

Thursday 30 July, 2020

Dates To Remember

TERM THREE 2020

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th August
100 Days of PREP week!

Thursday 27th August
School Photos - to be confirmed

Wednesday 2nd September
School Council Meeting 6pm

Sunday 6th September
Fathers Day

Friday 18th September
Last Day of Term 3

TERM FOUR 2020

Monday 5th October
First Day of Term Four

Principal's Report

ALMOST 2 WEEKS DOWN!

Mrs Datson and I have tried to join all the classes this week to say hello. It has been wonderful to see everyone attending the online classroom and specialist sessions. Thank you for supporting the program. Hopefully this week you have got into the swing of things.

CONGRATULATIONS

Around half of the MWHPS staff are Level 1 Certified Google Educators. Over the school holidays Mrs Kiralee Molnar and Mrs Claire Furlong passed their Level 2 Google Educator exam. This required many hours of study. Congratulations to both!

Mrs Claire Furlong has also been selected for the Innovator Program, which recognises and supports top educators around the globe who are using technology to solve meaningful challenges in education. This is huge. Claire is one of 3 Australians selected for this program and will join 70 others from around the world as they pursue an issue on education and achieve an industry recognised certification.

Certified Innovator Program



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Claire Furlong
VIA20
VIC, Australia



Mrs Furlong's challenge is this (written in her own words) - How do we change and how do we deliver the creative arts - largely practical subjects - so that they still work in an ever-developing digital teaching space and drag them successfully into the current blended learning world? I want to champion subjects such as music and the visual arts in the digital learning space and show how they need to be truly valued as vital to the overall educational development of our children. This is the only space where so many of our children shine and flourish and they desperately need to be given the opportunity to do so beyond the traditional classroom.

<https://www.info.certifiedinnovators.com/innovators/Claire-Furlong>



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ATTENDANCE

Daily attendance will be recorded by the teacher as per normal procedures of schooling. Teachers will mark students present if...

- your child has attended an online learning class that day and/or
- your child has submitted their work
- or by filling in the attendance document form.

If a teacher hasn't seen your child online and your child has not submitted any work, then you will receive a call from your child's classroom teacher to see how everything is going and whether we need to make any modifications. If your child continues to not attend online sessions or submit their work they will be marked as absent.

If your child is unwell, please use Sentral to record their absence.

SUBMITTING WORK P-2



Just a reminder that when you see the SeeSaw logo, please upload the work to SeeSaw Class ASAP. This provides enough time for teachers to read, assess and provide timely feedback. Last term a number of students did not submit anything online, but brought their work with them once we had returned to onsite learning. Whilst we loved seeing all their work, teachers were unable to provide feedback on work submitted this way - there is just too much work and the feedback is too late for your child to benefit.

REQUESTS FOR ONSITE ATTENDANCE

Each Monday a form will be sent out via email for any new families requiring their child to attend school onsite. Please remember that both parents must leave the house for work to be eligible.

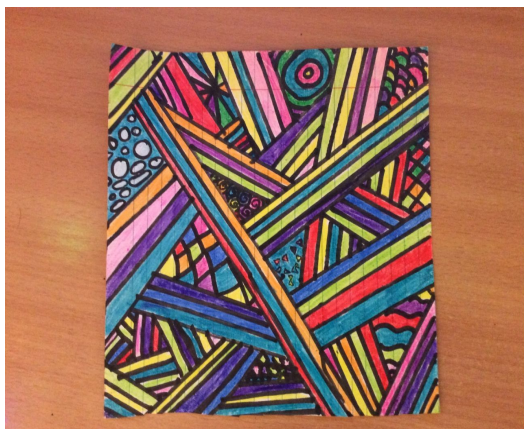
Please note that you only need to fill in this form once. This needs to be submitted by 12pm every Wednesday. THIS IS FOR NEW FAMILY APPLICATIONS ONLY. If your roster changes, please email through the details. The school will email you by Wednesday afternoon confirming your child's attendance for the following week. It is crucial that you follow these timelines as we use this data to ensure that we have enough staff in attendance.

Your child must not attend school if they show any signs of illness.

BOOK CLUB

Please be aware that currently all book club orders for delivery to the school are on hold. Families can have their purchases sent direct to their homes if they would like to purchase any books from the current issue online.

