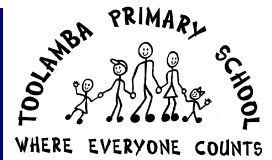


# Toolamba PS

## “Striving for Excellence”

Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive



### PARENTS & STUDENTS,

#### BABY NEWS

Please meet the new addition to the Sammut family.



Denver Mathew Sammut, born 25/6/2020, weighing 4.42kgs (9lb 7oz). Little brother for Arkadia and Kash.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Once again, we will have our school council meeting via WebEx on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm.

### NUMERACY-COUNTING STRATEGIES



Grade 1 / 2 K working on building to ten.

Following advice from the Chief Health Officer there are several protocols in place to ensure the health and wellbeing of our community members.

- Our drop off and pick up will remain staggered. To assist with social distancing **single child**

**families'** dismissal time is **3pm**. Parents are encouraged to stand 1.5 metres apart.

- No child is to walk through the car park unaccompanied. It is a very busy area with traffic coming and going.
- Visitors to the school ground are still limited to those delivering essential services and operations. e.g student health and wellbeing.
- If you need to pick up or drop off your child during the day, please ring through to the office and we will organise them to meet you in the car park. (We will sign them in or out)
- The Department's Operational Guidelines state that there are to be no school tours at this time.
- If your child has symptoms of a fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell or taste, you should keep them at home.

#### **FACEBOOK PAGE**

Keep your eye on our Facebook page. Classes will start posting some of the activities children are participating in so that we can share the learning that is happening across the school.

#### **UNIFORM**

Just a reminder that students are required to wear the correct school uniform to school. It demonstrates a respect for our school and its values.

Have a great weekend,

Regards Heather

#### **AROUND THE SCHOOL**

##### **Foundation Learning**

Our first two weeks at school have been very productive. Getting back into routine and being able to switch quickly into school code is high on the agenda. We have been immersed in our big book series of the Meanies by Joy Cowley. The children loved making their paper bag puppets of the three characters in these books. They that are displayed on our wall now.

This week we have found a new term for our sight words. We are now calling them "**snap words**". If you don't know them in a snap... retention will be challenging. We also have a whole class small list of 6 words that we practice with actions and we also spell aloud, as well as write them.

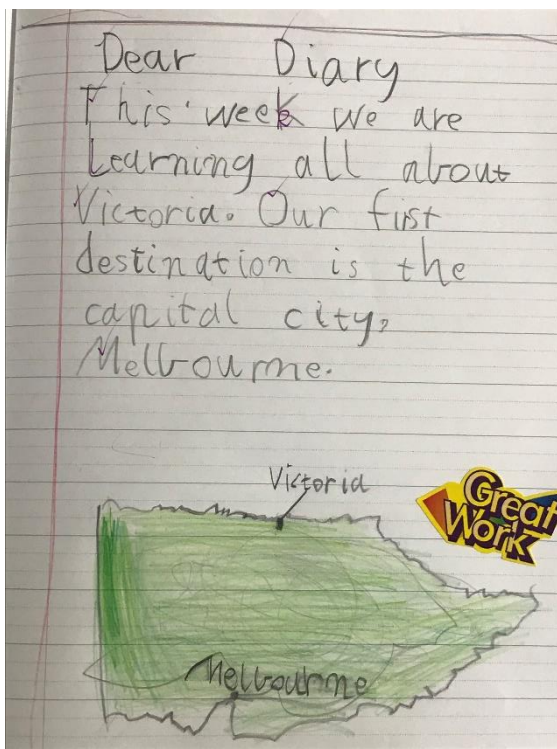
Thank you to all those who are keeping their child's Home Reader Diary up to date. I cannot reiterate the importance of reading at home daily to consolidate our Reading Program at school. I also strongly encourage

"Storytime" in order for the modelling of this skill and the development of book appreciation.

In Mathematics we have been learning the concept of "Friends of 10" using the process of addition. For extension, linking this to Friends of 100. We have also used the sign + to write the number stories.

##### **GRADE 1 / 2 L**

Over the term we are camping all around Australia visiting each state and discovering many sites.

