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2020 Dates to Remember

- ⇒
- ⇒ Monday 16th November
School photos

Restrictions on Parents/carers being permitted to come onto school grounds are still in place, and you are still requested to observe social distancing whilst waiting for your children out the front.

HEADLICE

Please check your child's hair as we have those little critters back in the school.



We are an
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Characteristics of "Good Kids."

Trevor says stay safe and he has information being sent home on Monday with the packs for you to read.



REMOTE LEARNING PROCEDURES.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Below are the procedures and protocols we are putting in place for this second Remote and Flexible Learning period, which at this stage will operate for six weeks.

Online Learning

Next **Monday, 10th August**, we will launch into our **online learning program**, which will be as follows:

- An individual folder for each student, containing all their work for the week can be picked up at the front of the school from 8:45am. For our bus travellers, we will drop off the work at your house, between 8:15 to 8:30am.
- Also from Monday, each student can access their daily lessons from the **Strathmerton Primary website**, by opening the **Remote Learning tab**, and then clicking on their teacher. Students must view their teacher's video each day to learn what they are to do and which worksheets they are to complete. (***Parents** - the teacher will tell the students to pause the video at certain times, so that they can complete the accompanying worksheet or activity. It's important that they pause when asked, so that they don't miss vital information regarding the next learning activity.*)
- Then, every **Thursday**, workpacks are to be returned for correction. They can be dropped off at the front of the school between 1:30pm - 3:00pm. (for the bus travellers, the bus will come and collect them from the front of your property from 2:00pm onwards). Then the process repeats itself, with the new workpack available for pick up the following Monday, to then be returned on the Thursday.
- Most students would complete their daily video learning activities in around 2 to 2 ½ hours and in their remaining time they could do a lesson provided by our **Specialists** who will also post a video on our website from **Monday, 10th**. Students will be able to access an Art lesson provided by Mrs Mead, an Auslan lesson provided by Mrs Cleary, a PE lesson provided by Mr Mills and a Skillzone lesson provided by Adam Gatum. Also, Mr Weppner will have a serialised story to listen to if they wish to have some 'time out' entertainment. There will be one story for the seniors and one for the juniors.
- Each week, the children will be invited to join class **Zoom meetings**, so they can see their teacher and classmates and touch base with them. This is important, so that all students can maintain their sense of connection and not feel so isolated. Zoom meetings will take place on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** each week, with teachers sending out an invitation to join beforehand.
- We have a plan up our sleeve for the Production and Ms Olson will provide more details in coming weeks.

Onsite Attendance

The Department of Education has put guidelines in place for onsite attendance of students, where parents are unable to care for them at home due to work commitments. We will not be accepting requests from parents/carers, where one or both are at home and can provide supervision. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide supervision because remote learning is challenging and it is therefore easier to send your child to school. Supervision can only be provided where the eligibility criteria are met.

There are three categories for acceptance of students onsite for supervised learning:

1. Parents who are required to work and cannot do so from home.
2. Special school students.
3. Vulnerable students (which includes students in 'Out of Home Care')

If you wish your child to attend onsite learning and you fall into one of the categories above, please contact me at school to discuss your circumstances. If you are applying because you are a required worker, Department guidelines state that you must supply me with a letter from your employer, saying you are required to work.

We will be operating with a skeleton staff rostered on each day, with their role being to supervise the students' online learning. Remaining staff will be working from home.

Onsite students should be dropped off at the front of school at 9:00am. School will **finish at 3:00 pm** each day and students can be picked up at the front gate. Parents/carers are reminded to be wearing a face mask.

We believe that, as a staff, we will be providing remote and flexible learning of a high standard, because we genuinely care about our students and want to support them in the best way we can. However, if you have any concerns or suggestions you wish to share, please don't hesitate to contact me here at school.

We do know and understand that for all of us, these are challenging and anxious times. We understand that some days, you may not be able to get through the learning tasks required and that is fine. If your child experiences frustration, please feel free to adjust the learning activity or take a break from the task.

Finally, I thank you for your continuing patience and support during this time. The mental health and wellbeing of our students, staff and families is the most important thing to look after. I can reassure you that we will come back together and school will start again as normal at some point, and students will catch up and grow with the support of our staff.

Thanks for your support.

All the best,

Geoff Weppner



STRATHY STARS



Amy Payne, Degan Ryan, Xavier Wilkinson,
Macy Carter and Sadie Wren



Literacy Award



Konnah Safe, Avi Mendoza, Ella
Wood, Alyssah Wilson and Jed
Bayne



Maths Award



Harry Wood, Amy Wyatt, Kacey
Beurs, Kael Carmody and
Indianna Sellman



Sophie Hibberson and Nicky P are our
barrel winners this week.