SHARING OF SOME LOVELY WORK ACROSS THE SCHOOL



Eleni's Art work - 3/4T

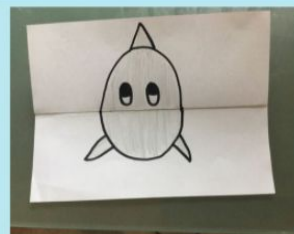


Elijah's writing - Prep J

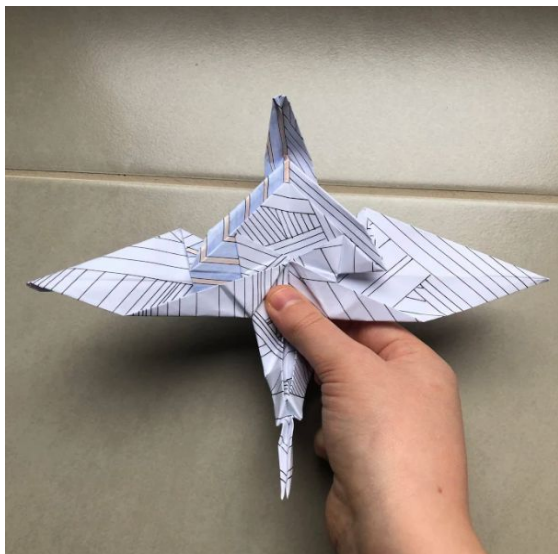


Bethany's artwork - 5/6M

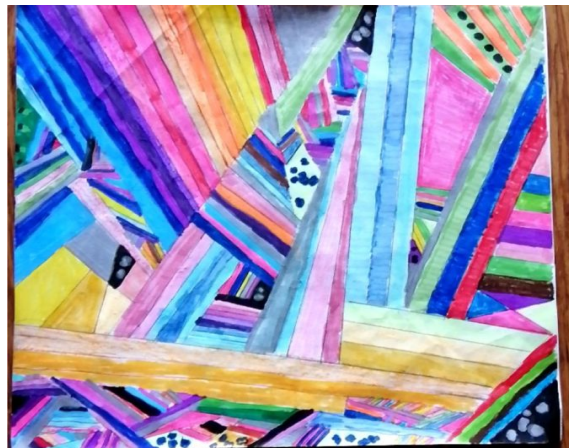
My Jaws with a huge mouth.



Rushillq's artwork - 5/6M



Mia's origami - 5/6M



Nela - patterned artwork 3/4K



Lincoln maths - Prep S



River's Maths - Prep T

Let's celebrate...

- The work being submitted by our students - We looove your posts!
- Mrs Molnar and Mrs Furlong's recent achievements!
- All the fancy face masks people are wearing.

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

Online sessions

It has been great to see so many students engaging online with their teachers. I have been to Japanese, PE and 5/6 reading sessions this week and they have all been fantastic! Our teachers are truly amazing! The students looked so happy and engaged. We know, at times, this can be challenging and we appreciate how everyone is doing their very best. We are so lucky to have such resilient, persistent and optimistic students and families.

Just some reminders for parents while your children are online:

- Ensure your child's microphone is on mute. It means we don't have students speaking over one another and they can hear their teacher. It also helps to cut out any background noise.
- The chat function is not always in use. Some year levels and classes use the chat to answer questions but as a default setting make sure your child is only using the chat when asked.
- Sitting at a desk or table if possible. So your child knows this is learning time. Out in a family area is best.
- Leave snack and lunch times outside face to face meet times. I know this can be tricky while juggling online times but try to eat around those times so your child can fully engage in the lesson.
- Be dressed and ready to go.

If you need anything please Sentral message your teacher, we are here to help!

Resources

The Department of Education and Training and the Department of Health and Human Services have information for families about looking after your health and wellbeing at this time. The sites also have information about how to talk to your child about coronavirus.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/Pages/coronavirus-advice-parents.aspx>

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/Pages/talkingtoyourchildaboutcoronavirus.aspx>

A few things they recommend:

- Discuss the virus in an open and honest way that is age appropriate. Ask your child what they have heard about coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Talk about the facts without causing alarm. The way parents behave can have a significant effect on children. Keep conversations calm and focussed on the facts. Emphasise efforts that are being taken to contain the virus
- Educate the entire family about good health habits. Talk about what each family member can do to help others outside of the immediate family. Model health-promoting behaviours for your children. For example, teach them to wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- It is important to listen to any questions they may have
- Let them know that they are safe and that it's normal to feel worried or concerned

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/mental-health-resources-coronavirus-covid-19> (includes where to get help links)

<https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/be-healthy/mental-health-coronavirus>

Carolyn Datson

Assistant Principal

SRC News



MWHPS Community Challenge #2

SRC presents the next MWHPS Community Challenge: Teddy Window!
The challenge will be running from 30th July - 13th August.

A mass teddy bear hunt is underway around the world amidst Covid-19 restrictions. This hunt is inspired by the children's book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', written by UK author Michael Rosen. Let's join the hunt!

Place a teddy bear or stuffed toy in your window and take a photo of your setup, so that children walking past can spot it while on their 'bear hunt'! You can also take a photo or a video of your own hunt while out on a walk. Check out some of the examples for some inspiration (thanks to Vivian, Alexis and Cerise for their photos).

Please send your photos to submission@mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au.

Happy hunting!

From your SRC.





Reusable Masks

Ariella is a 4th Generation Master Tailor and while she can't do bespoke fittings she is using her skills to help provide the community with durable, reusable fabric face masks.

- Designed to be easy to wear and limit touching of the face
- Made on industrial equipment
- One size fits all (adults)

As a parent of the school, she is offering the school community the opportunity to purchase these before the general public. See website for Pricing.

www.ariella.com.au