

Dates To Remember

TERM TWO 2020

Sunday 10th May
Mothers Day

Friday 15th May
International Day of Families

Friday 29th May
Year 7 Transition forms due

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 30 April, 2020

Principal's Report

WEEK 3 of HOME LEARNING

Hopefully you are getting into the swing of things and home learning is becoming a little easier! The DET have recently confirmed expectations around attendance. As a result, we have added an attendance page to the Learning Hub and Google classroom. Please make sure either yourself or your child has signed in each day. The teacher then records your child's attendance at school as part of their legal requirement.

If we have not received attendance from you or your child and there has been no evidence of your child completing or submitting work (not turned tasks in via Google classroom or not been present at video conferences) then your child will be marked absent. Please note that staff will also be following this up via a phone call and/or Sentral message.

ONLINE LEARNING SURVEY

Next week you will receive a survey which will be emailed out to all parents. We would like to gather your feedback regarding online learning, as this will help us refine our practices.

SHARING FOR OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER & FACEBOOK PAGE

More than ever it is important to be able to remain connected. If you would like to share a picture or video of something your

child has completed or been doing whilst at home, we would love to include them in our school's newsletter and/or Facebook page. We have created a separate email address for this purpose (otherwise our school's email would become unmanageable). If you would like to share a picture, some artwork, notable event, fun idea or video please send it to..

submission@mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au

SRC

Congratulations to our SRC team who put together a range of commemorative posts on our Facebook page and in our school's newsletter over the past week. It was wonderful to read and view. Thank you to Miss Kua and Miss Jom who have been working with the SRC team and looking at ways we can celebrate and bring our community together.

YEAR 6 to YEAR 7 2021 TRANSITION

Information was emailed to families Tuesday afternoon containing details regarding the Year 6 to Year 7 Transition process (and an application form within that pack). Can we please request that the application form is returned as soon as possible (the document can be edited and returned via email). If you would prefer to print, you are more than welcome to leave it at the school office between 9am and 3:30pm. If you have not received the email or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

CLASS SEESAW

We would love all our families to download the **Class** Seesaw app and log their child/ren into it. Please note that this is in addition to the **Family Seesaw** app you currently have installed. Family SeeSaw is for parents and Class SeeSaw is for students (to upload completed work). Mrs Furlong sent out these instructions and individual student codes last week, via the Seesaw Family App inbox. We ask that you have your account set up **by Friday May 1**. Please contact the office, if unable to connect to either app.

WHAT ONLINE PLATFORMS ARE WE USING?

CLASS SEESAW is for students to post completed tasks

FAMILY SEESAW is for parents to view work on.

GOOGLE CLASSROOMS (3-6 only) is for all class work.

SENTRAL is for contacting staff.

Let's celebrate...

- Our SRC on a fantastic job commemorating ANZAC DAY and recognising Greek Easter
- Our wonderful staff for finding innovative and new ways of doing things.
- Our new Basketball rings which were installed yesterday.

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Principal



Assistant Principal's Report

ANZAC Day 2020 Lest We Forget

This year my family and I commemorated ANZAC Day in our driveway at 5.30am. We watched the dawn service on TV from the Australian War Memorial in Canberra and stood for the Last Post and a minute silence. A number of MWHPS students have let me know that they remembered the ANZACs by wearing a poppy, rosemary or a badge. A few students baked ANZAC biscuits. I also made lego poppies with my kids and put them in our front window. Can you guess which one is mine?



Remote Learning Update

Each week I thought I would ask a few staff, students and parents how remote learning is going for them. Here is Part 1:

From the Students:

What do you enjoy about remote learning?

I enjoy having google meets with everybody and I like that if I need to ask a question I can just ask Mrs Molnar rather than having to wait for her to come over to me. It is also a lot quieter.

What are you missing about school?

I miss seeing my friends and classmates face to face and I miss the fact that we can do things in partners or groups and work with other people.

What does your day look like?

