

## **TOPICS 8**

8 May 2020

## **Trevallyn Primary School**





## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

To support keeping us connected as best as possible, this newsletter features photos from learning at home and school, plus more snapshots from senior students and staff. Open and ongoing communication is crucial at this time, the Class Teacher is the key person and contact for all families. We are hoping for feedback that will enable us to assist us to plan for the future best outcomes for everyone. We fully appreciate the variety of contexts and pressures for families at the moment. We have part-time attendance, shift workers, families with numerous children learning at home, some families with printer, some without, families with joint parenting arrangements and the list goes on. So please, keep us informed of your needs so we can best accommodate everyone.

Once parents/carers receive the learning from home package, you have full support to manipulate it in any way that is best for you. As learners, everyone is unique, we learn in different ways and at a different pace to others. Similar to classroom situations, student learning at home will not be completed at the same time and comprehended in the same ways. If turning it into a daily or weekly schedule is best, do that. If you work shifts and learning will be best if moved to a weekend with a break from learning during the week, go with that. If two weeks learning at a time is challenging, halve it and go week by week. For younger learners taking the choice out of activities may be the solution for you. There is no one way of learning at home. We fully encourage you to view the package as flexible and fully adaptable to your needs.













#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED

We continue to be open for students who cannot be supported or supervised at home. Our school community should be very proud of our collective support for the Premier's request for us all to keep children at home.

At school, please be reassured that hygiene and cleanliness are supported with thorough processes of regular handwashing, hand sanitising and wiping of surfaces. We remain focussed on sensible social distancing for both staff and students.

Everyone is to be congratulated on their response to our challenges this term. Particularly, our appreciation goes to parents/carers at home. We cannot tell you how wonderful it is to hear of your achievements, patience, creativity and adaptability.

To all our mothers, have a great day on Sunday with your family. Keep safe. Keep connected with us and enjoy the photos.

#### Annette

#### PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

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; I prize for each region.
- go in the draw to win a Hawthorn guernsey signed by the team. There are 3 to be won; I 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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## **STUDENT SNAPSHOTS**



## Eden - Learning at School

When I came back it was strange. For a few days I was the only Grade 6 girl in my class and I was unsure if any of my friends would come back, but they did on different scheduled days and I realised that we were all in the same boat. It stretched my leadership skills and made me a stronger person.

The great things about coming back were not only being able to see old friends but also making new ones. I don't think I ever really hung out with some new friends, so I never really knew what they were like and turns out, they were really nice.

I like schedules, so it was hard to go and just choose something to do, but I quickly got used to it and carried on. I guess I made my own roster and routine. There really weren't many challenges to it.

Overall it is really nice because I have made more friends online, with friends that I never really hung out with. It is great.



## Edie - Learning at Home

My first few weeks have been okay, but still a bit boring as I haven't been able to interact with my peers. What is positive is that I have been able to go for more walks and exercise more. I have also been able to spend more time with my parents and play more board games.

It's really hard not being able to interact with friends and not being able to go to different places. Also learning how to start video chats with my teacher has been a small challenge. I am looking forward to having the restrictions lifted and being able to go to school and see my friends. In the meantime I'm adapting to the new ways of learning and living. I am sure this event will give me certain skills for future problems.



## James - Learning at Home

The first few weeks have been a little tough and interesting because I haven't had to go through this before. Also, it is very much fun because I've been able to play with my sisters a little more. I have been pushing myself to get most of the work done.

I have been able to have extra time with my family, know them a little better, play more board games with them and go on bike rides together.

It's been hard not being able to see my friends and also not being able to play sports to exercise because doing sports is fun. I hope you are enjoying yourself and are having a wonderful week and hope this all ends soon.



## Eden - Learning at School

The first weeks of school have been good and quite fun. The positives are you can get help from a teacher if you need and you can do your work in any order you want. The challenges have been adapting to the new atmosphere and not being able to see my friends.

