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What's On?

5 May
School Council

5 June
Curriculum Day

8 June
Queens Birthday
Public Holiday

26 June
End Term 2

Hi Everyone,

I am very pleased to report that installation of the two school lifts and the refurbishment of the toilet areas impacted by the installation of these lifts is almost completed. This work should be all completed by the end of next week. The work on the two ramps should be completed by the end of May.

Carpet replacement has occurred in the following rooms: 5, 6, 7 and 8. I know that the students and staff that work in these learning spaces will appreciate the big difference to the appearance and feel of these learning spaces with having these new carpet tiles laid.



Building works update...



Thank You

I extend my thanks and appreciation to every family for their actions in supporting the Victorian Government's isolation policy in response to COVID-19. I know that it is not an easy time for you as a family or for your child/children you are looking after and supporting in their learning, but we are making significant inroads in flattening the curve that is so important in managing this pandemic.

Never hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher if the situation at home is placing your child or family at risk.

Cheers, Colin

Hi everyone,

Well what a different looking Term 2 we are certainly having! I am truly amazed at the diversity and resilience of our staff and students to have made this huge shift in our teaching & learning practice so quickly and also so effectively. I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents for your ongoing support and the truly amazing work you are doing at home to support both the welfare and educational needs of your children at this very trying time!

To try to make this transition as seamless as possible, excellent communication is the key! To enable this to happen we need regular, concise and clear communication between all parties. Taking on board feedback from all groups our practices are evolving each week, with clear goals set for teachers to achieve in this evolution.

One teacher goal was to ensure that parents clearly knew when their whole class WEBEX Meetings would be held. Every parent should be aware of their WEBEX meeting chat times and if they aren't please contact your teacher ASAP. If there are any changes to these times moving forward, your teacher will communicate these changes to you. Most classes will also be providing you with ONE Webex meeting number for each staff member, almost like a WEBEX phone number. This number will NOT change, so if you had a regular meeting with me, you would have my 9-digit number and that will always be used when you meet with me.



This week's teacher goal was to ensure that at the start of each day, every teacher would be sending out a message through Seesaw to all students and parents/carers to inform them daily of the schedule for their class. Please look out for this daily announcement/video message.

Feedback from parents is essential for us to continue to improve our practices. Thanks to all the parents that have already replied to the FORM. If you haven't and you can spare 5 minutes, we would love to hear your feedback. Just click on this link to do so [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=N7Ns2YcazoS2mzszMopMHYuiMrjWMJNi9JVK8IbhdJUOURURUlaRzdIR0o3MldWME4xRDE3RVRSNi4U)



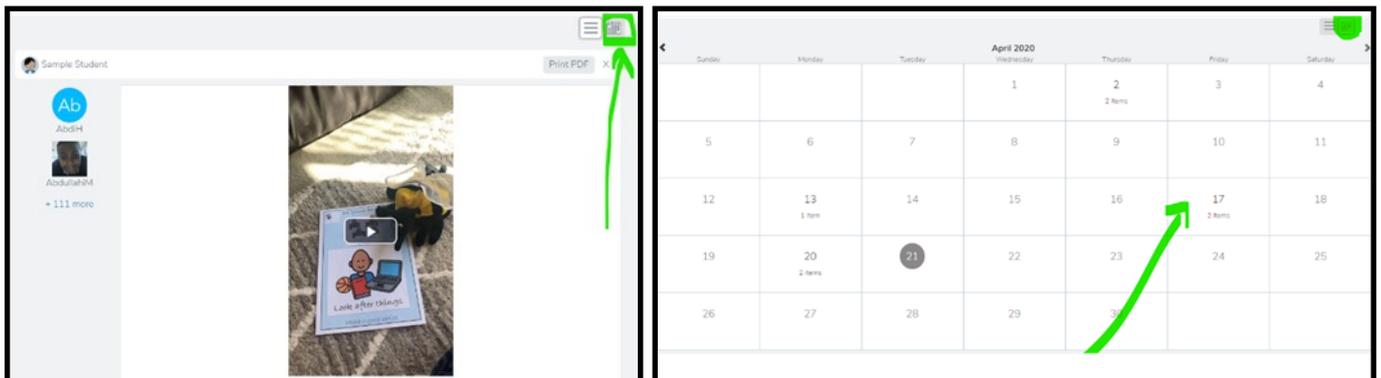
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This link is also in Seesaw as an announcement if you find it easier to access through there. You can fill this form in anonymously if you would like. A lot of the feedback already received has been really helpful, so thank you!

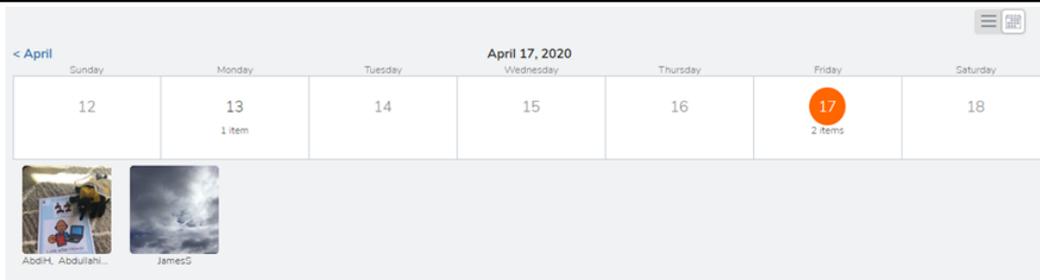
I will send a quick FORM out like this each week for the next couple of weeks until we get into a routine with this new learning style.

