

NEWSLETTER

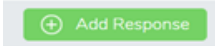
Dear Parents and Carers

There were always going to be some technical difficulties with every student in the state moving to a flexible and remote learning program. We are working closely with those families that have experienced issues. Please contact the office or your class teacher if you require any assistance with this transition or with daily activities on Seesaw.

- **Attendance: Roll marking activity**

This week we have introduced the **Roll Marking Activity** for all students. This activity is very basic and ALL students need to complete this by no later than 10am.

Please make sure your child clicks on the green **Add Response button**.

 Add Response

This is the method we are using to collect attendance data for your child. Daily attendance is a requirement from Department of Education and this information is sent daily.

A SMS message will be sent at 10.30am if your child has not completed this activity. You can respond to this SMS with a reason why your child has not logged on.

If your child responds to this roll marking activity after 10am they will still be marked as **NOT PRESENT** and you will receive the SMS as teachers upload rolls at 10am.

If your child is sick and will not be completing any activities on Seesaw, please use the school's normal absence process and contact the office.

Please feel free to complete all other activities in a timeframe that works for you and your family. If this is an issue for any families please contact school and we can discuss how we can support you.

- **Remote Learning**

I cannot stress enough how well everyone is doing during this time. Please be aware that DET are currently discussing how the assessment and reporting guidelines will change due to this Remote and Flexible learning. As your child responds to activities teachers are responding with feedback. This information will be used to assist teachers when they do commence writing student reports later in the year. With this in mind, please allow your child to produce their own work so teachers can establish what further support they may need and then plan engaging lessons at their point of need. Mistakes and errors are great as this shows their thinking processes and provides evidence of misconceptions that then are used for areas of teaching.

Thursday 30th April
2020

Key reminders

All updates will be sent on Xuno

Students work is sent on SEESAW CLASS

Complete Roll Marking Activity on Seesaw every day before 10am

Dates to remember

Mother's Day
Sunday 10th May

Year 6 to Year 7
Transition Forms
Friday 29th May.
Return to school
via post (prepaid
envelop supplied)
or drop at the office

Acting Principal
Lesley Besanko


School Supervision Times

8.45am - 9.00am

3.15pm - 3.30pm



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- **Video Conferencing WebEx**

This week has seen an opportunity for classes to try video conferencing via WebEx. This information is provided on Seesaw and students have the opportunity to log on and see their teacher and class friends all together. Students are able to speak to each other and this is a controlled environment monitored by their teacher. I hope your children enjoys this. I am aware that some families may have missed this and may be logging on at different times, it would be great if all the class could be online to join in this session as this will keep the students connected to their teacher and their friends. We do understand that this is not always possible.

It was so wonderful when I dropped into some of the Webex sessions to see the students faces when they saw their teacher and classmates on the screen for the first time. For many of our students, they haven't seen each other for several weeks now. But the brilliant thing is that through technology we are reconnecting with our school community and friends.

WebEx is the preferred video conferencing system supported by DET. We will continue trailing with the WebEx lessons next week so make sure you look out on Seesaw for the meeting code and password.

- **Online resources**

We have purchased PM books online which is a fantastic resource. All students' codes have been sent out via Seesaw Family to parents and your child will know what their current reading level is. Your teacher will let students know if they have forgotten or if they have moved up a reading level.

Mathletics for P-4 has been purchased and 5-6 renewed. P-4 student Codes will be sent out shortly and will be used once set up to support student's mathematical understanding.

Even though we are not all together at school at the moment, just remember your teachers and all of the staff are here to assist you with any questions you may have, so please make contact with us if you need anything. You may also find advice, tips and resources to help parents and carers support their child's continuity of learning from home from the Department of Education and Training's website: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/learning/Pages/home-learning.aspx>

Thank you again for all your support to your children, your teachers and the school.

Lesley Besanko
Acting Principal

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition 2021

Our Year 6 parents/carers will receive their Year **6 to Year 7 Transition Information Pack 2020** in the mail early next week.

The WHITE **Application for Year 7 Placement 2021** form needs to be returned by mail or handed into the office by **Friday 29th May.**

There is a lot of information in the pack. If you need help or have any questions, please call or email the office and we will be happy to assist you.

Thank you

Christine Forrest