#### **TEACHER SNAPSHOTS**



## Susan Bender - Grade 2 Teacher and Support Teacher

This has certainly been a start to a term like no other. With it comes a new perspective and many positives. As a school team, we have become closer and more connected. We are working with the same amazing students in different ways. It has been wonderful, yet extremely quiet working with the few students at school and it has been meaningful and personal chatting to learners through Teams at home. I feel privileged to assure students in this time of uncertainty and to ensure they are given opportunities to feel safe in a secure learning setting, whether it be home or school. We have developed our skills of differentiating learning tasks in this new world and have been thoughtful to meet the needs of all families being mindful of additional pressures and stress. We look forward to moving forward in our thinking and learning and am encouraged by our students and their resilience and achievements every day.



#### Michael Trotman - Grade 3-4 Teacher

What strange times we are in at the moment. This will certainly go down in the history books. Having been directed to work from home because of a compromised immune system, I'm still wondering if this was a good thing or not. Having gained two kilos, getting to know the parcel delivery man, seeing what the family have purchased online and dealing with two dogs who have loved being inside.

My days have been very busy during this time. I have been contacting students and parents via Teams, email and phone from my own class but also from other 3/4 classes. I have been preparing work for Term 2, covering aspects of Mathematics. This time also involved joining the 3/4 team meetings at regular intervals. (That is always interesting, especially when placed on the TV screen.) If there was any spare time, I have been working on future planning for 2020.

However, it's been a pleasure catching up with students and parents throughout this time. It is encouraging to see how students and families have embraced this different way of learning. I'm looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces around school again.

#### MEET OUR NEW TEACHING STAFF



## Mrs Meg Anderson

My name is Meg Anderson. I have been working as a relief teacher for over 3 years. Whilst I usually work at several other schools, I consider Trevallyn Primary to be my home. I am married and have three girls, II year old twins and a 15 year old. I love cooking, reading and walking my German Shepherd. Please feel free to contact me, through the school office, if you have any questions.



#### Miss Alix Birtwhistle - P-B

Hello! My name is Alix Birtwhistle. I grew up in Riverside, with my first few years of teaching based around Launceston. I then moved to Sydney, where I lived and taught until this year. When I am not at school, I would most likely be at my family shack by the beach with my dogs Daisy and Bux.

I am so excited to be back home and teaching at Trevallyn Primary School and I look forward to getting to know everybody.

## **LEARNING FROM HOME AND SCHOOL**



## **LEARNING FROM HOME**



Our Student Leaders who are learning from home have shared some of their work with us. We are so proud of their engagement and positive approach to this learning.





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raspberries so we could make muffins. We followed the recipe. It is a really quick and easy recipe to make. They taste great. The chocolate caramelises at the bottom of each muffin and is delicious.

## Raspberry and White Chocolate Mu

440g (about 3 cups) plain flour

Itbs baking powder

250g caster sugar

1 1/2 cups (375ml) vegetable oil

1 ½ cups (375ml) milk

2 eggs, lightly beaten 200g white chocolate, roughly chopped

200g fresh or frozen raspberries

#### Method:

- Preheat the oven to 180°C.
  Line a 12 hole muffin pan with paper cases.
  Sift the flour and baking paper into a large bowl, add the sugar and stir to combine.
  Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients, then add the vegetable oil, milk and beaten
- Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients, then add the vegetable oil, milk and be eggs.
  Mix gently until just combined and then carefully fold in chopped chocolate with the raspberries.
  Spoon the mixture into the paper cases and place in the oven for 30 -35 minutes until golden brown.

#### **LEARNING FROM HOME**



Our students had an excellent MTB skills session in Term I with Christa from Shape and Ride. Many thanks to our parent helpers, without you this would not be possible. Another huge thanks to Sprung MTB for their continued support of our program. Looking forward to many more MTB sessions later in the year. We are lucky to have such amazing tracks so close to our school!

## Mr Vedovelli



#### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

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# **BOOK CLUB IS HERE**—Virtual Catalogue while Students Learn from Home

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



Even though this is a virtual catalogue, we will still receive 20% of your order value back in Scholastic Rewards to use to purchase additional books and resources for our school!

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## **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

#### **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











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