



## May 11th .. Term 2, Week 5

The Victorian Premier, Daniel Andrews has announced this morning, that some restrictions are easing, however a decision about when schools will go back has been delayed. There was some mention that there may be a staggered start when school resumes, however we will need to await further news as to the timing of this.

Over the last week I have begun checking in with students during their classroom instruction times to gather a sense of how they are feeling as well as their thoughts and reflections about remote learning. It certainly varies from child to child. Some find learning remotely a challenge although many students reflected that it has begun to feel easier as the weeks pass by. A common feeling is one of missing their friends and missing going to school. Some students have enjoyed being at home and find remote learning fun.

Personally, I have missed the social interaction with our entire school community; students, teachers, parents and extended family members. I have missed the conversations, the smiles, the banter and the stories that I am privileged to hear most days.

Our second learning cycle finishes this Friday and teachers are currently working on preparing the resources for the next 6 weeks. These will be prepared, printed and collated ready for collection on **Friday**. I will have them ready to be picked up between **10am and 12noon**. If this time doesn't suit please contact either myself or the school and we will organise another time.




Last Friday our first recorded assembly was put on Xuno and I hope everyone enjoyed hearing from the school ambassadors about how they are finding remote learning. We did have some technical difficulties however thanks to our amazing Ms Argent, the movie was successfully uploaded. The uploading/exporting took a ridiculous 2-3 hours as Ms Argent tussled with the clips and transitions to understand why it refused to be exported!!

A big thank you to all those who completed the survey monkey that was on Xuno last week, 67 people responded which was a fantastic result. Many were overwhelmingly happy with the preparation of the materials, communication between home and school and commented positively and enthusiastically about the teachers. Some of the common challenges were about the juggling of working and supervising the children's learning. Others commented on the struggle to keep their children motivated and busy all day. Quite a few parents found the rotating timetable confusing and some found all the information a little overwhelming at times. Some parents found the learning plans complicated. Again, thank you for your honesty and showing your vulnerability at this time.

When working on the next cycle, I have read all the comments and taken these into consideration when planning for the next 6 week cycle. You will notice that the bulk of the classroom instruction will happen in the morning and the WebEx times will no longer rotate. I have included a 'Feel Good Friday' this week to celebrate the amazing commitment to your child's learning at the halfway point of the term. It is the parent's choice about what to do on this day – feel free to have a family day doing what you enjoy doing together or if you would prefer to continue with the school routine, complete any work that needs finishing, utilise study ladder or Nessy, complete specialists tasks and do the activity that I will put on Xuno on Thursday night. We are all in this together.

# New WebEx timetable for remainder of term

	9-10:30	10:30 – 11:30	11:30 – 12:30	12:30-1:30	1:30 – 2:30	2:30 – 3:30
<b>F/1 Walz</b>	Webex classroom instruction			Webex Individual conferencing/ Specialist classes		
<b>F/1 Van Engelen</b>	Webex classroom instruction			Webex Individual conferencing/ specialist classes		
<b>1/2 Argent</b>	Webex classroom instruction			Webex Individual conferencing/ specialist classes		
<b>1/2 Dowell</b>	Webex classroom instruction			Webex Individual conferencing/ specialist classes		
<b>3/4 McLaren</b>		Webex classroom instruction			Webex Individual conferencing/ specialist classes	
<b>3/4 Twycross</b>		Webex classroom instruction			Webex Individual conferencing/ specialist classes	
<b>4/5 Hoey</b>			Webex classroom instruction			Webex Individual conferencing/ specialist classes
<b>5/6 Dorney</b>			Webex classroom instruction			Webex Individual conferencing/ specialist classes
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	F/1 W	F/1 V	1/2 D	1/2 A	3/4 T	3/4 M	4/5 H	5/6 D	5/6 S	
<b>WEEK 5</b>										
13 <sup>th</sup> May	PE 12:30 - 1	PE 1 - 1:30					Art 2:30 - 3	Science 2:30 - 3	Art 3 - 3:30	
14 <sup>th</sup> May			PE 12:30 - 1	PE 1 - 1:30	Art 1:30 - 2	Art 2 - 2:30				
15 <sup>th</sup> May	 	<b>Feel Good Friday - no WebEx sessions on this day</b>								
<b>WEEK 6</b>										
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Art 12:30 - 1	Art 1 - 1:30			Science 1:30 - 2	Science 2 - 2:30	PE 2:30 - 3	PE 3 - 3:30		
21 <sup>st</sup> May			Art 12:30 - 1	Art 1 - 1:30					PE 3 - 3:30	
<b>WEEK 7</b>										
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Science 12:30 - 1	Science 1 - 1:30			PE 12:30 - 1	PE 1 - 1:30		Art 2:30 - 3	Art 3 - 3:30	
28 <sup>th</sup> May			Science 12:30 - 1	Science 1 - 1:30			Art 2:30 - 3			
29 <sup>th</sup> May										
<b>WEEK 8</b>										
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	PE 12:30 - 1	PE 1 - 1:30					Science 2:30 - 3	Science 3 - 3:30		
4 <sup>th</sup> June			PE 12:30 - 1	PE 1 - 1:30	Art 1:30 - 2	Art 2 - 2:30			Science 2:30 - 3	

## **Application for Year 7 Placement 2021 must be returned to PFCS by Friday 29th May 2020**

If you require any further information please visit the Department of Education website :

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>

### **2020 Parent Contributions**

Thank you to those families who have already made full payment of their 2020 Parent Contributions, and especially to those who have chosen to make additional voluntary or optional payments to assist with maintenance and major works around the school.

For those families who elected to pay half their contributions at the beginning of the year and the other half at the beginning of term three, reminders will be coming home towards the end of term two, and the school will process these payments as per your agreement.

**Please call Jenni or Kath if you have any queries/concerns.**

### **Do you currently have a Concession Card?**

If so you are eligible to receive \$125 for each student, as part of the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund.

Additionally, if your child is in Foundation this year, you are also entitled to a "Prep Uniform Package" which gives you a pair of shoes, tracksuit pants and jacket.

Applications are now being taken, please contact the office, to have an

### **Free Zoom workshop for girls at Warrnambool Art Gallery**

With Justin Williams from iXplainIT. The workshop is aimed at girls aged 9 upwards and explores green screens and fun video techniques. Participants will be given a fun project to complete over a week and then meet back the following Saturday to share their work. 6

- **Saturday 9 May and Saturday 16 May**
- **10:30-11:15am**
- **FREE**
- **Ages 9 upwards**

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/girlsteam-green-screen-fun-tickets-104389638218?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>