

Trevallyn Primary School



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Term 2, a new and different looking term than any other. I hope that you were able to take the opportunity over the holidays to rest and recharge. We return from a holiday, committed to achieving the very best we can to support students, families and staff. We also have a great sense of optimism and appreciation for so many “silver lining” and positives to be grateful for.

The way in which we teach and the way our students learn is going to look different in the coming weeks. I know this may be a challenging time for some of our school community. In fact the first few weeks of this term we will need to test what works and what doesn't and adapt and share all our learnings.

I can't tell you how proud I have been of the huge amount of work everyone at TPS has done, working in teams, both quickly, and calmly and always putting learners first. Thank you to all our school community for your incredible work and responsiveness.

I have asked some senior students and staff to tell us how the start of Term 2 has been for them.

I hope you enjoy these snapshots and gain an appreciation of various experiences.

I wish everyone the best for the term ahead.



Annette

CROSSING GUARD

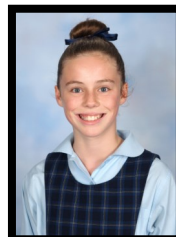
Whilst we are adjusting to COVID-19, we have Tony (2) replacing Tony (1) as crossing guard. Please give him an elbow bump of a morning and afternoon to make him feel welcome.

STUDENT SNAPSHOTS



Harry

Week 1 has been great. I was really happy to see my friends and talk to them about their lives right now. I am enjoying doing the learning, having choices of what learning you can do, seeing my teacher but also having different teachers. Some challenges I have had have been, not being able to see all of my friends, getting used to working with different people and the quiet feeling around the school.



Heidi

This week was my first week of learning from home for Term 2. It seemed strange waking up and knowing I was just going to my desk to do my school work. It all went well, and was well organised. I worked my way through my tasks, without my friends next to me. Instead at some points of the day I was working with them over the phone. I missed being at school, but I know we need to stay healthy. One thing that was challenging working from home was understanding a question if I couldn't work it out without a teacher there to talk to. Another positive was being able to call the teacher by Microsoft Teams, and being able to communicate with her and friends. Hope everyone is happy and healthy. Can't wait to get back to school!



Harry

My return to the first week was brilliant. I got to catch up with my friends that I hadn't seen in over three weeks. My positives are that the classes are smaller and the classroom environment is a lot quieter. I like the work we are getting. It is fun yet you still learn a lot. I also like that we have been assigned our own laptop for the time being. We get longer PE lessons so that we remain healthy and fit and we get longer Music lessons. Challenge are that we don't get to do library because of COVID-19 and it is hard to adapt to the different circumstances.



Daisy

Learning from home, in this period of isolation, has had its challenges but as the week ends I feel positive that this unique experience will be one I certainly will remember.

At the beginning of the week I felt a little overwhelmed by the change in our learning, not having our teacher to direct us and no friends to help when needed. Connecting with my friends through the internet has been a great help and the work I have been provided gives me a plan for each day. I look forward to returning to school but for now I feel like I can do this.

TEACHER SNAPSHOTS



Sharon Rodrigues Grade 3-4 Teacher

After many years as a teacher I have once again been reminded that there are always new challenges and experiences that are part of our profession. A comforting part of current challenges is the knowledge that all of us are part of this. The first week has felt a bit uncomfortable because the normal routines are not there to guide the school day but each new day has brought a greater feeling of control and understanding of what a school day now looks like. The biggest positive that I have experienced has been the willingness of everyone to be more forgiving and patient with the many changes that have been necessary to undertake. Having to manage both children in the classroom and those learning at home has been quite a challenge especially when our aim is always to ensure the program is flexible and purposeful. Having reached the end of the first week I feel more satisfied with measures put in place to support our school community and look forward to when we are able to go about our daily lives with confidence.

TEACHER SNAPSHOTS CONTINUED



Rob Partridge Grade 5-6 Teacher

It has certainly been a new and unique experience. It may take a little while for us to settle into this new type of learning but I think once we get past the initial 'teething' issues of learning from home, it will be a positive experience for both students and teachers. I know that teachers have developed a lot of new skills and discovered some talents we never knew we had over the last few weeks!

