

Dates To Remember

TERM TWO 2020

Friday 15th May

International Day of Families

Friday 29th May

Year 7 Transition forms due

Monday 25th May

Curriculum day

Tuesday 26th May

Prep, 1 & 2 classes resume onsite

Monday 8th June

Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th June

Years 3 -6 classes resume onsite

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 14 May, 2020

Principal's Report

RETURNING TO SCHOOL - YAY!

We were thrilled to hear that we will be returning to school shortly.

May 25	Curriculum Day
May 26	P-2 Students return
June 9	Years 3-6 return

Please note that remote or online learning will cease when students return to school. E.g. Friday May 22 will be the last day of home learning for students in years P-2. Friday June 5, will be the last day of home learning for Years 3-6. Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to return to school as normal.

As mentioned at Monday's assembly, whilst we will be returning to school, there will be changes in regards to hygiene practices and adults attending on school premises.

The biggest concern for everyone is not student covid-19 transmissions, but that between adults. We must protect the wellbeing of everyone in our community. As a result we will be asking...

- Students in Years 2-6 are to arrive and exit from our school on their own. For parents who accompany students to and from school, we ask that you find a suitable meeting point in the streets surrounding our school. If you have a child in the junior years who is confident and responsible to do this, we encourage you to also put this action in place.
- Prep and Year 1 parents may come onto school premises, but must adhere to social distancing.
- If required, Year 2 parents may come onto school premises to pick their child up after school.



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- Parents must drop off or pick up their child in a timely manner and leave the school grounds immediately.
- Parents to contact teachers via Sentral if they need to discuss anything with the classroom teacher
- Minimise office contact by emailing or calling. If you notice someone at the office window, please wait for them to leave prior to entering the building.
- If your child feels sick or unwell please do not send them to school. They must stay at home and you need to seek medical advice.

Carolyn and I will be supervising the entry points to the school. We are happy to watch over the students as they make their way to line. We understand that our preps may need to settle back into school life and may require your presence.

We have purchased quite a lot of hand sanitiser in anticipation of school resuming. Students will be required to either use the sanitiser or wash their hands before entering classrooms, prior to eating and when returning from breaks. The DET have provided additional cleaning of classrooms, touch points and playgrounds. This means areas will be cleaned twice a day.

Playgrounds will be open for students during school hours.

All adults, including staff, must adhere to social distancing. Social distancing rules do not apply to students.

Whilst we are working through procedures, I am sure the DET will continue to keep us informed of changes and expectations.

NEXT WEEK

With school resuming the staff have lots to prepare for and coordinate. As a result there will be a couple of days we ask for students to complete any unfinished work, explore activities on the learning hub, complete some specialist activities or enjoy family life. It will be your choice as parents. On these days there will be no video conferencing or new learning posted. It is a wonderful opportunity to take a breath, have a mental health day or enjoy exploring our learning hub.

TUES 19th MAY- Prep to Year 6

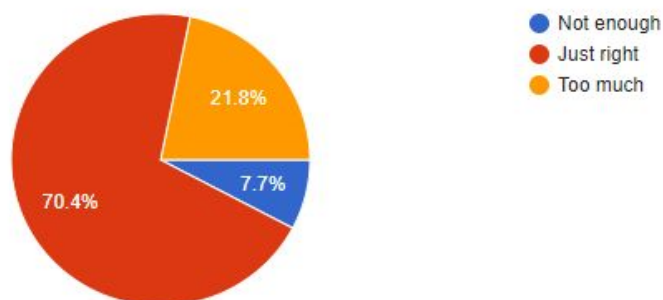
WED 20th MAY- Prep - Year 2

REMOTE LEARNING SURVEY

Thank you to the 142 parents who filled in the Remote Learning Survey. It has been really interesting to review the data and to identify what is working well and what are the challenges. These definitely differ depending on the year level. E.g. Students in P-2 have required an enormous amount of assistance to complete tasks compared to our Year 5-6 students. Should we go back to remote learning, we would implement a few changes in light of your feedback. E.g number of video conferencing sessions. Here is the analysis of the 'Learning Tasks' section of the survey. I will post the results of video conferencing and communication next week.

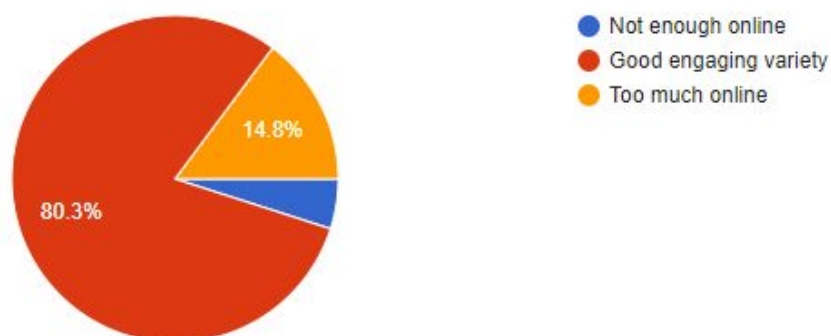
How have you found the amount of work assigned to your child?