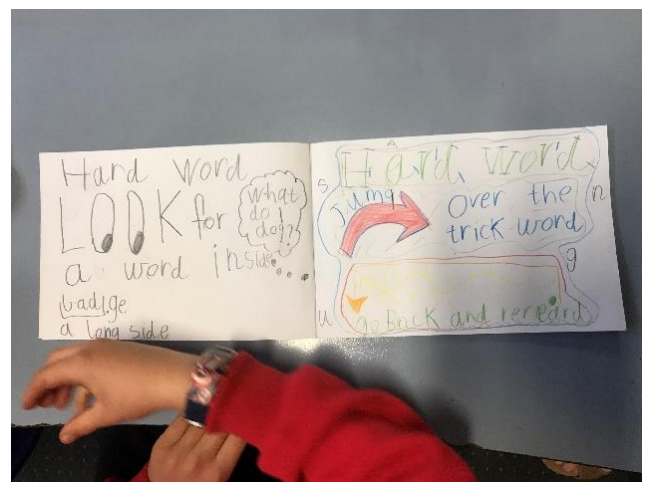


This week we have travelled to Victoria's capital city, Melbourne. We joined Gold Rush to Ballarat and later to Bendigo. Miss Larcombe set the room up as an old-style classroom and we did some great writing.

Later we looked at the animal emblem of Victoria. The Leadbeater Possum. Writing information reports and reading Australian author Mem Fox's 'The Magic Possum'.

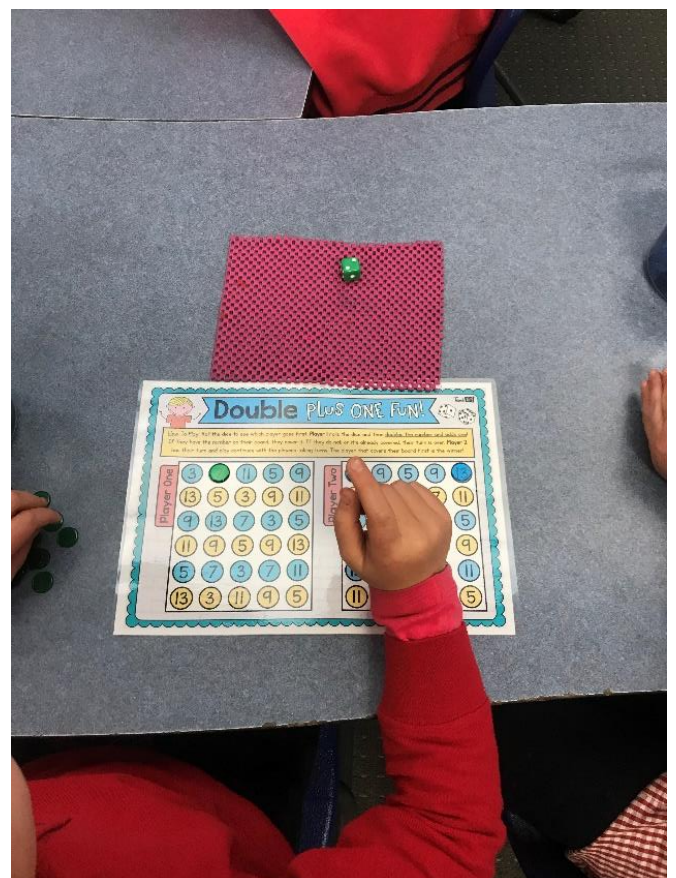
In Reading, we are focussing on 'Hard Word' strategies. We have learnt to

- Look for words inside the hard word
- Jump over the hard word
- Chunking the hard word



Always having a focus on rereading from the beginning of the sentence.

Addition strategies including Doubles, friends of 10, Near Doubles and Turn Arounds have been our learning during Maths. Many hands on activities and students are working to learn their Doubles and Friends of 10 off by heart.