Some parent feedback has indicated that Seesaw can be a bit tricky to navigate and find items, and I agree with this feedback. A function that might help you all is to use the 'Calendar' search function to see all relevant posts for any particular day. Once in your student's journal follow the below images to click on the small calendar, then once the calendar is up, click on the date you want to see and then you will see the posts in the order they were posted on that day, simply click on the post you want to see. I hope this simplifies your searches.



Please look at these images to see how to use this function.





Some parents have also noted that the notifications coming through, throughout the day is very distracting whilst trying to do their schoolwork and this is very understandable. Please see some easy instructions to help you stop hearing those notifications:

To disable push notifications, tap on the Profile icon > Gear icon > Account Settings > set Push Notifications to the OFF position.

We have also had some feedback re the way that our school is sending out administrative information and how it may be better suited to do this through a tool other than Seesaw, as Seesaw can once again be a bit messy at your end to view this information. Please know that we are now looking at other options to provide you with this important information and we will keep you informed through the process and also once a new system is finalised.

Please stay safe and healthy and keep reinforcing those important hand washing and physical distancing measures.

Kind regards, Robyn

Key Word Sign of the week

Week 2

SAFE

Move Blade slightly cupped dominant hand, across open palm of non-dominant hand towards the body.

Stay "safe" and stay "home"



OT Challenge of the week!



Ned demonstrating CROSS CRAWL for the Challenge this week!

1. Put your hand on the opposite knee
2. Legs down and hands up high,
3. Use the opposite hand and put it on the other knee

Thanks,
Emma



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Anzac Biscuits

Recipe source:

www.taste.com.au/recipes/21104/anzac-biscuits

Season: Summer/Autumn/Winter/Spring

Type: Sweets & Drinks

Difficulty: Easy



Equipment:	Ingredients:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large bowl Wooden spoon Small saucepan Tablespoon measure Baking tray Baking paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 1/4 cups plain flour, sifted • 1 cup rolled oats • 1/2 cup caster sugar • 3/4 cup desiccated coconut • 2 tablespoons golden syrup or treacle • 150g unsalted butter, chopped • 1/2 teaspoon bicarb soda

What to do:

1. Preheat oven to 170°C.
2. Place the flour, oats, sugar and coconut in a large bowl and stir to combine.
3. In a small saucepan place the golden syrup and butter and stir over low heat until the butter has fully melted.
4. Mix the bicarb soda with 1 1/2 tablespoons water and add to the golden syrup mixture. It will bubble whilst you are stirring together so remove from the hotplate .
5. Pour hot mixture into the dry ingredients and mix together until fully combined.
6. Line baking tray with baking paper.
7. Roll tablespoonfuls of mixture into balls and place on baking trays.
8. Press down on the tops of the biscuits to flatten slightly.
9. Bake for 12 minutes or until golden brown.

Anzac biscuits are an Aussie classic, so celebrate our National Day of Remembrance with these tasty homemade treats.



MADE BY TESS! YUM!



I made Anzac biscuits at the kitchen.



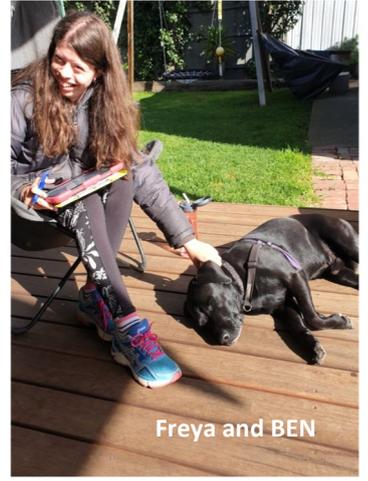
Cady with CAMEL and MOONLIGHT



Melissa, her siblings and LOLA



Lakshan and ZIGGY



Freya and BEN



Susanne's dog RUBY



Colin's dog RALPHIE



Annie & Kristian's KIWI & MISHKA



Susanne's cat PUSS



Gabriella & JULIAN



Annie & Kristian's sausage dog NAHLA



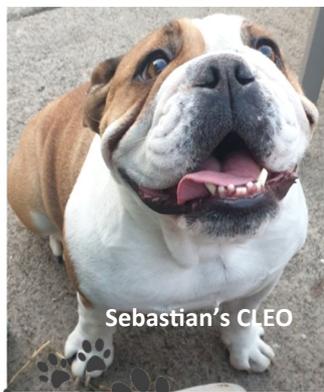
James with BILLY & ARCHIE



CHARLIE & Joe



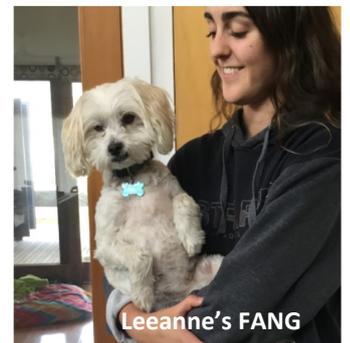
Remy and BUDDY



Sebastian's CLEO



Ethan & MOLLY



Leeanne's FANG



Tanya's ROCK

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