



TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

REMOTE LEARNING JULY 2020



BACK WHERE WE STARTED FROM!

Welcome back to what has become another term of challenges, problem solving and remote learning. We reflected on what worked well last time not knowing we would be back in this situation so quickly. We have used these reflections to try and build on remote learning version 1, while also making adjustments to areas that we believe will enhance this version of remote learning. All teachers will be using video conferencing tools to connect with the children in one way or another. This provides an opportunity for your child to see some of their peers and hear about their home learning experiences. This will also be an opportunity for some targeted teaching and clarification of learning intentions. It will certainly help the social and emotional well being of the children, seeing their peers and their teacher in person.

A huge thank you to all families who are staying positive and working with your children to complete and post some very high quality work. It's most important your children stay engaged, but please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you need any support or help engaging your child in the learning. Sometimes approaching a task in a different way will make all the difference. The teaching staff, support staff and school leadership will assist you in any way we can.

Thank you for all the positive feedback the school has received. It's great for the teachers to hear they are on the right track.

RESOURCES FOR ONLINE LEARNING - FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Department of Education and Training has developed a range of resources to support students, families and teachers to maintain learning continuity through this period.

The Learning from home web page includes information for teachers and students, as well as specific advice, tips and resources to help parents and carers to support their learning from home.

Please visit the page to find information on:

- understanding learning from home and your child's responsibilities
- how to set up a home learning environment
- supporting your child with additional needs
- managing screen time and supporting health and wellbeing
- resources and tips.

There is also translated information about learning from home available. If you have any questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) or learning from home, call the Department's phone line for parents: 1800 338 663.

FACE COVERINGS

In line with advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government and DET have announced that people in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire must wear a face covering when they leave home from 11.59pm on Wednesday 22 July 2020. Face coverings will be mandatory for people aged 12 and over.

At Tecoma PS this means that school-based staff will be required to wear a face covering whilst at school. Teachers and support staff will not be required to wear face coverings while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can. Teachers will wear face coverings in other areas of the school when not teaching - in the staffroom, on yard duty and when providing first aid or taking temperatures.

For students currently attending school for on-site supervision, a face covering is optional. Primary school students, even if they are 12 years of age or older, are not required to wear face coverings at school, but may do so at the parents' discretion.

TERM THREE SCHOOL EVENTS

A number of events and opportunities that had been planned for term three have had to be postponed until term four or cancelled completely. While we will make every attempt to ensure that students will have access to camps, excursions and extra curricula opportunities, much of this is currently out of our control.

We know that students and families have been looking forward to many of these events particularly school camps and the annual school photos. Please know that the postponement or possible cancellation of any event is out of our hands and while we will make every effort to try to reschedule, so will every other school in the state. We do know that at this stage, our photos are now booked for October 21.

LOST PROPERTY.....

Hello Parents & Carers, we have quite a bit of uniform in our lost property baskets. If we have your child's uniform in lost property, we will send you an email on Friday 24th July. Please contact the office to arrange a suitable time for you to collect these and we will then leave them outside the office for you to collect on the day you have nominated.



Thank you for your assistance with this.

SCHOOL HALL

Hopefully you all saw the start of term assembly, some very ordinary shooting at the hoops (you won't believe it but the first shot, a 3 pointer went in and the camera didn't catch it!) and the new floor and line marking. It looks absolutely brilliant and a real improvement on the 30 year old flooring, that while it stood the test of time, had started to show some wear and tear. This floor won't need polish or buffing but simply a sweep and mop. Less maintenance, clear line marking and a much better look. A win on all fronts. Let's hope we get 30 years out of this floor.



SCHOOL STREAM

Thank you to everyone who so quickly subscribed to the School Stream app after the sudden closure of FlexiBuzz. To be honest, with the second coming of remote learning during the holidays, we are thankful that we had most of our community changed over in the 3 days before the end of the term break. It was the worst possible time to not have a communication tool. What transpired during the holidays meant it was vital we had everyone across, giving us an ability to be able to communicate to you all.

We are really pleased with the functionality of the app and what it provides. The attendance forms are simpler, the absence forms easy to complete and the paperless permission forms for incursions, excursions and camps will make life much easier than looking for notices at the bottom of children's bags. We have been able to integrate the QKR app, moving us one step closer to being a cashless school as well.

We are exploring more of the app and you will see more of the features as we get the children back to school.

