



# Newsletter

# Week 9 Term 3

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Friday 17 September**

**Last Day of Term 3**

**Tuesday 5 October**

**Start of Term 4**

**Term 4 - Date to be confirmed**

**ICAS Assessment**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We hope you are all OK and managing with home learning as well as working from home. We understand there are many pressures with this (some of our staff are doing this too!) and want to reiterate that wellbeing is paramount. We are really trying to keep things simplified for you and are responding to your feedback by making adjustments to what we do and how we do it. The Directorate has been very clear so far that teaching, learning, feedback, assessment, and reporting continues. However, some families have told us that this expectation, even with adjustments, isn't working well for them. With this in mind, the arrangements for next week are a little different. Next Tuesday and Thursday no new class work will be set. Overwhelmingly we are hearing families are saying they can't keep up and our specialists are reporting the children are not connecting into their classrooms, therefore affecting their ability to assess the content of their lessons.

### Key points:

- The purpose of the day is to allow children to catch up, to work on their specialist subject areas, take a bit of pressure off families and children at your request
- No new classwork will be set for these days
- Class meets will continue as usual although they might be cut shorter as teachers won't be discussing the explicit teaching and learning for the day
- If an assessment (class or individual) is already planned for that day, this will continue
- If a small group or individual meet with the teacher is planned/scheduled, this will continue
- Jenny, Nat and Luned will continue with their meets with adjustments for assessments
- Staff will still be online and available to assist children who have questions for them. We're still working!
- LSA meets with the children will continue
- Year 6 Exhibition mentors from across the school will use this time to catch up with their students a little more
- Tournament of Minds participants will continue- the Spontaneous Challenge is available for teams next Thursday morning and they have 2 hours in which to prepare this for presentation

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact us. For many of our children, the two days won't look much different. However, the overwhelming feedback we are receiving is that families feel like they are falling behind and this gives you and your children a chance to catch up and spend some time on the specialist subjects of art, French and PE. If you feel your child will require additional tasks to do on that day, please let your child's class teacher know.

### Reading journals

We will put some reading journals (0-100 nights, 101-200 nights and 201-300 nights) in a tub by the front door. Please maintain reading every day if possible for learning and enjoyment. Certificates for reading and displaying the Learner Profile will be handed out once children return.

## IB Learner Profiles

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving IB Learner Profile certificates on Friday 17 September. Well done!

Classes	Students		
K Mathewson	Alex B	Luke T	
K Morris	Jack J	Valentina P	
K Stewart	Payton B	Robin C	
1 Birch	George P	Douglas A	Samson K
1 Prunster	Baxter C	Elsa H	Harrison H
1 Marshall	Archie C	Zac S	
2 Witherdin	Hamish V	Ben H	Carter R
2 Roberts	Jimmy P	Nell M	Bella B
2 Kahlert	Connor L	Charlize L	Beau H
3 Geddes	Mika A-T	Nadya A	Bella E
3 Bullock	Eleanor B	Lucy K	Oscar R
3 Nuttall	Lucy H	Izzy J	Raymond B
4 Fletcher	William H-F	Zoe P	
4 Holland	Amelia A	Freya S	Felix P
4 Kuzma	Zach B	Adalia L	
5 Dykes	Dayal S	Josie W	Kendra G
5 McNamara	Jade M	Ciaran P	Harry S
5 Dorsett	Will P	Sanan K	
6 Brennan	Ethan S	Emily B	Bianca P
6 Kragh	Hannah G	Abi P	Dilpreet S
6 Aston	Katie C	Haila R	Ellidah K
EAL/D JH	Nick C	Misha R	Johann M

## Year 5

Year 5 students are principled thinkers who are showcasing their amazing self-management skills during remote learning to explore How the world works, particularly in MATTER, LIGHT and the SOLAR SYSTEM.

A Poem about SPRING Written by the amazing poet, Bella Patterson  
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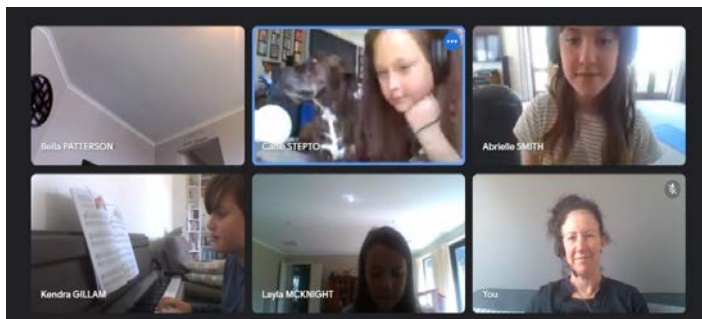
Spring spring - spring is in the air,  
The leaves from the trees and branches are popping out like they  
Just dont care!  
As the lawns get mowed and the hedges get clipped.  
Watch out for swooping magpies  
I'll give you a tip  
Enjoy the sun but slip, slop, slap.  
Why go through pain when you could've worn a hat?



