



TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

REMOTE LEARNING SEPTEMBER 2020



Webinars for Parents and Carers to help build family resilience

Dear parents and carers,

There are two helpful new resources to help you support your children during remote and flexible learning.

Raising Learners podcast

The Department of Education and Training has funded a 10-episode podcast series through the Raising Children Network called 'Raising Learners'. It features parenting experts from organisations including the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Career Education Association Victoria, as well as the Australian eSafety Commissioner, Julie Inman-Grant.

Raising Learners provides parents with practical advice, tips and ideas for supporting children's health, wellbeing and engagement at school and at home. Topics include how to connect with your child's school and community, how to best support your child's learning, what to expect for VCE and VCAL students and how to keep your child safe online.

These topics were drawn from common questions that parents raised with the Department's coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline and Parentline.

The first three episodes will be available on 1 September, and the rest throughout terms 3 and 4. Raising Learners can be accessed via podcast apps and [Raising Children Network website](#).

Managing the Coronacoaster webinar

Renowned child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is back by popular demand to repeat his Coronacoaster webinar.

On 15 September, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg will again present Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era. His first webinar in August booked out in three days, with more than 12,000 registrations.

In this webinar, Dr Carr-Gregg provides tools and strategies for parents and carers to help manage the lockdown period and remote learning.



Topics include:

- your supportive role
- setting the emotional tone
- focusing on what you can control
- how to deal with disappointment
- more resources and where to get help.

Webinar details

When: 7.30pm, Tuesday 15 September

Duration: 45-minute presentation, followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer session

Format: online via live stream

Cost: free

[Register for the Managing the Coronacoaster webinar via Eventbrite](#)

After all the issues with no power, no internet and then contaminated water, we thought this was a good photo to share of one of our students helping the community to stay safe.

Imogen painted a sign to warn drivers speeding down the road that trees are down.

She used a piece of wood she had been using as a bike ramp and painted the wording herself.

Please take care out there,

Rohan Thompson

Principal





STUDENT OF THE WEEK



GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep K	Sienna S	Sienna it is always such a pleasure listening to you read to me. You have been working really hard to read with expression, taking note of punctuation within texts, such as question marks and exclamation marks. Your reading of Green Eggs and Ham by Dr Seuss was very impressive. Well done!
Prep P	Madeleine W	Madeleine you are really trying very hard to read with expression by looking carefully at the different punctuation and using an interesting voice. Keep practising using those different reading strategies like Stretchy Snake and Eagle Eye. AWESOME!
Prep W	Olive G	Olive has put so much effort into her reading over the last few weeks! You are recognising more words automatically and have been sounding words out really well! Keep up the great work Olive!
Prep Y	Lenix E	Lenix it has been so wonderful to see so much amazing work being submitted this week! I am so looking forward to having you with us face to face in the classroom. Keep up the awesome work at home until then Leni!
1C	Tahlia B	For her spectacular spelling sentences. Tahlia, you wrote some great sentences with your spelling words in them. Your writing was beautiful and neat as well! Keep up the wonderful effort :)
1D	Grace C	For being a Reading SUPERSTAR! Grace you should be very proud of the progress you have made with your reading this year. Well done and keep up the fabulous effort!
1D	Oli H	For being a Reading SUPERSTAR! Oli you should be very proud of the progress you have made with your reading this year. Well done and keep up the fabulous effort!
1V	Eamon E	Eamon, I always enjoy listening to you read to me, and you are improving more and more. You use the punctuation to help you add expression to your voice, and your understanding of what the books are about is also improving. Keep up the wonderful work Eamon!
2L	Nicholas P	Nicholas produced an amazing diagram of the different layers of the ocean. He illustrated and labelled the different kinds of sea creatures that live in these habitats. Amazing work Nicholas.
2R	Henry J	For the amazing work you did to celebrate Father's Day. Henry gave his dad the nickname 'Super Dad' because he is very clever at fixing things and they love going for walks together. You are very lucky to have such a Super Dad!
2W	Indiana B	Indi did so much work for her Father's Day activity. It was great to learn how brave he is when he picks up spiders and that he makes the best eggs and smoothies. She reckons he is the best dad in the world! ☺
3/4G	Ruby C	It has been fantastic to watch you tackle the challenges of Google Classroom and internet connections with positivity. It is also wonderful to see you participate in our Google Meets, especially when we get to see your beautiful dog! Well done!
3/4K	Daniel W	Thank you Daniel, for always bringing a smiling face and a sense of fun to our Google Meets each day! You have been an absolute whiz in our crossword challenges and scavenger hunts too! Thanks for keeping a smile on our faces. ☺



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GRADE	NAME	REASON
3/4M	Austin L	Austin wrote an incredible speech and delivered this with enthusiasm on Flipgrid. Austin you spoke passionately about motorbikes, used hand gestures, spoke clearly and confidently and wore your motorbike gear and had your motorbike as a prop! Fantastic! Well done!
3/4R	Charli F	For doing an amazing job at delivering her passion speech about Cavoodles. Charlie your speech was well written, you spoke clearly and confidently and I loved your prop (your dog Albi). Well done Charlie, you should be very proud of yourself!
3/4W	Sebastian K	Seb worked hard on his fractions last week! He was able to identify equivalent fractions, accurately place fractions along a number line and also started adding fractions together. It's wonderful to see you extending yourself Seb! Well done!!!
5G	Neassa C	For writing such a passionate and persuasive letter to Woolworths. Neassa continues to amaze me with her ability to persuade using the techniques we've taught in class. She chose a topic close to her heart 'plastic packaging' and used her convincing writing skills to draft a letter to Woolworths. She suggested substituting plastics with other materials and urged them to make a change. Thank you Neassa for your inspiring letter.
5M	Everleigh G	Everleigh, I loved the effort you put into your angles work this week. You not only learnt how to use an online protractor but you created an interesting Mario Bros Level to show your understanding of angles. Well done.
5S	Alex O	For demonstrating some incredibly persuasive writing in your sustainability letter to your parents! You drew on your prior knowledge well, and included facts, statistics, rhetorical questions and emotive language to persuade the reader to lead a more sustainable life! You clearly learnt a lot during the last few weeks and applied it all so convincingly in your writing! Fantastic work Alex!
6F	Callan B	Callan has consistently handed in work of an exceptional standard throughout our sustainability unit this term. His final piece, a letter to the federal minister for the environment, the Hon. Sussan Ley, demonstrates Callan's conviction to creating a more sustainable future through sound and compelling arguments, using mature and convincing persuasive techniques. Excellent work Callan!
6R	Sonny S	Sonny has shown commitment to his own learning while working remotely. He attends Meets consistently, engaging actively in our maths groups to extend his understandings. Great work Sonny!
Art	Ruby H	Ruby was very creative when completing her artwork this week. She used Yayoi Kusama's paintings as inspiration and designed a fashion outfit. I will be keeping an eye out for her fashion label in years to come.
Art	Alexander D	Each week Alexander has been making amazing creations and giving his personal best in Art lessons. He has made a giant woven shark, a very detailed paper rock pool and this week he showed his keen eye with photography. Alexander you continue to impress me every week!
Music	Hazel W	For her wonderful work in Music lessons. Well done Hazel!
Japanese	Arianne B	For learning the 'Paprika' song (2020 Tokyo Olympics) and singing it beautifully in front of the camera. Excellent work, Arianne-san!



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