

Toolamba PS

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PARENTS & STUDENTS,

With Father's Day just around the corner, I hope all families find creative ways to reach out and celebrate the wonderful roles dads play in our lives and that all Dads, grandads and the special men in our lives have a fantastic day. A special thank you to Jo Jeffers for her efforts over the past week. I am sure the Dads will all love the surprise. Please check your child's Learning Pack for the Father's Day Poster.

Many of our teachers have remarked on how well our students are doing with meeting work expectations and submitting tasks. We have also had comments from parents about student success with Google Meet connections. As a staff, we believe that students gain great benefit from connecting with their teacher and each other, using this conferencing platform. Thank you for supporting your child to attend these with their teacher and classmates.

I once again pass on my appreciation to each of you for the effort you are putting in at home whilst also juggling families and work. This is a challenge many staff are also facing. Our teachers agree that this period is unlike any other we have faced in education in our time, but I am proud of how well everyone in our community has adapted to this challenge.

At this stage, the same arrangements for remote learning will stay in place until the end of Term 3. No doubt, there will be questions emerging about the organisation of upcoming events and activities that are usually key features of Term 4. At this stage, we have little clarity about guidelines going forward, but it is safe to say that there will be changes to the way we do things given the current environment and if necessary, we will come up with alternative ways to organise activities.

WEEK 10 LEARNING PACKS

At this stage, F-4 Learning Packs will be available for pick up from 1pm Thursday 10th.



My apologies for the tight time frame however teachers would like to have a catch up before the end of term. For ease of process we are using an online booking system. The Interviews will be held next week.

Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on 58265212.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code

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Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you do not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if the email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings must be finalised by Saturday 5TH September at 4pm

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

HEALTH REMINDER

A reminder that, in order to do our best to protect our community from contracting any virus, it is important to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home. If a child expresses that they are unwell, or if a teacher feels that a child is displaying unwell symptoms, parents/carers will be called to collect them from school. It is important that in this current climate we are vigilant with the health of the community and take measures to make good decisions.

ABSENCES DURING REMOTE LEARNING

Just a reminder that during remote learning, you still need to inform the office via phone or email if your child will not be in attendance on a particular day. This applies to both onsite students and remote learning students.

CHANGE OFFICE HOURS

Currently Jenny Davey is working on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Therefore, the phone may go to message bank if I am somewhere else in the school. I will endeavour to respond to your calls and emails by the end of the day.

Have a lovely weekend,

Regards heather

FOUNDATION REMOTE LEARNING

Week 8 has been an unusually quiet one... I hope everyone is travelling OK. Keeping our motivation and spirit up can be a bit tricky during this time. Finding the positives is always hard when the going gets tough.

So... it is super important to keep sending me photos and videos of your time at home via text or email. Jennifer.bathman@education.vic.gov.au I really enjoy receiving these and it certainly helps to keep us feeling connected. Encourage your child to select learning they are proud of to share with me. We love to put photos of our time at home on the newsletter.

I love the photo of Felicity helping to make bread rolls for dinner earlier this week. And I am very impressed with Nic's cooking abilities. Cooking at home with your child develops many skills, such as reading, following instructions, measuring and early concepts of mathematics and science. Needless to say, the most important skill of cleaning up!



Ensure you log into Foundation Google Classroom daily as I post something of interest most days. Today I posted a photo of the new addition to my family... Alfie Bathman. He is adorable except when he poos and wees on my lounge room mat!! GRRRRRRRRR! Yesterday I attached a youtube mindfulness task of Cosmic Kids Zen Den titled Superpower Listening. I believe great listeners make for great learners!

Another mindfulness task is colouring in. I have included a snippet of an article I read on this topic. So it was wonderful to receive a photo of Jake colouring in his mini book of The Big Pig, looking very relaxed and calm. Encourage your child to finish off their learning by ensuring it is neat and colourful. I often say in class time that "Our Learning is important and when you put effort into the presentation, it shows that you care."



Colouring books have become more intricate and sophisticated, not only in design, but also in their intended purpose.

Research suggests that mindful colouring, as with meditation and art therapy, can provide numerous benefits for all ages. Along with providing a much-needed break and the chance to relax and refocus, it can:

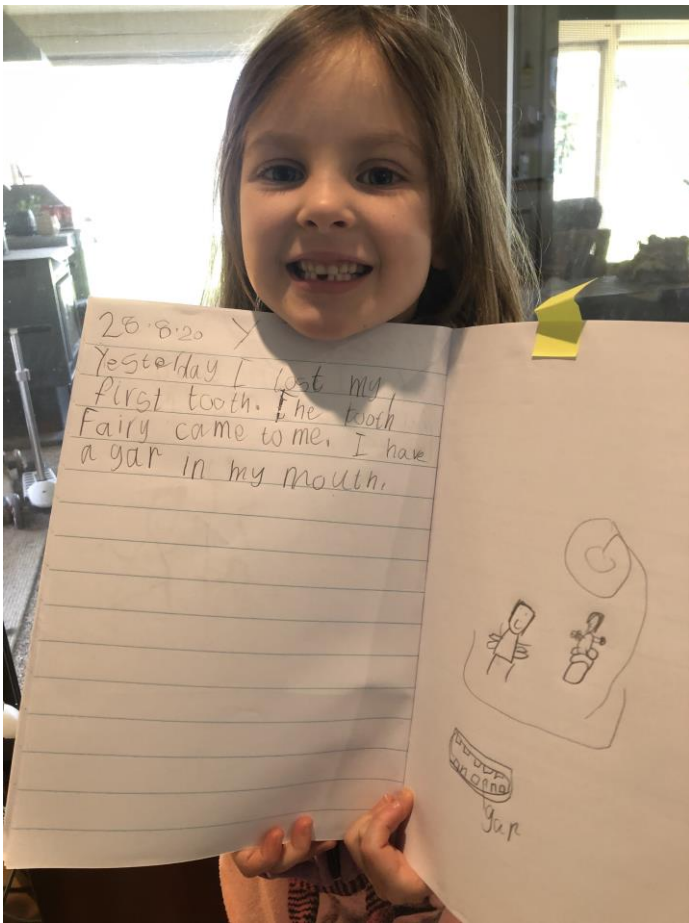
- Help lift your mood, decrease anxiety and stress
- Encourage forming positive, relaxation-based coping mechanisms to help manage anxious thoughts and feelings.
- Distract from negative thoughts and interrupt a focus on worries about past or future event.

