

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term continues to march on in its odd form!

An Interesting Perspective

Dr. David Howes, Deputy Secretary, Schools and Regional Services, has been talking over the past couple of weeks about perceptions of our students' educational experience in Victoria in 2020.

He spoke of a narrative that could take hold over the year that 'students have lost a year of learning'. This semester we will be focusing and assessing our students' abilities in their personal and social capabilities. This is their ability to self-regulate and manage their own learning appropriately for their stage of development. It is their ability to use all the resources provided by the teacher to improve their pieces, practise new skills and refine the work they are producing. It is their ability to revise, edit and check their pieces of work without prompting or expecting their teacher/parent to edit for them. It is also their ability to use the modelled example, the success criteria or rubric that outlines 'what a good one looks like' to evaluate their own work and how they can improve it before submitting to the teacher.

There are a variety of styles of delivering remote learning across the state. Some schools are providing hard copy work and no online face to face contact at all for a variety of reasons. Other schools (especially secondary) have a virtual classroom for each of their teachers/subject areas so that students are online with their whole class for 2-3 hours per day or more. After evaluating the different approaches taken by year levels at our school in Term 2 these were our findings:

- Only a small number of students in a whole class WebEx stay engaged for more than 5-10 minutes; the number of students attending whole class WebEx meetings diminished considerably over Term 2.
- Whole class WebEx Meetings do not address every child's level of learning so many are listening to information about concepts they already have or skills they are not yet ready to learn.
- Teachers who were initially using long whole class Webex Meetings found they had no real evidence of the level of understanding and learning of the students in their class; and found assessing and reporting much more difficult.
- Students, families and teachers have told us that children engage and learn much more effectively when supported in small group and individual conferences at their point of need.
- Families with multiple children found logging all of their children into their various meetings challenging and took away from the parents' ability to work effectively from home.

This may help you understand why we made some changes to our delivery of remote and flexible learning 2.0.

Enrolments and Departures 2021

If you are yet to enrol your prep child for next year could you please contact the office ASAP. Further, if you know that your child won't be attending RCPS next year (other than our Year 6s of course!) please notify the office as a matter of priority.

Until next time,



Emma Brooksby
Principal

August 2020

September 2020

1 RCPS Contactless & Drive Thru Father's Day Stall (see ad)

10 School Council Meeting

18 Term 3 Ends **2.30pm**

October 2020

5 Term 4 Starts

7 School Photos

13-14 **Grade 1/2 Camp Weekaway
RESCHEDULED DATES**

26 School Tours 9.30am & 2.30pm

28 District Orienteering

29 School Council Meeting

November 2020

2 **Curriculum Day**

3 **Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**

9 Prep 2021 Transition (Time TBA)

16 Prep 2021 Transition (Time TBA)

16-18 **Grade 3/4 Camp Marysville**

23 * School Tour 9.30am
* Prep 2021 Transition (Time TBA)

30 Prep 2021 Transition (Time TBA)

December 2020

3 School Council Meeting

18 Term 4 Ends **12.30pm**

RCPS Calendar 2020

RIDDELLS CREEK PRIMARY

CONTACTLESS AND DRIVE THRU



Please complete order form and return via email to

deb-luke@bigpond.com

no later than 31st August 2020

All orders can be collected from the Memorial Gate area on

Tuesday 1st September

between

9am to 2pm

Orders to be paid by cash

(correct money no change given)

at pick up

ORDER FORM

Please fill in below information and then tick the box next to the pack you would like to purchase as well as qty. Because the packs will have various items we are unable to take a photo of them.

CHILD'S NAME: _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _____

CLASS: BU ___ OR MU ___

TIME FOR PICK UP: _____

TOTAL TO BE PAID AT PICK UP: \$ _____

I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE FATHER'S DAY PACK

\$10 QTY _____

\$15 QTY _____

\$20 QTY _____

2021 term dates

	Start date	Finish date
Term 1	27 January Students start 28 January in government schools	1 April
Term 2	19 April	25 June
Term 3	12 July	17 September
Term 4	4 October	17 December

Virtual Tour of our School

[RCPS Virtual School Tour](#)



WHAT WE ARE WATCHING!