I have loved being able to see the faces of my students when we connect via Teams. It is fantastic to see how my students have embraced their new learning environment in such a positive way. For those students whose parents are essential workers, it has been lovely to catch up with them at school. They have readily adapted to their new learning environment here at school where they are engaging in the learning from home materials in a self-directed and positive manner.

It has been challenging to still make time to get out of my office and get some fresh air and exercise. Especially as things start to cool off, it can be tempting to stay inside on the couch. But it is very important to remain active. I have never taken my dog on so many walks and I really enjoy being able to go for a run around my neighbourhood to freshen up my mind.



Emma Reid Grade 1-2 Teacher

It's been lovely to be back at work and make contact with the children who are learning from home, seeing their smiley, happy faces and hearing about what they've been up to.

I am relieved to know that what we have planned for the children is achievable for our parents and children to complete successfully at home and that they are enjoying the tasks.

Fingers crossed everything has been running smoothly.

Thank you to all the parents for your support for your help at this time. It's greatly appreciated by all of us.

DEPARTMENT'S SCHOOL LEVY REFUND PROCESS

Message for Parents

This message is just a reminder to parents about the Department's School Levy Refund Process. If you have not already completed this process, a simple online form and related instructions have been made available here:

<https://levyrebate.education.tas.gov.au>.

The online form can be completed up until Friday 1 May 2020 on a computer, laptop, tablet or mobile device with internet capabilities. Safety and security steps have been built into this process to ensure complete confidentiality for parents/carers.

Once validation has occurred and the online form has been completed and submitted, the reimbursement of funds will occur within five business days.

The Department of Education will offer an alternative arrangement where this online option may not be possible. For more information please visit: <https://www.education.tas.gov.au/parents-carers/novel-coronavirus-covid-19>.

For any enquiries regarding your refund, please contact 1800 827 055 or email stas@education.tas.gov.au.

Supporting Reading

Our school has signed up all Prep to Grade 6 students for this wonderful challenge to read 10 books in 10 weeks. Increase your love of reading, learn new information and have a chance to win some prizes.

You can read books, e-books and even listen to age-appropriate audio books as part of this challenge.

Here are some places you can access reading materials if you need more:

[Libraries Tasmania – Kids' Reading page](#)

Free access to online books for library members. Sign up easily if you are not a member

<https://www.storynory.com/>

Free audio books to listen to and download

<https://www.abc.net.au/abckids/abc-kids-listen-app/11131286>

Free app with audio books for younger students



All students completing the Challenge

- receive a certificate from the Premier.
- go in the draw to win a \$100 book voucher. There are 3 to be won; 1 prize for each region.
- go in the draw to win a Hawthorn guernsey signed by the team. There are 3 to be won; 1 prize for each region.

More information is available on the Premier's Reading Challenge Website

<https://premiersreadingchallenge.tas.gov.au/>

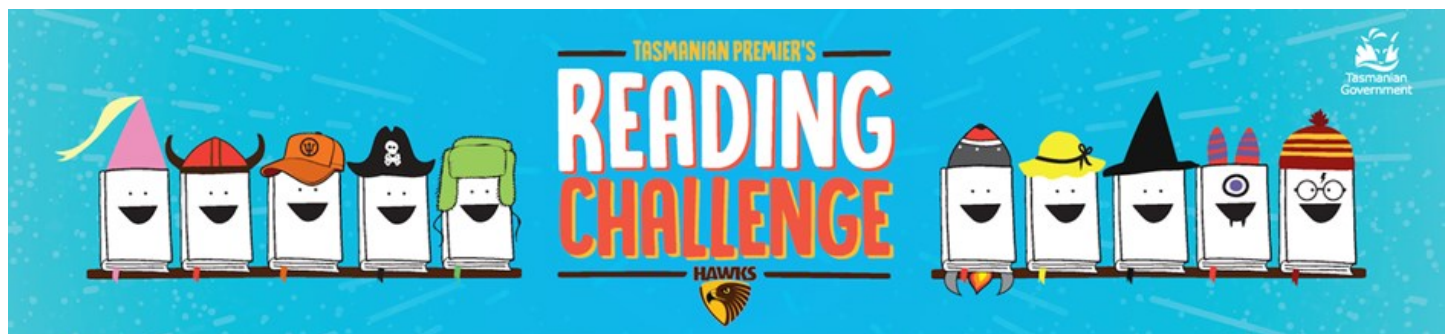
Download your reading log and start reading now!

https://premiersreadingchallenge.tas.gov.au/Documents/2019_PRC_Reading_Log-type_into.pdf

Contact Rhona or Renae for more information

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Staying Connected With Our Children

Now is the time to stay close to our children.

