



Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk....

We are almost there.... Juniors starting from Tuesday. I will attempt to address most areas in this newsletter, however, for further information, the following link answers the majority of quest.

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

COVID-19 Resumption of Face to Face Schooling Operational Guidelines

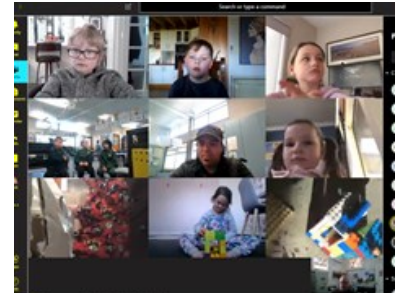
Hygiene

- All students will wash hands regularly throughout the day: after toileting, before and after breaks and during lessons when required. E.g. sneezing, coughing, after use of tissues.
- Soap, sanitiser in all wash areas.
- Thorough cleaning of taps, door handles and communally used surfaces will be carried out from every day. – double the normal cleaning budget has been allocated
- Outdoor fixed play equipment is out of bounds allowing us to focus cleaning measures where essential.
- If any confirmed cases of Covid19 are identified amongst the students or staff at the school, those persons will be isolated immediately in the office area until they can go home and seek medical support. The school will be locked down for deep cleaning. It will not re-open until declared "safe" by DET

Parents please note:

- **Assemblies** will continue on teams until further notice
- **Camps, Excursions, and Incursions** have been cancelled for term three
- The 2020 **concert** has been cancelled.
- Different bell times and play areas for senior students will be in place until further notice. Teachers will advise students of this on their return to school

Grade 1



Health checks

- If the School principal declares a child "ill" following a presentation during the day that child will be immediately sent home or isolated for the remainder of the day
- COVID19 Testing is available in Ballarat for DET Teachers and Support staff who seek a health check.
- If any member of the community is feeling unwell with dizziness, nausea, flu-like symptoms, or mild symptoms they **must NOT** attend school and urgently seek a health check. If you become unwell at school, please advise the principal or delegate.
- Education staff are entitled to priority health checks if they experience symptoms

Restrictions

- Parents, Trades, consultants, or other visiting personnel are not allowed on site. Only by approved appointment.
- Students will be dropped off and picked up on Dicker Street. They will enter the school at the following gates. Parents concerned can walk their children to the gate:
- Prep / one Eastern gate (level with sandpit) where a teacher will be there to assist from 8:50am

- Two / Three – gate outside grade two classroom
- Four / Five / Six – Administration gate
- After school care – Staff carpark gate.

Students must cross at the crossing and parents must be extremely cautious while driving on Dicker street!



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Operations & return details

Key Dates	
May 25 th	Student Free Day – whole school
May 26 th	Prep, grades One and Two students return
May 28 th	Grade six – seven transition forms due to office
June 8 th	Queen's Birthday holiday
June 9 th	Student Free Day – whole school
June 10 th	Grade Three, Four, Five and Six return to school
July 24 th	Semester One Reports will be sent home (on Compass)
July 28 th	Parent Teacher interviews. Details to be provided on platform
Sept 11 th	School Photos

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Students:

- Bubblers cannot be used.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own bottles for refilling.
- Hot lunches will not be running until later notice

Social Distancing

- Students are not required to socially distance. 'Hands Off' is part of our school culture.



Dakota getting into the spirit of Lego masters and PJ day!

Prep Lego creations

Aiden, Ash-ton, Archer, Elliot, Finn, Sara and Winston



Remote learning, student supervision and transition back to school

- When students begin to return to school, some may struggle to settle. Some will be excited to see their friends and others will be distant. The social and emotional health of students is a high priority and I ask that you be alert to identify students who may need support.
- Bag lockers – please leave clean each day so that cleaning can take place
- Year 3-6 Student Supervision: For students onsite in these grades, they must report to their normal classroom.

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Skye and any members of our community who are celebrating their special day.

Have a great weekend!

Russel Cowan

Grade 4 remote learning

Writing

This week Grade 4s have been working on using writing techniques to add more detail into their writing including using the 5 senses, WOW words, figurative language and 'show, don't tell'.

The poor child stood alone in the cold forest. He heard a wolf howl nearby...he shivered with fear, thinking, is the wolf going to eat me? The boy saw a shadow right in front of him. He looked up to see a grey wolf with hazel eyes looking down at him. Are you going to eat me...?

