connections and offer words of encouragement to all of our student population. On Friday April 24th, you met our school captains Jake and Shanley. The following week Jake and Shanley introduced two of our SRC leaders Tyson and Charlotte, who spoke about ANZAC Day and some of the learning taking place in the Prep area. Look out for this week's video from our student leaders in the stream tab of your google classroom. Thanks again to those students for developing these videos to share with all the students.

Students would have also seen a new classroom open in Google Classrooms. Ms McMillan has set up a library

classroom for each of the year levels. Go to the classwork tab and you will find that Ms McMillan has done a fabulous job setting up lots of information and resources for students to access at their leisure. This includes stories read by Ms McMillan from our school library, information on the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, Book Club and our local library. The 'Story Time' section features many well-known stories being read. Favourite Authors provides stories and information from many authors whose books we love, as well as a 'Game and Activities' section with a wide variety of interests and tastes covered. I would like to thank Ms McMillan for this wonderful resource for all our students.

This week sees the last week of teaching for Mrs Reddan - Performing Arts Teacher and Ms Dalzotto - Year 4 teacher, as they begin their maternity leave. We wish them all the very best as they welcome a new addition to their families. I would like to welcome Mrs O'Brien to our teaching team, who will be teaching Performing Arts classes for the remainder of term two and term three.

I am pleased to announce Mrs Krstevski and Ms Thomas will be replacing Ms Dalzotto in Year 4. Both teachers are very familiar with the year 4 cohort of students and looking forward to interacting with the students in 4D and the wider year four cohort.

Prep enrolments for the 2021 school year opened at the beginning of term two. Information regarding the collection of enrolment forms can be accessed on our website. Parents can also register their interest for a school tour. Contact will be made with all perspective parents who have registered through the website when restrictions have been lifted and tour dates have been finalized. If you have any queries or would like further information, please contact the school office on 5940-9532.

Coming up this Sunday, May 10th is Mother's Day. Although we will be recognising and celebrating in a different manner this year, I sincerely hope all our Mums and Grandmothers have an enjoyable day.

**Kerrie Kingston-Gains**  
**Principal**