Phillip Island Nature Parks presents:

Penguin Live TV

They will be live streaming the nightly Penguin Parade straight into your lounge rooms!

<https://youtu.be/mg8lq-dKTIw>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCKSu4XoRcJ6vPF7CLsPJdw>

WHAT ARE BANKSIA STUDENTS UP TO?

Prep students received a special envelope with activities to celebrate 100 days of prep on Friday 21st August. Some students dressed up as a 100 year old.

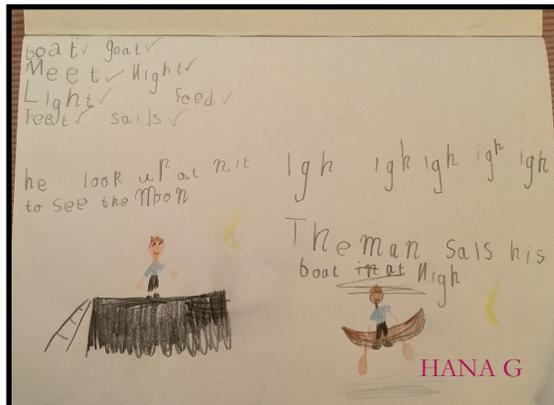


Banksia students observed the Mt Macedon snow cam daily and gathered data about snow fall, wind, cloud cover and temperature.

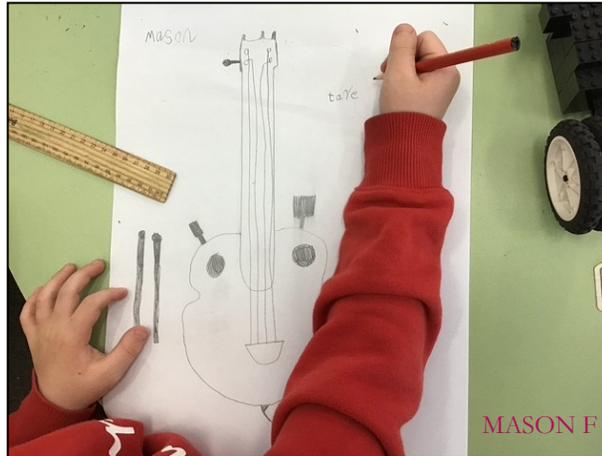
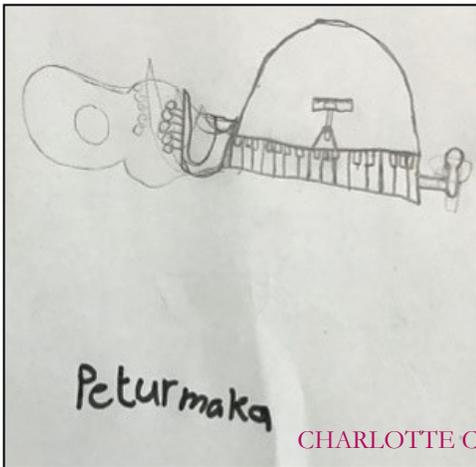
Preps have also been working on dictation, multiplication and repeat addition.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Sky	blue with clouds	Lots clouds	blue sky	Very cloudy		
Snow	No snow	No snow	No snow	No snow		
Wind	No wind	No wind	No wind	Yes		
Temperature	13	14	13	10		
Rain			No rain	yes 2 Leaks		