Usually I get on to my computer at about 10 minutes to 9 and just check what I need to do for that day and see if I have any Google Meets that I need to attend. I have breaks about every 45 minutes. From 9 to 10am we have reading and writing, and most of the time we have a Google Meeting for that. At 11:00 I go outside and at 11:30 I come back inside for a maths session. We complete our maths tasks and then have a science activity on Seesaw. I have lunch at 1:30 and we normally go on a walk. From 2:30 to 3:30 I complete any Art, Music, P.E or Japanese tasks.

How is it going so far?

Home learning so far is going pretty well, although I would prefer to be back at school. We get about the same amount of work as a normal school day and it is nice to spread it out over the day.

Reflection by Mia P 5/6M



From the teachers:

What do you enjoy about remote learning?

My favourite part of the week is when I get to google meet with my amazing class, 1/2J and hear about what they have all been up to in the week.

What are the challenges?

It is hard not seeing my class every day and I miss all my teacher friends

What does your day look like?

I spend a lot of my day answering emails from your parents, finding new activities to put on our learning hub and drinking HOT coffee

How is it going so far?

It been challenging but a lot of fun learning new skills

By Miss Jones 1/2J

What do you enjoy about remote learning?

Getting more time with my family

What are the challenges?

Trying to work with 2 little boys is not easy. They are into everything and get up to a lot of mischief. For example Flynn coloured in Rhys' face the other day with texta to make him look like a superhero

What does your day look like?

Probably like everyone else's day...hectic. Outside of work commitments my day consists of constantly fetching snacks for hungry mouths, preparing meals, trying to tidy toys that have been strewn from one end of the house to the other, and breaking up brotherly arguments. Haha.

How is it going so far?

I'm learning to go with the flow and feel like most days I can find a happy balance between work and family.

By Mrs Thomas

From the ES staff:

What do you enjoy about remote learning?

The office is sooo quiet and I get to spend a little bit more time at home.

What are the challenges?

Helping my 5 children study, whilst I work, answer the incoming calls and keep everyone on track!

What does your day look like?

Organised chaos!

How is it going so far?

It's getting better each day Just need to stick to a routine

By Louise B (Office manager)

Meet the furry or feathery friends keeping our teachers company as they work from home!



Marcus likes to fart, sleep and eat tanbark!
Mrs Playsted and her dog, Marcus.



This is Choc Chicken. I love picking our three
chickens up and giving them kisses!
Mrs Geddes 1/2G



Here is a picture of me and Bailey. He is a golden retriever who is 11 months old. His favourite thing is meeting everyone on his walks. He likes to dance, eat socks and dig holes in my vegetable garden. His favourite food is chicken and he will sometimes watch a movie with me while eating popcorn, but he always falls asleep. **Mrs Johnson Prep J**



This is Charlie. Charlie enjoys barking at animals on the television while getting pats. **Miss Spurling Prep S**



More next week!

Carolyn Datson
Assistant Principal



Let's start a school seed bank!

Has your family decided to start a vegetable garden at home only to find that the shops have sold out of seeds and seedlings? Wouldn't it be great if we didn't have to rely on the shops for everything. You can easily grow vegetables at home even in a pot and become a little more self sufficient. The school's vegetable garden has been a great success and a great way to educate kids about sustainability, organic gardening and manual labour.

Thank you to everyone for not picking anything without permission even when they looked so tempting. Most of the produce was left on purpose so we could keep the seeds for future use.

This week the kids at school collected a huge amount of seeds to start our seed bank.

Do you have memories of your grandparents keeping seeds from their favourite tomatoes and planting them year after year? Seed saving is very simple and we would love it if families that are into gardening could donate some to the school to be shared. Seeds saved adapt to your local microclimate and you don't have to rely on seeds which have come from other regions or countries. All the seeds in our patch are open pollinated, heirloom varieties which are perfect for saving. This video explains everything you need to get started.

https://youtu.be/03C9_A3ioVc

Please make sure you label the seeds with the plant name, date collected and your family name. If you have any questions about the seed bank or the veggie patch please feel free to email the school and Ariella (Seed Bank Manager) will be in touch.



SRC News

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day looked different this year, however it was a day that was still commemorated by our community. Lest We forget!