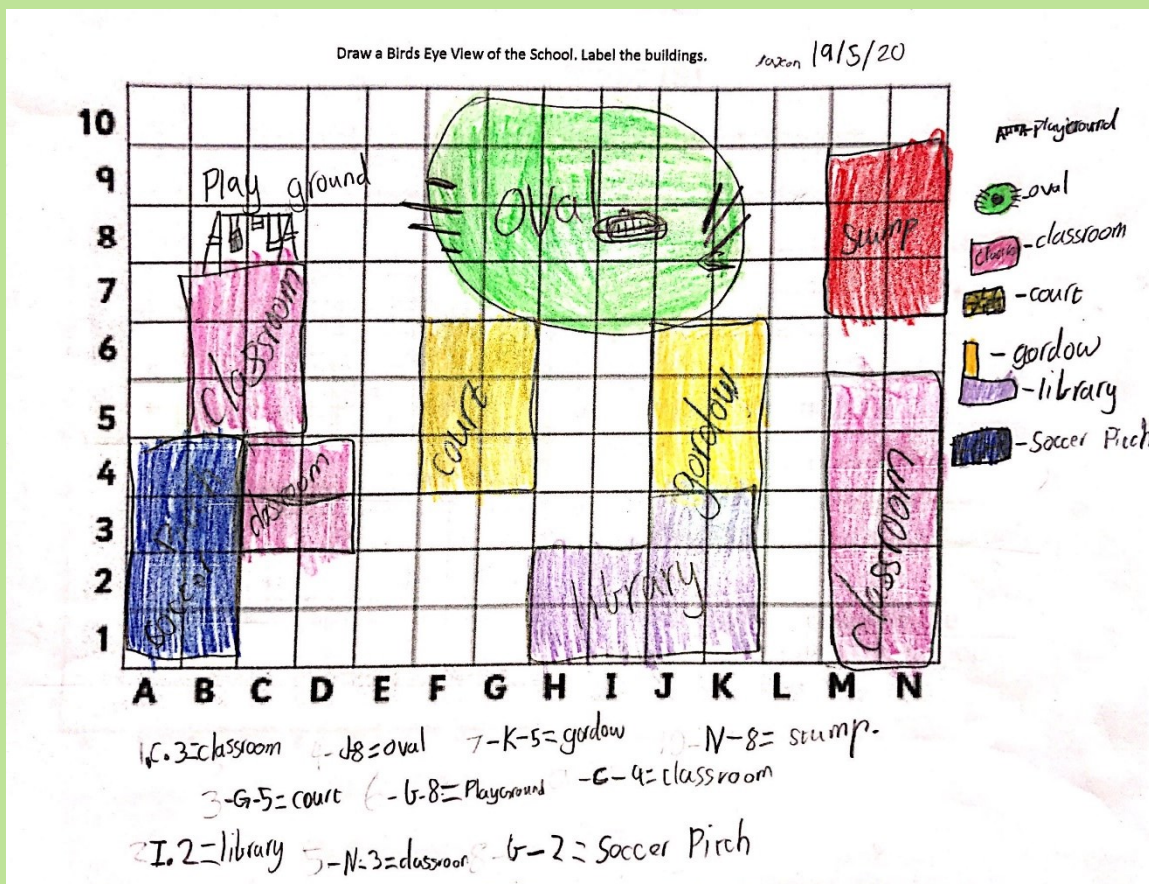
By Tilly

The ward was dark and the floorboards creaked with every step. Something was calling my name. It had an incredibly dark but soft voice. The ward was so cold, I could feel my hands shivering uncontrollably. I couldn't feel them. They were so cold. As I tried to stand up in the ward, it felt like my feet were going to fall off. I stumbled upon a little stand of wood. I fell and couldn't stand upright. I stumbled and reached the wall and then the light flicked on. Oh no...

By Emily

Maths

We have been exploring location and mapping. Here are some bird's eye view maps of Gordon Primary School.



May 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
STUDENT FREE DAY	Prep / One / Two return Whole School As- sembly (Teams)					

June 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Queens Birthday	Student Free Day	3/4/5/6 return				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Term 2 Last Day		
29	30					
School Holidays	School Holidays					

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

Student of The Week



Prep / 1 / 2 and 3 All students for a great start to remote learning

Grade 4

Hamish (responsibility)

Katya (responsibility)

5/6A

Tyler (responsibility)

Caitlin (resilience)

5/6B

Hailey (respect and responsibility__

Kai (responsibility)

Mr Allen

Chelsea S (resilience)