

## Dates To Remember

### TERM TWO 2020

**Sunday 10th May**  
Mothers Day

**Monday 11th May**  
Whole School Assembly 2.30pm

**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 7 May, 2020

## Principal's Report



MOUNT WAVERLEY  
HEIGHTS  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Statistics: 20/4/2020 - 26/4/2020

Active  
Google Classrooms  
36  
(0%)



Staff Posts in  
Google Classrooms  
263  
(+1%)



Views of Online  
Learning Site  
2,787  
(+3%)



Emails  
15,109  
(-9%)



Files Created  
5,163  
(+7%)



Video Hangouts  
759  
(+15%)



### WEEK 4 of HOME LEARNING

Here are some interesting statistics for the week 20/4-26/4!  
Can you believe that we made over 15,000 emails, our learning site was viewed over 2700 times, created over 5000 files and we had over 750 video conferences! A huge amount of work.

### ONLINE LEARNING SURVEY

On Tuesday, you should have received an email containing an online survey. Please complete one survey per child. We would like to gather your feedback regarding online learning, as this will help us refine our practices.

### **WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY!**

On Monday May 11th at 2.30pm, we are going to attempt a whole school assembly. I say attempt, because it might not work. Google Hangout/Meets has the capacity for 250 people to be online at once. We would ask that families, with multiple children, to all join the meeting from one device- leaving ample space for everyone. Given that we have 265 students and 20 odd staff, we need as many people to double up as possible!

As with all online classes, we ask that you **turn your microphones off** so that we can clearly hear the person speaking. There may be technical issues (please be patient) or it may not work at all! Fingers crossed for a successful assembly. We will probably learn a lot having taken on the challenge!

As Term 1 holidays were declared early, we missed out on Harmony Day. So we invite everyone to come to our online assembly dressed in an outfit that represents their country or the colors of the flag. We would love to see some pics of your outfits. Don't forget to send them through to us.

Here is a basic run down....

School Captains	Welcome Advance Australia Fair (students to stand and sing (mics off though)
Principal	To say a few words
Awards (P-2)	
SRC	News
Sustainability	Update
Awards (3-6 + Specialists)	
Assistant Principal	To say a few words

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

Information was emailed to families last Tuesday containing details 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 the Year 6 teachers, Carolyn 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**.

## **HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!**

Wishing all our mums and special women in our lives a fabulous day on Sunday. May your day be filled with acts of kindness. Here are a few ideas you might want to write down and accidentally leave somewhere obvious - like the kitchen bench....

<https://theeducatorsspinonit.com/40-acts-of-kindness-for-mothers-day/>

- Draw/paint a picture for your mum
- Collect flowers from your garden and make a bouquet
- Leave a sweet note on her mirror
- Leave a kind note on her pillow
- Surprise her with a note in her car
- Leave a silly note on her computer or laptop screen
- Email your mum something that you love about her
- Text your Mum a kind message (Your dad can help!)
- Take a picture with your mum and print it for the fridge or office
- Create a Hanging Photo Frame with Mum Pictures
- Write a thank you note for a recent task she helped you with
- Write a Poem about your Mum
- Create a scavenger Hunt for her with Thoughtful Notes
- Create a wall of flowers or hearts with positive words on their door each day
- Set the table for a fancy dinner
- Offer to help clean up the kitchen after dinner
- Make a special dinner for mum
- Bake a special treat for her
- Surprise her with breakfast in bed
- Sweep the floor
- Mop the floor
- Wash and Dry the Laundry
- Fold and put the Laundry away



What I am hoping for: a lovely message from my children.

## 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.

## CLASS SEESAW

Thank you to all the families who have downloaded the class seesaw app. This will provide further opportunities for our teachers to provide feedback on your child's work.

## 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](mailto:submission@mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au)

## WILL WE OR WON'T WE BE RETURNING TO SCHOOL SOONER RATHER THAN LATER?

That is the million dollar question. I wish I had the answers! Until May 11, we won't know what the state government's decision will be. I know that they have tested over 100,000 people to determine how prevalent COVID-19 is within our community. Until those results are known, analysed and advice provided, we continue to prepare for home learning for the entirety of Term 2. We can't wait to return either!