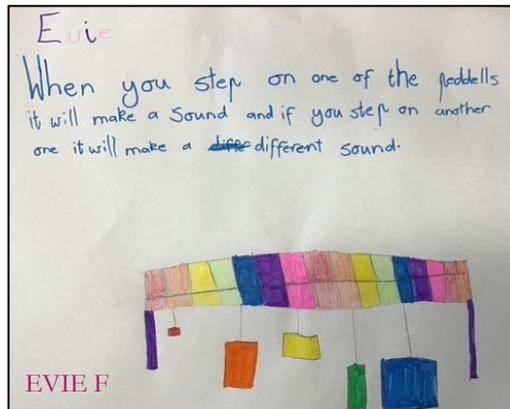
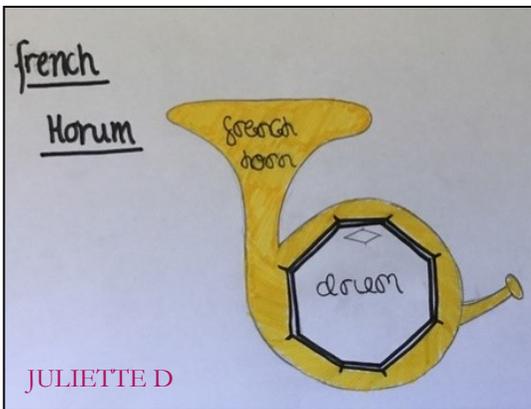
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Remote Learning 2.0



Students in grade 3-6 were asked to invent a musical instrument and make a drawing of it, here are a couple of the drawings.



Prep
Enrolment
Tours 2020
(for Preps 2021)



VIRTUAL TOUR – Please refer to our website to have a look!

Please Note: COVID 19 restrictions mean access to the school is restricted in certain circumstances at present. At this stage, the following tours are scheduled, however this will be dependent on what the situation is in regards to COVID 19 restrictions. Please refer to our website to keep up to date.

- Monday August 3rd 2020 at 9.30am - **CANCELLED**
- Monday August 31st 2020 at 9.30am - **CANCELLED**
- Monday October 26th 2020 at 9.30am - **FULL TBC**
- Monday October 26th 2020 at 2.30pm - **TBC**
- Monday November 23rd 2020 at 9.30am - **TBC**

- Bookings required, contact the school 5428 7277 or email riddells.creek.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
- Please refer to the school website for enrolment requirements.
- On arrival come to the front office first to sign in.
- Closing date for 2021 enrolment applications is Friday 11 September.

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step up and step out for success

Riddells Creek PS Prep 2021!

PREP TRANSITION DATES
MONDAY 9TH, 16TH, 23RD & 30TH NOVEMBER 2020

PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL OFFICE VIA EMAIL FOR ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES. ALTERNATIVELY, PLEASE CHAT TO YOUR KINDY.
KINDY & SCHOOL STUDENT VISITS WILL OCCUR IN TERM 3 (SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT RULING).
SCHOOL TOURS TO RECOMMENCE ONCE RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED.

EMAIL: riddells.creek.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

CLASSY CLASSMATE AWARDS



Week 6 / Week 7

- BU1 Jalen C/Ava J
- BU2 Iylah M/Ivy C
- BU3 Charlotte G/Charley L
- BU4 Patrick O/Chelsea V
- BU5 Saxon H/Riley P
- BU6 Chloe H/Olivia S
- MU1 Sam V/Ella H
- MU2 Max G/Mya H
- MU3 Flynn R/Kandi P
- MU4 Molly J/Ollie D
- MU5 Annaliese G/Chloe F
- MU6 Kaelan Y/Juliette D
- MU7 Jacob G/Tess A
- MU8 Josie D/Amy W



Music Week 7

Juliette D

Onsite

Banksia/Maleleuca

Week 6 Charlotte B/Connor M

Week 7 Neva I/Declan S

Staying Connected With Our Children

Now is the time to stay close to our children. They need to feel us beside them so they don't feel as worried as they are. We need to be honest with them and let them know that good people from around the world are working very hard to keep them safe and healthy. Our children will believe us, we love them deeply.

Be Honest

COVID 19 is a sickness like a cold. Some people will get it. Maybe someone in our family might get sick. We are all a little bit scared. Being scared is a sign that we are concentrating on being safe. There are really good people like doctors who know what to do. They are helping to figure it out.

Validate Their Feelings

Know I might look worried sometimes. Mums or dads get worried too, just like children. I know it can make you feel scared. But I am ok. It is ok to be feeling scared or worried or whatever you are feeling right now. You can share that with me whenever you need to.