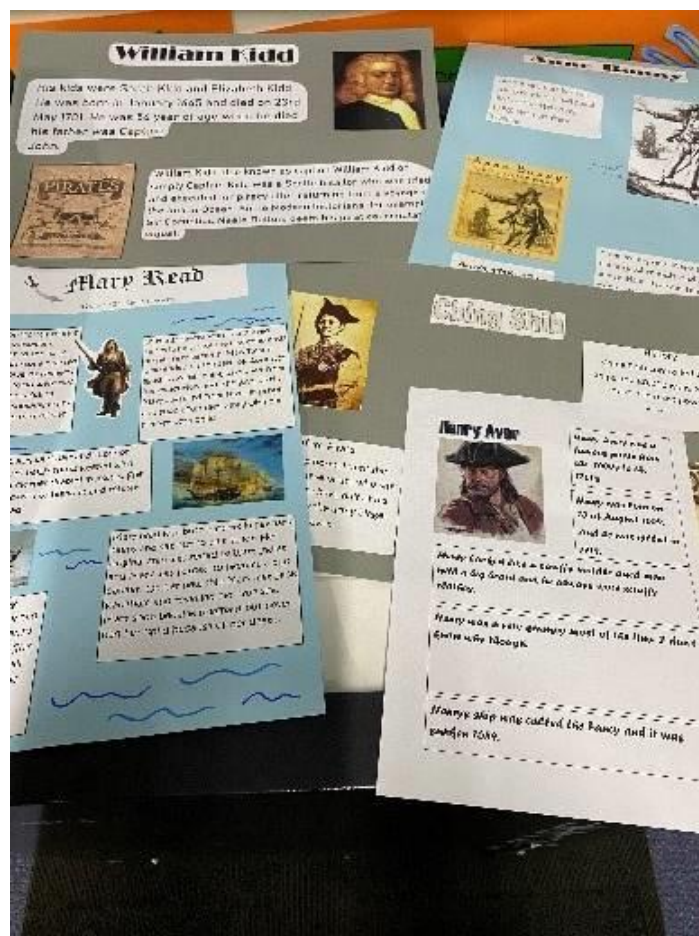
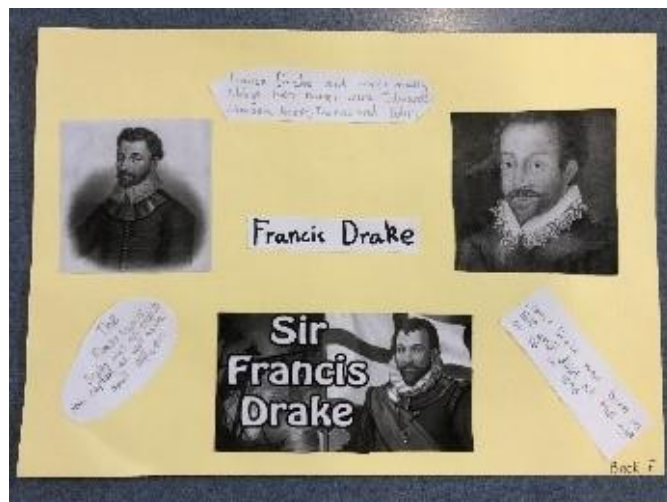
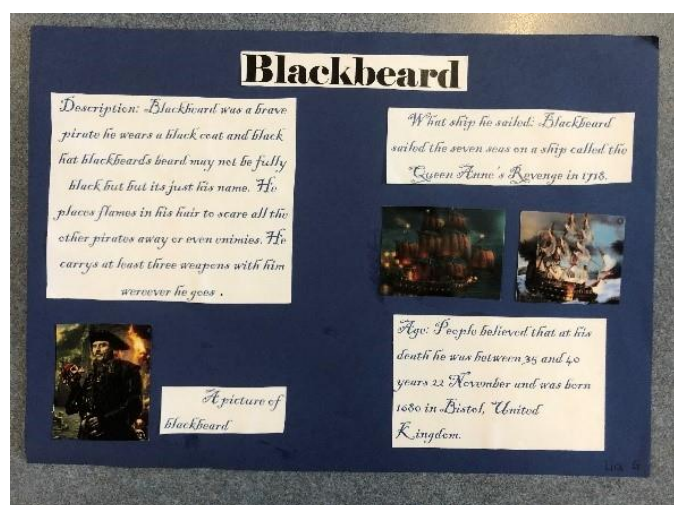


## GRADE 3/4

All the children have been very busy at the beginning of Term 3. Our focus area for Reading is to learn about the different Character Traits. In Writing, the children are focusing on Procedure Text. To make this more engaging the children have been linking science experiments with their writing pieces. Spelling is back in full swing with all students beginning to adjust to the routine each week. During our Math's sessions, the children have been learning to develop their Subtraction skills. For Integrated studies, the children are studying important people, places and events in the Greater Shepparton area.