They need to feel us beside them so they don't feel as worried as they are.
We need to be honest with them and let them know that good people from around the world are working very hard to keep them safe and healthy.
Our children will believe us, we love them deeply.

Be Honest

"COVID 19 is a sickness like a cold. Some people will get it. Maybe someone in our family might get sick. We are all a little bit scared. Being scared is a sign that we are concentrating on being safe. There are really good people like doctors who know what to do. They are helping to figure it out."

Validate Their Feelings

"I know I might look worried sometimes. Mums or dads get worried too, just like children. I know it can make you feel scared. But I am ok."
"It is ok to be feeling scared, or worried, or whatever you are feeling right now. You can share that with me whenever you need to."

Acknowledge Day to Day Disruptions

"Even if school and your after school activities stop for a while, they will start up again. How about we think about some ways of doing versions of these things together at home if we need to?"

Remind Them

"I love you, and that is one thing that will never change."

Here are some ways that parents and carers can share connection, comfort and care with their children right now.

Look to History

"There have been sicknesses like this before. And they have stopped. Clever people from around the world have worked them out together. The scientists are doing this right now with this one."

Remain Available

"You can talk with me whenever you need to. I will answer any questions you have. If I don't know the answers, I will find out and then I will tell you."

Have fun

Share some time with your children that is just for them, and let them lead the play.

"Let's do some things that you like to do."

Create some quiet time

Find a regular time where you can just be still with children. Stroke their hair. Watch a favourite show on TV. Listen to music together. Let them decide if they want to talk. Be present with them. Enjoy it.



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childhood.org.au

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

In these unprecedented times we are all being asked to change the way we work and live. Our tradition of putting books into the hands of kids is not going to change, but for Term 2, we will be doing things a little different. This term Scholastic Book Club will have a Virtual catalogue.

Unfortunately as we are unable to receive the orders back at school, you will need to have your order delivered to your home address for a fee of \$5.99.

Click the link below for your Virtual Book Club

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

Click the link below to place your order by 15 May

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>



SCHOLASTIC

ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP FUNDRAISER

Entertainment Memberships have gone 100% digital and you can now choose from 3 NEW digital Memberships. The new Entertainment Memberships start anytime and are valid for 12 months from activation. Trevallyn Primary last year raised over \$1700.00.

By purchasing a Entertainment Membership you'll be supporting your School and you will receive BIG savings on: • Dining • Shopping • Travel • Attractions and activities.

If you purchase before May 10 you will receive a BONUS \$20 BIG W eGift Card for Multi City/ Multi Plus Memberships or \$10 BIG W eGift Card for Single City Memberships.

To order your Digital membership securely online visit:

<https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/240m587>

Single City \$69⁹⁹ 1 Year <small>Discover all the best savings in your city</small> \$14 to your fundraiser	Multi City \$119⁹⁹ 1 Year <small>MOST POPULAR</small> <small>Enjoy savings across all of Australia, New Zealand and Bali</small> \$24 to your fundraiser	Multi Plus \$229⁹⁹ 2 Years <small>BEST VALUE</small> <small>2 years of savings across Australia, New Zealand and Bali</small> \$46 to your fundraiser
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SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE

Message from Commonwealth Bank



The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people remains our highest priority. Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding coronavirus, the School Banking program will remain on hold. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed with any updates including how we will be managing Dollarmite tokens for students.

In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

- **Start Smart:** these resources have been created to improve children's money management skills and is aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer Financial Literacy Framework.
- **The Beanstalk:** offers videos and fun activities for children to learn about money.

NEW TERM DATES 2020

Term 2

Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3 July

Term 3

Tuesday 21 July - Friday 25 September

Term 4

Monday 12 October - Thursday 17 December

2020 Student free days

(Professional Learning Days)

Monday 20 July

Friday 30 October



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