## Let's celebrate...

- Our mums and all the special women in our lives.
- School Council meeting via video conferencing this week

*Sharon Reiss-Stone*  
Principal

### 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.



Some great art work from Emma Year 1/2J. Her interpretation of Vincent Van Gough 'Sunflowers' painting



# Assistant Principal's Report

## Remote Learning Update

We are receiving lots of really positive feedback from parents about our remote learning. We recognise it is tricky to manage working from home and assisting your child's learning. Many of our teachers are parents working from home and are also finding it challenging! Some of the things we can do as parents to assist our children during this time is to demonstrate a growth mindset and stay positive. By discussing resilience, persistence and problem solving strategies with your child will help them to develop important life skills.

Yay! Part 2 of my 'Reflections from our community' series! Enjoy!

## From the students:

### What do you enjoy about remote learning?

There are fewer classroom distractions so I can get my work done more easily

### What are you missing about school?

I am missing having casual communication with the teachers. I am also missing my friends.

### What does your day look like?

Wake up. Get out of bed. Drag a comb across my head. Have breakfast then sit down for school. I make lunch for my mum and my sister. I've also been baking once my school work is done. I then have ballet or clarinet over Zoom. Then it's dinner, time with the family then bed.

### How is it going so far?

It's going ok. I enjoy more free time but I am missing school.

Reflection by Emma 5/6D

## From the teachers:

### What do you enjoy about remote learning?

I am enjoying experimenting with different online tools and programs. I am also enjoying wearing slippers all day.

### What are the challenges?

Internet

### What does your day look like?

I go for a run each morning before my 9am meeting. I then get to read story books and play lots of games with my puppet friends while recording. Next it is time to upload my recordings, I do this while talking to your parents on the phone or over Sentral because my puppets have run out of interesting things to say.

### How is it going so far?



By Miss Spurling Prep S



## What do you enjoy about remote learning?

Being half dressed, professional top and pj bottoms

## What are the challenges?

To stop snacking

## What does your day look like?

A big breakfast, google meet, morning tea, emails and messages, snack, learning hub, lunch, afternoon tea emails and messages, snack, dinner, netflix and sleep. A lot of eating ....

## How is it going so far?

I am good love seeing the kids on video meet my favourite part of the week, also love the photos of their learning.

By Miss Jom Prep T

## What do you enjoy about remote learning?

The google meets with my grade, wearing pyjama pants all day long.

## What are the challenges?

Trying to speak on the phone without my own kids screaming or fighting loudly in the background.

## What does your day look like?

Swapping between teaching my kids, doing school work, and eating cookies mostly.

## How is it going so far?

It's chaos at our house but it's fun.

By Mrs Geddes 1/2G

## From the ES staff:

## What do you enjoy about remote learning?

Spending more time with my family and not making school lunches

## What are the challenges?

Finding a quiet place when all members of our household are on video calls at the same time

## What does your day look like?

During the week we try to stick to the school day timetable and on the weekend I annoy my family with constant requests to play board games.....Scrabble anyone?

## How is it going so far?

We are trying our best and doing well considering but missing our face to face contact with friends, family and for me our wonderful students.

By Linda

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



Milo and Mrs Furlong



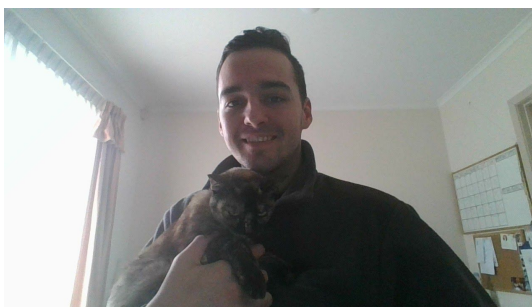
Archie and Louise



My cat's name is Rascal. Her favourite thing to do is go for walks and sleep in the sun. She also loves chasing laser pointers. Mr Demarchi



Assistant Principal  
More next week!  
*Carolyn Datson*



Plus Mrs Black bike riding with her kids!



## SRC News

### Mother's Day

Mother's Day is on the 10th of May, and is celebrated every year. Lots of people celebrate Mother's Day, and it was created by Anna Jarvis in 1914. This day is used to acknowledge the special women in our lives, whether it be a mum, sister, grandma, aunt, step-mum, neighbour or teacher. People celebrate Mother's Day to show the special women in their life that they are loved, appreciated and cared for. They do things for them that show pure kindness. They may give them presents, hugs, kisses and some people even make a delicious breakfast in bed!

So remember that Mother's Day, or 'Special Woman In Your Life Day' is on May 10th, and make sure that you make the special female in your life feel...well, special!

Happy 'Special Woman In Your Life Day' to all the hard-working women out there. We hope you have an amazing day!

Below are some suggested activities. Your SRC class representatives will be collecting photos of your wonderful creations via email.

