

Dates To Remember

TERM TWO 2020

Tuesday 14th April
Curriculum Day

Wednesday 15th April
First day of Term Two

Saturday 25th April
ANZAC Day

Sunday 10th May
Mothers Day

Friday 15th May
International Day of Families

Monday 8th June
Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 26th June
Last day of Term 2

TERM THREE 2020

Monday 13th July
First Day of Term Three

Thursday 30th July
School Photos - TBC

TERM FOUR 2020

Monday 5th October
First Day of Term Four

Thursday 16 April, 2020

Principal's Report

WELCOME BACK!

Well, they were definitely not the holidays we were used to! However, I still enjoyed time with my family. I even managed to do some sketching which I haven't done in a long time!

No doubt you would have seen our video welcoming our students to remote learning. If you didn't get a chance to see it you can view it on our Facebook page or via our learning hub. A huge thanks to Mrs Claire Furlong for putting it together and to all the MWHPS staff for getting involved.



WELCOME

With Mrs Lynn Gyuriak retiring at the end of term, we welcomed Mrs Julie Gifford to the Administration Team on Tuesday. Julie worked in an administration role at a local child care facility.



ONLINE LEARNING

During Term 2, students will access their learning from either the [Learning Hub](#) (can also be found on the home screen of our website) for Years P - 2 or [Google Classroom](#) for Years 3 - 6. Students will be able to access learning tasks via the above platforms. We understand that parents aren't teachers and undertaking learning tasks can be a challenge. Teachers will provide relevant work, however this is not in the capacity of a normal school day (eg. it is not an expectation that teachers will post 5 hours of work per day or that the tasks are the same as if students were at school).

The following are the **daily minimum guidelines** schools are expected to provide as set by the Department of Education & Training (DET):

Prep to Grade 2, schools will provide learning programs that include the following:

- 45-60 min of literacy activities
- 30-45 min of numeracy activities
- 30-45 min of additional learning areas, play-based learning and physical activity

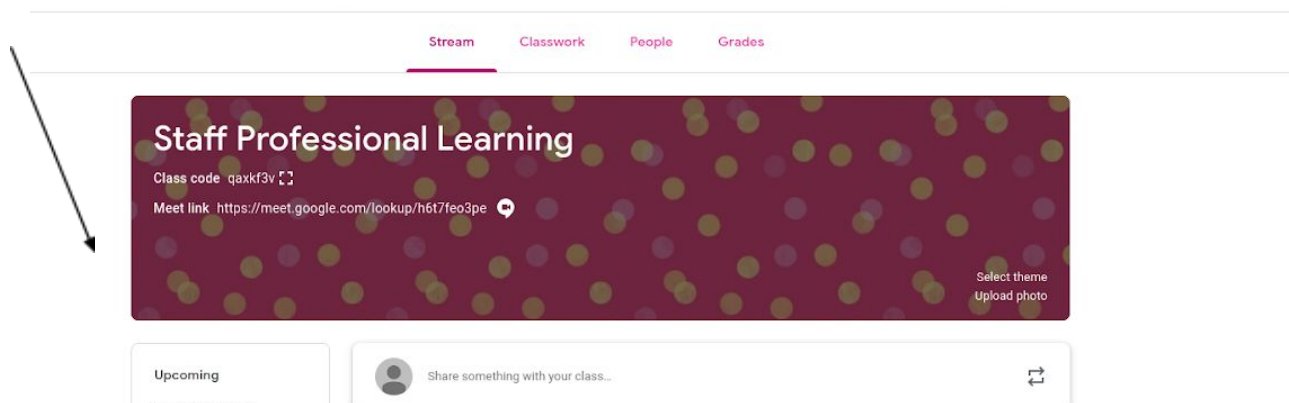
Grades 3 to 6, schools will provide learning programs allocated as follows:

- 45-60 min of literacy activities
- 30-45 min of numeracy activities
- 30 min Physical activities
- 90 min of additional curriculum areas
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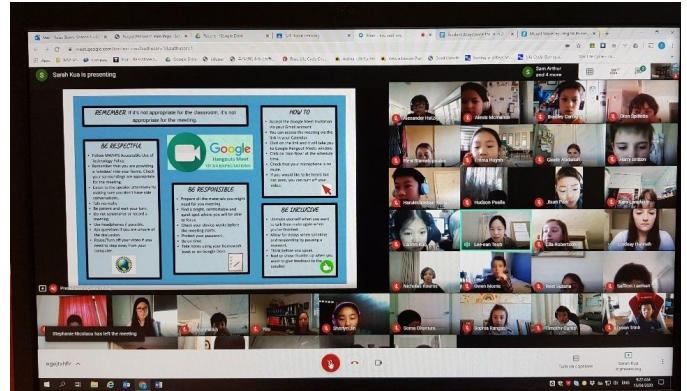
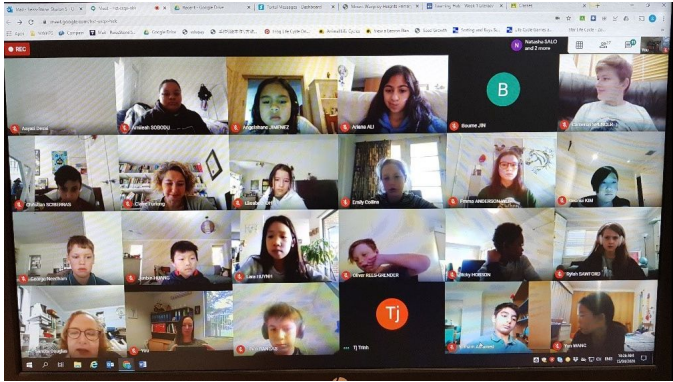
In addition to the activities provided online, we will also be utilising **video conferencing sessions** where students will be able to meet with their classroom teacher and their peers in real time. We will be using **Google Meet as our platform**. All learning can be accessed from a tablet, ipad, phone, laptop or chromebook. Please take time to read the handout we sent via Sentral and email that outlines exactly when and how to get online.

Online Video Conferencing Sessions: Please note that P-2 parents will be sent an email. **Years 3-6 will find the link at the top of their google classroom.**

For example: Here is our Staff Professional Learning Classroom. Here is the 'Meet' link for our online video conference



This morning I had the pleasure of joining the Year 3-4 classes and 5/6D online. It was wonderful to see their faces. It was brilliant to have almost all the students connect online. A great achievement for day 1!



P-2 ONLINE PLATFORM

Thank you for the positive feedback we have received regarding the Learning Hub. We also had a few parents asking whether the daily activities could be provided earlier so that they could manage their own work alongside student learning. Parents will now be able to access the Learning Hub the night before to assist with organisation. The site will be ready to access by 5pm.

REGULAR BREAKS

Remember to encourage your child to take regular breaks. To get some physical exercise and to use this opportunity to do some fun things e.g. Lego 30 day Challenge, baking, drawing, etc.

OVERWHELMED??

If you are feeling overwhelmed - This is completely normal! Change is difficult. Adding to the difficulty is

- also the pressure to become familiar with all of the online learning material and video conferencing tools.
- supervising and assisting your child/children with their learning
- undertaking your work requirements alongside your child/ren's work requirements
- feeding everyone!

It is a superhuman effort! Do your best. If you have difficulty please reach out for support. **Your child's classroom teacher is the best person to contact** via Sentral as they have a clear understanding of the tasks.

Let's celebrate...

- Connecting online successfully for Years 3-6! A massive achievement for Day 1 of learning.
- Great weather to enjoy a walk around the block!
- Extend are offering Before and After School Hours Care

Sharon Reiss-Stone
Principal