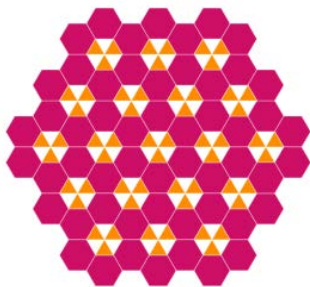
A sundial produced by William J to observe the rotation of the Earth.



The Solar System produced by Elijah St



There are many joys that appear within a day during online learning like this photo...listening to an impromptu concert of three amazing pianists playing together on a google meet.



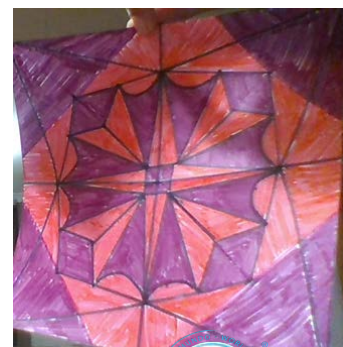
An amazing tessellation designed by Lucas Mac to show his understanding of which polygons fit snugly together. I would like my floor to be tiled like this!

The ingenious Kendra G used her creativity to build a sundial with what she had at home!



Annie B. extended her learning about what happens during solstice and equinox events and shared her colourful diagram with her class.

Ciaran P. showed off his mathematical knowledge of reflection, translation and rotation in this impressive artwork.



## Year 6

Year 6 Exhibition is a celebration of our students' PYP journey throughout primary school. Each PYP school has an Exhibition at the end of their journey where students choose an issue they are passionate about to research and take action with.

We have started Exhibition online and we are so proud of the amazing work our students have already done! These are some of the Big Ideas they have come up with so far:

Impact, Fairness,  
Choices, Change,  
Resources,  
Conservation,  
Opportunities,  
Awareness,  
Creativity, Bias,  
Hope, Rights,  
Responsibility,  
Perception and



Equality, Power,  
Sustainability,  
Collaboration,  
Freedom,  
Belonging,  
Expression, Influence,  
Objectivity, Access,  
Innovation, Progress,  
Discovery, Initiative,  
Caring.

These are some of the issues Year 6 is focusing on under their Big Ideas:

Mental health, racism, human rights, social media influence, equal rights, poverty, homelessness, equality with LGBTQIA+, gender, sports, climate change, refugees, endangered animals, animal testing, influence of technology, COVID 19, space innovation, art therapy, well being, people judging others, fake news and health care.

One of the important factors during Exhibition is having community input and we would love to have parents and carers across the school become involved by being an expert or a mentor for Year 6 if any of these issues are something you are passionate or knowledgeable about.

Please complete this survey if you are interested in helping as an expert for our students to email to ask questions and/or interview:

<https://forms.gle/TRcQx8h5H95q7A7y9>



Big Idea: Compassion

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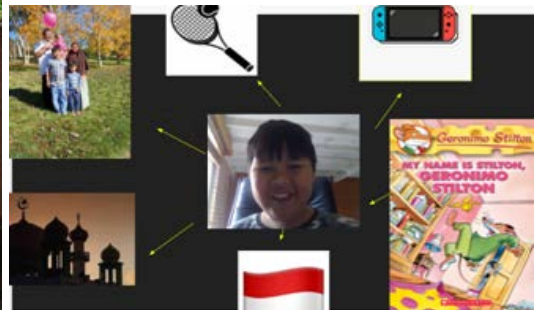
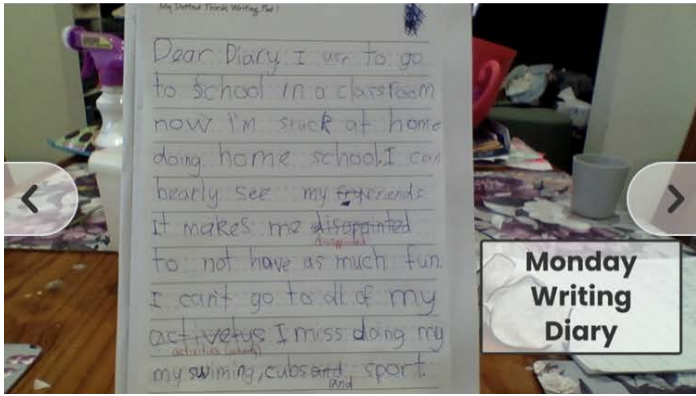
What issues are you compassionate about?

Climate Change

# Celebrating Home Learning

As our children and families continue with online learning, it is wonderful to see all the learning being shared and celebrated around the school. Just like all our children, the way they learn is unique and it's wonderful to see how they represent their thoughts and learning.

Here is a snapshot of the wonderful work our children across the school are producing!



## Canteen & Uniform Shop

For those who had ordered and paid for the special lunch Hot Diggity Dog, this has been rescheduled for Term 4 and you will be advised of the day once we are back at school.

If you have ordered a birthday pack that has fallen over the period of the lockdown, you will be contacted on return to school in regards to this order.

### Year 5

Order forms for Year 6 commemorative 2022 class shirts will be sent out week 1 of term 4 so please keep an eye out for this. This may appear to be early, however to ensure we have them in time for the start of the school year in 2022 orders will need to be in by the end of October.

We look forward to reopening the Canteen in Term 4 and continuing to provide our services to our wonderful school community.