Heart-shaped shortbread cookies

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6pF0wYhlGA>

Paper flower

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfRUt5eg27M>

Handmade flower card

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oO2wNRKw42E>



### Home Learning Fashion

Your SRC representatives have decided to dedicate a section of the newsletter to Home Learning Fashion! Over the past weeks, we've seen people dress in their PJ's, onesies, fancy clothing, and school uniform. We've decided that each week we will acknowledge one student in the school newsletter for their outstanding fashion choices! We look forward to the creative outfits you bring to your Google Meets. If you believe you are a true Home Learning Fashionista, send a picture of yourself to your class SRC representative

Written by the SRC.





## Physical Education News

### Seesaw Challenge

It has been great to see so many families join in with the family challenge set on Seesaw. This week I have set a challenge through Seesaw under the activities tab. This challenge is for you to create your own obstacle course either inside or outside the home. You have an example on Seesaw of me completing an obstacle course as some inspiration. So please send all of your completed obstacle courses through. If you can upload the video to Seesaw then it can be added to your child's journal.

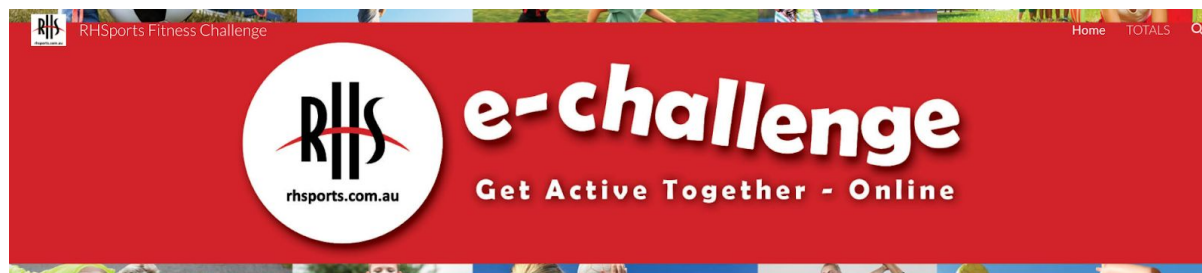
Keep an eye on Seesaw as there will be a different challenge set every week.

### RHS E-Challenge - Get Active Online Together

As part of the SDSSA (Syndal District School Sports Association) we have been invited to join in on an active online challenge with RHSports. This challenge is to stay active at home and work together as a school to log your active minutes. There are different challenges being set. E.g. walking around your backyard for 20 minutes, calculate how many metres that you have walked. By logging on and selecting Mount Waverley Heights Primary School your metres will all add together.

As a school we are attempting to get the best total. There are also basketball challenges, skipping, throwing and catching activities. Have a look at the below website for further details. You don't need to log in or register as individuals or give any personal details. You just need to give the school name.

<https://sites.google.com/view/rhsportsfitnesschallenge/home?authuser=1>



Remember to get active, stay healthy and stay safe.

Mrs Black

*High Expectations Respect Responsibility Resilience Teamwork*



## Prospective Students 2021

During these extraordinary times, it has been difficult for some members of the Community to take a physical tour of South Oakleigh College, to meet with the Principal class, staff and students to learn more about the College and what we may offer your child.

For those who are interested in learning more about our College, our Accelerated Program and our Scholarship Program 2021, I encourage you to visit our website where you will find more detailed information about our school, including the Year 6 transition and Year 7 enrolment processes.

You may wish to use the following hyperlinks to access information that may be of interest to you as prospective parents and students:

- [Take a Virtual Tour of our School](#)
- [Year 7 Enrolment 2021](#)
- [Applications for our Accelerated Program](#)
- [Applications for our Scholarship Program](#)

*Additional information about our Accelerated and Scholarship Programs can be found on the same webpages as the online application forms*

Due to the circumstances, applications for both of these will now close 26 June 2020.

Our testing for the Accelerated Program will be conducted on Saturday 22 August 2020.

South Oakleigh College students are eligible for scholarships at all Year levels. 2021 Year 7 students who apply for our Scholarships will be contacted by our Transition Co-ordinator for an interview.

- [Our Vision and Values - at the core of the South Oakleigh Community](#)
- [Our Curriculum and Extra-curricular Programs](#)
- [Check out our website for more information about our school](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss your child's enrolment at South Oakleigh College and speak to our Principal, Helen Koziaris. We wish you well with your decision - and during these challenging times.

Stay safe!

The South Oakleigh College community

*Knowledge Conquers All*