142 responses



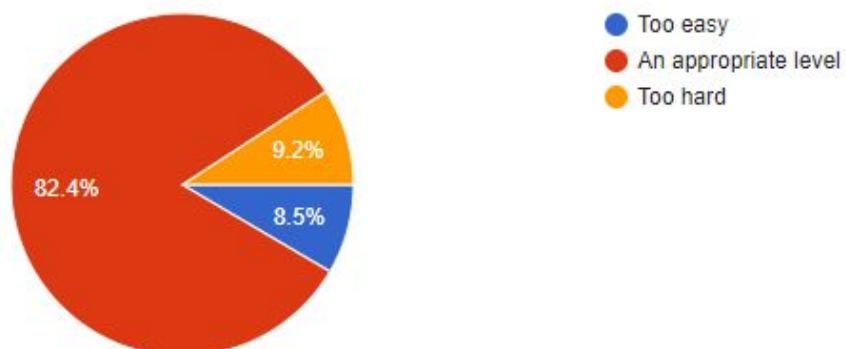
How have you found the type of work assigned?

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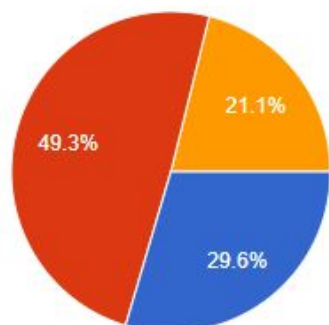
How have you found the difficulty level of work assigned?

142 responses



How much assistance has your child required to complete tasks each day?

142 responses



- Once I set them up they are fine. I am generally just troubleshooting
- I am always beside them helping them to navigate their learning tasks
- They are self sufficient

REPORTS

As always you will receive a report for your child outlining their progress in Semester 1, 2020 against the Victorian Curriculum. The report may look different, however, as it is not possible to implement our standard report writing process.

We have received advice from the Department of Education and Training regarding modifications to the Semester One reporting that takes into account the limitations on the ability of teachers to accurately assess student progress during the remote learning period. We will be sharing these changes with you over the coming weeks.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY!

We had 156 accounts signed in, 10 additional students viewing from school and many siblings sharing the same screen. I would estimate close to 200 students and staff attending our first online assembly. I know that some people had difficulties connecting. As we mentioned it was a trial and for the majority, a successful event. Unfortunately, due to privacy issues we are unable to record any online sessions. Congratulations in particular to our School Captains and all the students who prepared speeches and spoke on behalf of different groups running at our school. E.g SRC and Sustainability. Thank you to everyone who used online etiquette. It could have sounded terrible and been a complete disaster without everyone adhering to online protocols. We would like to hold another one in a couple of weeks. The year 1-2 students can watch the assembly together in class and we can have all our Year 3-6 students join us from their homes.

MOTHERS DAY

We hope all our mums had a wonderful day on Sunday. Whilst I didn't get that massage I was hoping for, I was spoiled with a delicious breakfast, a family walk, a relaxing afternoon spent drawing and a manicure from my daughter! Who knew that I would love cupcake and flamingo stickers on my fingernails!



SICK?

If your child is unwell and unable to complete online learning, then please report them as unwell through Sentral as per normal practice. If a teacher is unwell, then they will send the parents of their class a message through Sentral, to say that they are unable to run video conferencing sessions. Online work will continue to be posted.

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

REMINDER: PLATFORMS

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 School Captains (Angela and Maheer), SRC rep (Christian), Sustainability reps (Zoe and Jocelyn) for speaking at our online assembly.
- Shade sails works completed
- Year 5-6 playground works completed
- Our new chromebooks - provisioned and provided to Year 3/4 students. Our Year 1/2s will enjoy the use of new devices upon their return on May 26!



Sharon Reiss-Stone
Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

Remote Learning Update

A huge thank you to our wonderful staff who have worked so hard during this time and well done to our families! Our community has really worked together and supported each other through this tricky time. As we all support our children's learning at home, it is also a great time to help them to develop persistence, resilience and problem solving skills. Just remember to be kind to one another and be kind to yourself!

From the teachers:

What do you enjoy about remote learning? Being able to wake up at 8am!

What are the challenges? Marcus barking in the background of my live lessons

What does your day look like?

Wake up, make my coffee and get ready for Mrs Teoh's 9am reading lesson, meet my class after to say hi and help them with their task. Once the lesson is finished I look through student work and then have a snack. Come back for Miss Kua's writing lessons and I get to see some of 3/4P again! Then I have a lunch break. Then it's my turn to do my live maths lesson at 2:30 and I get to see my class again!

How is it going so far?