Please take care out there,
Rohan Thompson
Principal



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep K	Elsa B	Elsa I am in awe of your commitment to your reading. Since beginning Wushka last term, you have completed 133 readers today! And before you receive this certificate, you will surely have completed another 10 or more. Well done Elsa, a truly spectacular effort!
Prep P	Isobel B	WONDERFUL WORK Isobel in completing your activity about The Community and creating your house so well using coloured paper and your imagination.
Prep W	All or Prep W!	Well done to all of Prep W for getting back into remote learning with a positive attitude! You should all be very proud of yourselves and the work you are doing. I can't wait to see you all again one day soon!
Prep Y	Sonny P	For completing some excellent work while onsite at school. Sonny you were a little nervous about completing your writing recount about what you did on the holidays but you put in your best effort and completed some great writing! Well done!
1C	Millie F	For her positive start to Remote Learning 2.0! Millie, I've loved seeing all the activities you submit on Seesaw. Your videos and the photos of your work show your wonderful effort and how you are working things out. Well done on a great start!
1D	Oli H	For making a wonderful and positive start to remote learning 2.0. It's fabulous to see all the wonderful activities you are completing on Seesaw. You are a star!
1V	Maxime R	For always having a positive and cheerful attitude when learning from home and for thinking of creative ways to demonstrate his learning in different ways! You are doing an amazing job Maxime! Well done!
2L	Jepi S	Jepi has become much more confident when using Seesaw during remote learning. Specifically, he has greatly improved recording his verbal explanations of the work he has submitted, with increasingly less parent help. Well done Jepi!
2R	Harper W	For your positive attitude and hard work during the start of Remote Learning 2.0. It is lovely to see the fantastic activities you are completing every day, and your smiling face in the photos of your work. Keep up the incredible effort!
2W	Hayley C	Hayley has had an awesome start to remote learning. She has done heaps of reading and made several excellent interpretations about the wetland graph she created. Thanks Hayley.
3/4G	Hazel M	Hazel has jumped right back into remote learning with a positive attitude. It is great to see her complete work on Google Classroom and she has successfully used Google Meet. Keep it up Hazel.
3/4K	Josh M	For being prepared for our Google Meet sessions this week and being a champion at speaking and using your camera on the big screen! It isn't easy to do this for the first time, especially with your whole class online. You should be very proud! Well done Josh :-).



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



GRADE	NAME	REASON
3/4M	Oskar W	Oskar has been a wonderful member of 3/4M, returning to remote learning with a positive attitude and a willingness to try anything. He has been an active participant of our Google Meets, sharing his thoughts, ideas and asking wonderful questions! Keep it up Oskar!
3/4R	Ollie W	For the wonderful way he has participated in our Google Meet sessions. Ollie has been respectful and followed our protocols at all times. It has been lovely listening to him share and also getting to virtually meet his baby sister, Sadie. Well done Ollie!
3/4W	Jaxon S	Jaxon has embraced our Google Meet sessions with respect and enthusiasm. He already knows how to 'virtually' raise his hand to ask and answer questions and is not shy in doing so! Good on you Jaxon and keep the questions coming!!!
5G	Scarlett O	For diving straight back into remote learning and eagerly participating in all Google Meets. Scarlett has been showing up early and contributing significantly to all Google Meet discussions. Her comments and ideas about neurons and synapses in the brain were particularly enlightening and helped others learn. Thank you Scarlett for being such a wonderful class member and team player.
5M	Mason B	For the terrific start he has made to Remote Learning this time around. He has been prepared for our Google Meets, has participated actively in them and worked well on the tasks given.
5S	Ronan D	For demonstrating a friendly and enthusiastic demeanour during our daily Google Meets! It has been wonderful to see your bunny and cat, and more importantly hear your interesting contributions! I hope you continue to display this enthusiasm when completing set tasks on Google Classroom too! Keep up the growth mindset Ronan!
6F	Jasmine T	Jasmine has begun with a growth mindset and fresh enthusiasm for her learning. She is especially thrilled about exploring the novel <i>The Storm Keeper's Island</i> by Catherine Doyle, with the rest of the class in our Google Meets! Your love of literature is to be admired.
6R	Kyla D	Kyla has transitioned to the use of Google Meet seamlessly. She actively participates in all of our class discussions, extending her own knowledge and supporting others to develop their understanding. Well done Kyla!
JAPANESE	Eve C	For starting the new term with great enthusiasm and welcoming new learning challenges with a positive spirit. Excellent effort!
Art	Kyla D	Kyla specifically selected and completed an activity from the Art Choice Grid which she knew would be challenging. Well done for using your initiative and extending your skills. This is a great attitude to have during remote learning.

Form & Practice

Olinda & Mt Evelyn

Physio & Reformer Pilates

- Sports Physio
- Reformer Pilates
- Clinical Exercise & Strength Classes
- Back / Neck Pain
- Headaches & TMD
- Post Operative Rehab
- Knee and Hip OA + GLA:D
- Women's & Men's Health Physio
- Orthotics
- Massage & Myotherapy

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