Ramadan

Many Muslims in our community are currently participating in various activities for Ramadan. If you are one of these people, رمضان سعيد



Mothers Day

With no onsite learning this term, we unfortunately have no Mother's Day stall for the children to do their Mother's Day gift shopping. Below are just a few ideas that could help you find the perfect gift for mum, or that special person in your child's life.



<https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/salt-dough-handprints-candle-holder-keepsakes/>

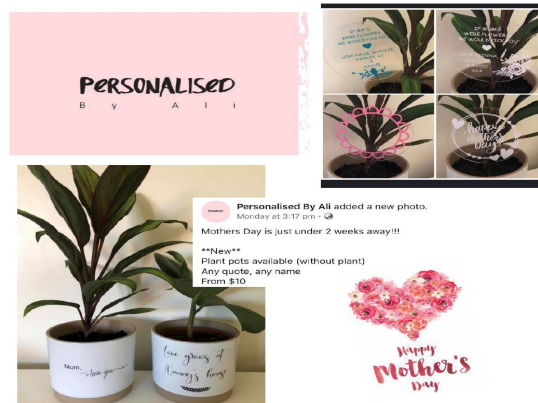
<https://www.care.com/c/stories/3671/27-mothers-day-gifts-from-kids-toddlers-can-make/>



<https://www.kcedventures.com/blog/kids-garden-art-painting-clay-pots>

Other ideas:

- make a voucher booklet, offering a half hour back rub, 10 hugs when needed, help in the kitchen
- write a special poem to mum
- make her a powerpoint of special pictures
- cook dinner
- have a look online at *Personalised by Ali*



ANZAC DAY POEMS from 5/6M

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND FOUGHT TOGETHER FOR THEIR COUNTRIES

NERVOUS AND SCARED FAMILIES AT HOME, WONDERING WHAT WAS HAPPENING

ZEALOUS SOLDIERS LIED ABOUT THEIR AGE WITH THOUGHTS OF GREAT ADVENTURES

ARMIES GATHERED TO FIGHT AT ANZAC COVE ON THE GALLIPOLI PENINSULA

COULD'N'T GET EVERYONE BACK FROM THE WAR, MANY PEOPLE DIED OR THEY CHOSE TO STAY

DIRTY AND WET STAY'S

AT THE WAR LOT'S OF SOLDIERS DIED AND WE SHOULD RESPECT THEM FOR GIVING UP THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY

VELLS OF HELP FROM THE TRENCHES

BY LAZAROS

Anzacs fought at Gallipoli,
No one enjoyed the war,
Zillions of people died,
And families were waiting at the door,
Cunning enemies lied.

Dragging on, the war finally ended,
And those who fell must be respected,
You are, for a minute, silenced.

By Annabelle



Australian and New Zealand soldiers
fighting together.

Night turning into dawn.

Zimmerman, one of the fallen soldiers listed
on the Roll of Honour of the Australian War
Memorial.

Army defending its country.

Cookies for the soldiers from their families.

Daylight signals the fight.

Anzac Day, Lest We Forget.

Your service will always be remembered.

By Christopher

All the soldiers roaming the trenches with family
thinking they will...

Never return, heads hung low as the

Zealous soldiers pursue their mission to keep their
country safe.

Anzacs will not be forgotten,

Cause of the caring hearts that lie within us.

Dreadful day it was for those families whose parents and
young adults who didn't return

Anzac day is to remember those who fought for us all
those years ago just so...

You could have a better future.

By Miesha

Australia went to war in 1914
New countries were being destroyed day after day.
Zawn's were everywhere.
Anzac's were shot everyday.
Casualty loss was extreme

Days were long and the nights were extreme.
Aussies and Kiwis were teaming up with the British.

By Jake

ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL

NONE HAVE EXPERIENCED THIS MUCH PAIN

BEFORE

ZERO HAVE SURVIVED THE LOSS & LONGING

AMMUNITION BEING FIRED AS THE WAR DRAGS ON

COURAGE ALL AROUND

DAWN AWAKENS

A DAY TO REMEMBER

YEARNING LOVED ONES

By Mia