Acknowledge Day to Day Disruptions

Even if school and your after school activities stop for a while, they will start up again. How about we think about some ways of doing versions of these things together at home if we need to?

Remind Them

Love you and that is one thing that will never change.

Here are some ways that parents and carers can share connection, comfort and care with their children right now.

Look to History

There have been sicknesses like this before. And they have stopped. Clever people from around the world have worked them out together. The scientists are doing this right now with this one.

Remain Available

You can talk with me whenever you need to. I will answer any questions you have. If I don't know the answers, I will find out and then I will tell you.

Have fun

Share some time with your children that is just for them and let them lead the play.

Let's do some things that you like to do.

Create some quiet time

Find a regular time where you can just be still with children. Stroke their hair. Watch a favourite show on TV. Listen to music together. Let them decide if they want to talk. Be present with them. Enjoy it.



GISBORNE SECONDARY COLLEGE 'MEET THE PRINCIPAL'

Parents and carers of prospective students who would like to know more about what the college has to offer are invited to meet with Jon Morley, Principal.

Sessions will be held fortnightly on a Wednesday (online using Zoom) between 9.15am and 9.45am

Refer to our website for session dates and to register <http://www.gisbornesc.vic.edu.au/meet-the-principal/>

Have you got Instagram?

Don't forget to follow us!



MACEDON RANGES SHIRE

HEALTH & WELLBEING INFORMATION PACKS

Do you or some-one you know need information or support to help them through the COVID-19 pandemic?

If you have no/poor internet access, call Macedon Ranges Shire Council on **5422 0237** and an information pack can be posted to you.

Topics include: community support contacts, financial supports, mental wellbeing and keeping healthy.



ANXIOUS KIDS

Moving from anxiety to resilience

For parents, carers and educators

\$15

early-bird price
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



ONLINE
EVENT

Tuesday
8th September
7:00pm - 8:30pm

Online Event

If anxiety is presenting a challenge for your or your family at the moment I'd love to help. For me, equipping parents and teachers is something I'm passionate about professionally and personally. I've had anxiety since I was 4 years old, from the time I started prep to now. But no longer does it stand in the way of me living my life, and it doesn't have to for you or your kids either. There's so much we can do.

If you'd like to feel more confident recognising anxiety, responding in a way that helps to wind it back (not up!) and have a toolkit of strategies to use, or teach, that calm an anxious brain, I've got wonderful news. I'm presenting a special online event for parents, carers and educators from 7pm – 8:30pm on Tuesday 8th September called Anxious Kids: From anxiety to resilience.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - LIMITED NUMBERS

A Zoom Link will be emailed 24 hours prior to event

Tickets: drjodirichardson.com.au/product/anxious-kids-seminar

Kyneton Town Hall Kids

As part of KTH Kids, Council had already engaged local Gisborne artist Joanne Mott to deliver workshops during the September school holidays.

Due to COVID restrictions KTH Kids has moved online. Joanne has been conducting online workshops for other Councils on a regular basis, and has adapted this workshop to online delivery.

Underwater World is an opportunity for children to be creative during the September school holidays and COVID restrictions. While working alongside a local artist, kids create a mural using recycled sticker materials, that explores the colourful oceanic underwater world of corals, sponges and sea creatures. The workshop has an underlying educational message around the oceanic environmental and issues of plastics in our waterways.

There is also an opportunity for participants to submit a photo of their creation via our website to be part of the Deep Sea Mural.

Artwork received will be enlarged and mounted on to recycled corflute events signs and displayed outside Kyneton Town Hall. The community mural will enable children to share their artwork whilst raising awareness of the environmental impact of plastics in our oceans.

The project is scheduled to go live on Friday 18 September and finish on Sunday 4 October.

Participants need to register in advance via the online ticketing platform, pay a \$5 workshop fee and an arts materials pack will be posted. The pack includes a deep sea mural background, stencils and sticker materials. Children can join the online workshop at any time during the September school holidays.

For information about how to participate in the workshop, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-workshops

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