Good! I miss seeing my class and chatting with them all. I'd love to see ALL of 3/4P soon 😊

By Mrs Playsted 3/4P

What do you enjoy about remote learning? Improving my skills with ICT.

What are the challenges? Not being able to see my students everyday.

What does your day look like? A combination of planning, reading, watching, replying and eating.

How is it going so far?

So far so good. I am keeping busy with work and learning new things at home. I redecorated my room with a new bed and desk setup.

By Mr DeMarchi 1/2D

From the ES staff:

What do you enjoy about remote learning? I am enjoying wearing my comfy active wear and slippers all day!

What are the challenges? My biggest challenge has been not seeing and interacting with the children!

Technology has also been a challenge, learning by trial and error, internet going down, having it there constantly, so not allowing yourself a true break.

What does your day look like?

I try and keep my day the same, so I get up around 7 am, I do some yoga, have a hot lemon water and check emails and start my work day, learning online just like the students, contacting families and kids, discovering and making resources and keeping in touch with MWHPS staff. After school I try to get outside for a walk, then it's housework and dinner. To relax at night I have been bingeing on some TV shows whilst crocheting a rug.

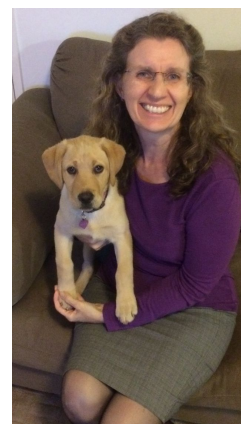
How is it going so far?

We are doing OK, 5 people all running on different schedules in my house make work, sleep, play difficult for all, but we are still happy, healthy and safe(as well as eating lots of homemade food!).

By Mrs Loria

Meet more of the furry friends keeping our teachers company as they work from home!

Mrs Marshall and "Honey" She is 12 weeks old now. She loves cuddles, shoe laces and fluffy slippers.



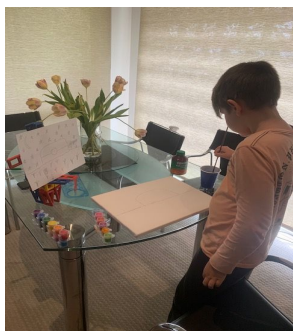
YEAR 6 to YEAR 7 2021 TRANSITION - APPLICATION IF OUT OF ZONE

Information has been emailed to families regarding the Year 6 to Year 7 Transition process (and an application form within that pack). Please be aware that if you are applying for Mount Waverley Secondary College and you are out of their zone, you also need to provide a letter outlining why your child should attend MWSC. Reasons listed need to demonstrate that they offer something your zoned Secondary School can not provide. E.g. Japanese. You also need to highlight your child's talents. Should you need support with this please don't hesitate to contact Louise, Sharon or myself. If you do not provide a letter, then you will not be offered a place. Applications need to be returned to school by **Friday 29th May**.

Assistant Principal

Carolyn Datson

Some photos of home learning from Will in 3/4T.



Relaxation stations while working on a Ken Done inspired art piece



Home learning means your mum can bring you hot drinks while you attend classes/watch a live stream!



Karate lessons have been online! Amazing! Another great way to keep something of a routine going.

Music News



For Sale

Thurmer upright piano in very good condition.

Our Piano technician has checked it over and other than a couple of minor cosmetic repairs it is a very good instrument which will have at least another 30 years life.

We are asking \$400 for the piano and removal costs and re-tuning will be at the cost of the purchaser.

The school piano tuner is happy to be contacted for tuning services and we recommend Network Pianos as a removalist service.

Any questions please contact the school office.



SRC News

Mother's Day

Mother's Day was celebrated differently this year, but nevertheless it was still an important day that was celebrated by our community. Happy Mother's Day to all of the special female figures in our lives!



The SRC Community Challenge: The Healthy Meal



Your SRC presents to you our very first MWHPS Community Challenge: **The Healthy Meal Challenge!**

This challenge requires students to prepare and create mouthwatering, delicious and healthy meals (with or without help). There are no limitations to the type of meal or the range of ingredients; have fun and get creative!

This challenge begins on **Thursday the 14th of May** and finishes on **Thursday the 21st of May**. Before you dig in and gobble down your creation, make sure to snap a beautiful photo of your healthy meal and send it to your class SRC representative! If you are in prep - 2, please send all photos to your classroom teacher.

Could we uncover some of MWHPS's healthiest Master Chefs? Let's find out. **Let the challenge begin!**

If you are racking your brain for some possible recipes, you could challenge yourselves to make some of these...

<https://www.taste.com.au/recipes/rockmelon-strawberry-rockets/7072b5f3-c6be-4467-afbf-847fc8364fd6?r=recipes/kidshealthyrecipes&c=a91da572-616c-44a6-bc76-05f675fabedc/Kids%20healthy%20recipes>

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