



# Newsletter

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Dear families,

Thanks for your understanding and patience as we again dive into remote learning. Last Monday, our staff were simply amazing – with one day's notice, they were able to ensure all students went home with resources for home learning. We felt very sad to see the children walk out the school gates, but optimistic too; knowing that we have done this before and we can surely do it again, with flexibility and responsiveness.

By now all teachers will have described the expectations to each family.

We made a few changes based on feedback received at the completion of the last remote learning period.

*Each week there will be*

*One writing Assessment*

*One language Assessment*

*One numeracy Assessment*

*STEM according to Time table*

*Please note that there will be additional Learning Tasks that require submission each day.*

Teachers will make more use of videos throughout the week.

We will hold assemblies on Monday fortnight (starting 17th August).

Please remember that we are in *remote learning mode*, not home schooling. We are all doing our best - families and teachers in different situations, facing daily challenges we never dreamed of, but all determined to do our best! Don't stress if a day's learning does not get done, or the technology doesn't work on a given day. Some families may find they don't get to every learning activity each day. Some families will prioritise just Reading, Writing and Maths. In the big picture of thirteen years of schooling, student progress is not going to suffer if we can't connect for a day or two, or don't complete all remote learning tasks. Your child will remember how they *felt* during this time. It's an important time to love, care and reassure our children. Those things are high priorities right now.

## Before and After School Care

We will continue to offer before and after school care in Term 3. We remind all our families who use the service to enter and leave via the staff carpark with an adult. Children are not to enter on their own from the carpark.

## 2021 Preps

If you have a child who is to start Prep at Gordon PS in 2021, we would appreciate you enrolling them ASAP. Enrolment forms can be sent home if you ring the office on 53689223 or you can find one at [www.gordonps.vic.edu.au](http://www.gordonps.vic.edu.au). Please complete the enrolment form, and submit together with a copy of your child's birth certificate and immunisation certificate. They can be emailed to [gordon.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:gordon.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or dropped into the school office.

## School Photos

We hope will take place 11th September (incorrectly dated in the last newsletter) this year. I am in discussions with the studio to see how this will progress given current restrictions.

## Birthdays

I would like to wish the following students a very happy birthday: Archer, Grace P, Hamish C, Jack T, Ella T, Spencer, Catlin, Maddie W, Jax and Hailey. You can collect your birthday bookmark from the office.

## Russel Cowan



Thanks for the many orders received for the pie drive. Please refer to the compass article for details on how to order.



Grade Three—Mickey and Maddie baking bread.



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## Grade 1 Symmetrical Butterflies

The Grade 1s read the Very Hungry Caterpillar. We explored the lifecycle of a butterfly and also explored the concept of symmetry through symmetrical butterflies. This is some of our artwork produced by our Year 1 students

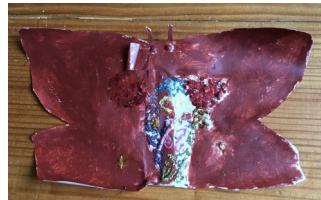
Wolfgang



Pia



Tilman



Sophie B



Ameli



## Some of our preps in Remote learning



**Grade Two—**Sage from Wacky Wednesday and Joss completing some math's



## August

	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
29				30
31				

## September

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
				School Photos	13
14	15	16	17	18	19
				Bridge due	20

All dates were correct at the time of going to print however they may be subject to change.

## Primary Maths Specialists (PMS) News

Remote Learning brings with it challenges and opportunities. We would like to use this period to recap all the wonderful maths that you and your child (ren) have at home both with and without the use of technology.

Sport - playing/watching how many goals? points? running totals

In the kitchen - reading and measuring quantities while cooking/baking, doubling/halving the recipe.

Time - how long have I got? TV programming, bedtime, screen time

Money - from sorting coins and talking about their value to calculating change and creating budgets (Christmas is not that far away!)

We will also include a puzzle for you and your child (ren) to work on together to come up with the solution or as many solutions as you can.



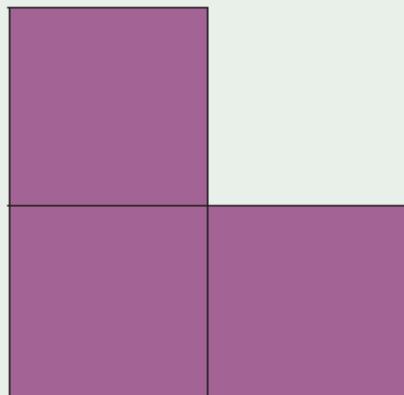
**Overlapping L's**

Materials: squared paper, colouring pens or pencils, scissors (optional)

Try and make a square by fitting copies of this shape together, without gaps and without overlaps.

What is the *smallest* square you can make?

What is the next *largest* square you can make?



Explore More Cards – Maths puzzles and investigations Book 1

We wish parents and students as well as all teachers the very best during this remote learning period.

We look forward to returning to school happy and healthy!

Carly Middleton and Pat WIthell