## GRADE 5 / 6

The theme for the Grade 5/6s this term is Pirates. We have been reading about them and writing about them. Our Writing focus is Information Report writing and we have been researching a pirate of our choice. We presented our information in poster form.





## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students have been practising various basketball throwing skills. Junior students have been playing games like long throw and shuttle ball, while senior students have been introduced to the Indigenous game of Buroinjin.



## PREP & NEW STUDENT ENROLMENTS

Prep enrolments time! Any prospective Preps /new students for 2021 - Please register their enrolment intention at the office. Currently the Department have advised that no school tours are to take place

## SINGING LESSONS

Dear parents of singing lesson students,

Due to the current COVID situation, I have decided to postpone beginning singing lessons until I feel it is safer to do so. Singing can be a high risk activity as it can spread fine droplets. We may be able to begin some time in Term 3 and I will keep parents informed. Please check your Spam for emails just in case.

Regards,

Amanda Sibio

## ART

Due to our inability to share spare art smocks as we have in the past, all students are now required to bring their own art smock to school. Please write your child's name on the art smock, as they will be stored in their classroom lockers. Please disregard this if your child already has one at school.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council values the thoughts and opinions of all those in the school community. Reflecting on the transition to off-site learning during the Covid-19 period we would like to highlight how the Voluntary Contributions made such a valuable impact on the ability to supply high quality 1:1 technology to each student during this period. In contrast, many other schools were unable to provide one device per child.

We thank you for contributing to the Voluntary IT levy, as it made such a difference to our students experience with remote learning, and continues to enhance their learning every day in the classroom.

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The School Council is seeking feedback on the needs and views of parents in relation to Parent Payments. If you have any questions regarding the Voluntary payments or comments on the following, they would be appreciated:

- Why it is they may have dropped off over the last few years?
- What we could do to help encourage people to opt back into them?

Please direct your questions and comments to Jenny Davey via email and she will pass these onto the School Council at our next meeting for discussion. Thank you in advance.

**A breakdown of the Voluntary Contributions per year are outlined below.**

1. **IT - \$30.00 per student.** The purchasing of ipads and laptops is done with minimal IT funding from DET. This money goes towards our rolling Laptop & iPad Replacement Program to maintain our ratio of 1:1 technology in the school. This also alleviates parents having to provide their children with their own devices, as many schools do.  
As all our children benefit from the provision of the modern and personalised IT within our school, we would like to appeal to all families to opt into the voluntary contribution
2. **Grounds - \$50.00 per family.** - Whilst the school receives a small amount of money in funding for covering the costs of maintaining our grounds, it falls short. Also, as Working Bees are no longer recommended by the Department due to OH&S requirements, the school now pays for the quarterly grounds maintenance and clean-up. We would like to appeal to families to pay the voluntary contribution so we can maintain our grounds to

the high standard that we currently enjoy and value.

### MOBILE LIBRARY VAN

The mobile library will resume on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August between 2.00pm – 3.00pm and will visit every 2 weeks.

Students will no longer be able to visit during school times due to restrictions, as only 1 child is permitted on the bus at a time.

If parents would like their children to borrow from the van, they are welcome to collect the children from school and take them between 2pm and 3pm.

Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> August,	Thurs Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Thurs Sept 17 <sup>th</sup> ,	Thurs Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>
Thurs Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>
Thurs Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>
Thurs Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup>

### CALENDAR

Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Jul	School Photos- <b>cancelled</b>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Curriculum Day(Tentative date)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Last Day Term 3
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	First Day Term 4
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Life Education
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov-	3 /4 Camp
Fri 13 Nov	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5 /6 Camp Wyuna
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	

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Physiotherapist, Sophie Woodhouse enjoys treating a mix of sports and spinal injuries.

Tom Davey is a biomechanical and sports focused Podiatrist, who is also skilled in general nail and diabetic care.

Sophie and Tom are excited to move back to Shepparton and work in the Goulburn Valley!