The Remote Learning Diary is a task that I strongly encourage to do each day. A daily writing task incorporates and practices many skills; talking about ideas, handwriting/letter formation, spelling of sight words and phonic attempts of unknown words and

reading to edit. Encourage drawing of ideas and utilize the website Art Hub to learning to draw. Thank you Luci for sharing your Remote Learning Diary this week about your first tooth falling out. Hope the Tooth Fairy was feeling generous in Week 8.

Last week I had the pleasure to take the Onsite Supervision Classroom students down to Spoonville. It wasn't far and it was a lovely day for a walk. We met lots of interesting characters and the sequence decorated one was definitely my favourite. And now I hear there are two Spoonville's lurking in Toolamba!





Mrs Serra's art/craft activities also provide time for your child to relax and refocus. Thank you Jude for your efforts to complete the Father's Day Rocket. Dad/Josh will love it!

Hoping Australia Post is operating on time as I know Mrs Serra is creating something special for our last week of the Remote Learning Pack. And that is what I am doing now, Week 10 Learning Pack. I am almost ready to collate and print it off in order for it to be picked up next Thursday. We will ask you to do the same as last time. Return Week's 7, 8 and 9 booklets in the book box with the 6 just right books, and exchange for the locker tub.

Let's hope Mr Daniel Andrews has some interesting news on Sunday when he announces some plans to ease restrictions. Fingers crossed!

1/2 LEARNING

This week students had the opportunity to be in the kitchen baking. We were very pleased to receive photos of student learning in this area. Some families halved the mixture to add an extra element of maths to their cooking. Others changed the colour to create a rainbow masterpiece.





Delicious afternoon tea with Angus.



Lily and Charlotte making rainbow pancakes.





Leo and Billie made gigantic pancakes!

We not only had the opportunity for families to bake pancakes this week, we also had Salt Clay.



Andrew's Salt Clay creations. How colourful!

We are loving that families are taking the opportunity to cook in the kitchen together and complete some mini projects.

One project currently running is William's plant sale. William was looking for a way to get some more pocket money as he wishes to purchase some new Lego.



Good luck William, I hope the plants are selling.

If you are working on an extra-curricular activity, please don't hesitate to send an email to your teacher and let them know. We love hearing about your home projects.

Also, please check the 'Classwork' section of Google Classroom for more wonderful student learning.

Grade 3 / 4

We have enjoyed looking through student's booklets from Weeks 4, 5 and 6. A great effort has been put into completing the work by each student and they should all be very proud of themselves!

Over the last two weeks we have started Feedback Friday. It has been great to see students reattempting work that was previously submitted to improve their score.

Students have also been providing us with feedback each Friday and a clear winner for each and every student is participating in the Art meets with Mrs Serra.

Science Experiment Tuesdays has been introduced and has seen students participate in 'How to Grow a Rainbow' and attempting to grow a beanstalk in a jar/cup.



Next Tuesday, students will participate in the 'Rain Cloud in a Jar' experiment. They will need shaving cream, a clear large jar, blue food colouring, an eyedropper and a small bowl. Students that attend school on Tuesday will not miss out as the materials will be supplied for them!

Lila Brown's Narrative

Topic: Time Travel

I just finished creating a time machine to go back to the year 1955 to help Marty McFly get back to the year 1985. All my time machine needs is water. Unlike the *OTHER* Doc. Brown. His needs plutonium. And that is why I am going back in time to help Marty. To get plutonium. I was NOT dressed for this. As soon as I got there, I was roasting!!!! And I also saw a guy on his horse walking toward a sign that read "Old Town Road". Finally, I found Doc and Marty, near an old-school-looking-type-pub-type thing. "L-Brown! L-Brown!" They were shouting. "Guys-" I started. "Lila, can we hop in??" Marty asked. "Guys, the thing is, my time machine, for some reason mine can't go to the year 1985." I said, quickly. "WHAT!?!?!?" They screamed, their voices filled with horror. "Don't put it on me, guys, but, I have a solution! Look at this!" I said, showing them a newspaper of the clock tower. "That clock tower gets hit with lightning in a few nights, which will cause..." "PLUTONIUM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" We all shouted. "We have to prepare." I said. So two nights later, we were ready.

"So," I said, "You guys are going to 1985 and I am going to 2021. Because I am NOT going back to 2020." I shivered. So we said our goodbyes and with that, Marty and Doc. We're off "See ya in the future," I muttered and I went off.

We also want to wish all the Fathers, a very Happy Father's Day for Sunday!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Subject: Toolamba Lions Twilight Festival

Due to the ongoing COVID 19 Pandemic, unfortunately the Toolamba Twilight Festival for 2020 has been cancelled.

We would like to thank you for your valued support over the past several years. It is unfortunate but we hope to be back, bigger and better in 2021 with yet another very successful Twilight Festival in Toolamba.

Regards

Heather Mulcahy

President.

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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!



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CALENDAR

Fri 18th Sept

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Mon 5th Oct

First Day Term 4