



Heights Happenings

Winston Heights Newsletter

TERM 2

WEEK 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have started Term 2 and have hit the ground running. Thank you so much for your ongoing support of our school as we continue to navigate the many changes that continue to take place during the international pandemic of COVID-19. The collection of student learning packs was again a very smooth operation. All parents displayed great social distancing following the guidelines to ensure the delivery of hands on learning materials to our students for the next 5 weeks.

Google Classrooms have been turned on and I have been witnessing children's daily participation, with the assistance of many parents and carers, in the learning tasks the teachers have prepared for their students. Thank you for your encouragement and support of your children as they continue to learn from home again this term. This type of learning will most likely continue for some time to come.

Students logging onto Google Classroom daily, answering the morning question, participating in the activities, both online and offline, will be marked as Flexible. Flexible means they are present at school but learning from home. Teachers will continue to check-in on the Google Classroom answering student questions and calling home. Remember teachers are often calling from their own home on their own personal phones so the caller ID may show as "unknown". This is why teachers call parent's mobile phones to make contact with their students.

Learning at Home and Phase 1 Managed Return

Next Monday 11th May will be our first day of Phase 1 of Managed Return to School. Last week individual emails were sent to every parent for every child. This email contained the scheduled day of attendance for your child or children. Each class was divided into thirds and teachers selected which of their students were to attend on what day. Ensuring siblings attended on the same day was taken into consideration and required much collaboration. All schools selected their own process for this to occur. As every school is different, no one way for all schools could be used.

As class teachers will now be in front of the class with some of their students each day and monitoring their Google Classroom, it is important to remind your children that if they ask a question of their teacher online while learning from home, it could take a while for teachers to respond. If this is the case students should ask the question and then move onto another task to work on and then come back later to check the teacher's response.

Teachers will be unavailable at various periods of the day while they are at school. They could be taking the class to the library, be involved in a meeting, be on a playground duty, marking student work or in conference with students in class time. Please be patient. The teachers will answer the questions asked on the Google Classroom. It is important to note that the students attending school for their scheduled day will still be following the Google Classroom slides and learning tasks; just in a slightly different way. This ensures that the whole class, whether they are learning at home or learning at school, are working from a single unit of work.

Students attending on a day that is not their scheduled day will most likely **NOT** have their own class teacher. The scheduled day has been organised as part of the Phase 1 return to ensure schools follow the social distancing guidelines. Staff are also not at school every day. They have also been scheduled to work at school for only some days during the week.

All students attending school need to bring with them their learning journal, their booklets from both Term 1 and Term 2 and their own pencil case. Children are not allowed to share with their friends so please make sure they have enough lead pencils (pens for our older students), coloured pencils, student safety scissors and a glue stick.

School Gate Access and Drop Off and Pick-up Arrangements

There will only be two gates open during the school day for morning and afternoon drop-off and pick-up. These two gates will be Buckleys Rd gate (near the staff car park) and Langdon Rd gate (Lollipop crossing/bus gate). This is to ensure safety for our students. The bottom park gate will remain closed and locked until we reach Phase 3 of Managed Return to School. It is important for parents to **NOT** come onto the school grounds during drop-off and pick-up times. When dropping off please take your children to the gate and say farewell and move away to follow social distancing guidelines. This also applies to the afternoon. If your child is late to school or you need to pick them up early, on their scheduled day, it is important for you to come to the school office. When you arrive at the school office please use the hand sanitizer and follow the signage with regards to social distancing. This is for everyone's health and safety.

Playgrounds for Morning, Recess and Lunchtime

As of Monday 11th May there will always be two playgrounds open to students as K-2 and 3-6 students will be separated all day. Siblings will not be able to play together at school but will remain in their own playgrounds with their classmates.

Canteen

At this point in time our school canteen will remain closed. While some schools are opening their canteens we are a parent run canteen and cannot have parents on site for the whole day. It is important that students attending on their scheduled day bring their crunch and sip, their recess and their lunch. There is to be no sharing of food with friends. All children require their own refillable drink bottle as our outside bubblers are closed. Students are filling their water bottles in the classrooms, under the supervision of the teachers.

Library and Borrowing

All students will have the opportunity to borrow books from the library once a fortnight. Years 3-6 will borrow during the odd weeks and Kindergarten to Year 2 will borrow during the even weeks. On your child's scheduled school day they should bring their library bag ready to borrow. This means next week all students in Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to visit the library to borrow. There will be no library lesson given by Mrs Hinton during this time, however, Mrs Hinton will continue to post her Library lesson on each class's Google Classroom.

Browsing of books on shelves by the children will not take place, rather they will choose from books that have been laid out on the tables in the library. Mrs Hinton is aware of the popular choices that children like to read and will have these displayed in preparation of the children arriving with their class teacher. If a student has a particular book or author in mind they are able to send a message to Mrs Hinton through the Library Google Classroom to request the book. Mrs Hinton will make every effort to locate the book or books by the selected author ready for the student.

We want to let you know that all library books being returned are undergoing a 2 week quarantine, followed by cleaning before they are put back in the library to be borrowed by another student. Please rest assured that we are making every endeavour to provide our students with books to read that have undergone strict measures of cleanliness.

Uniform Shop Reopens and Winter Uniform

Our Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday morning between 8:30-10:00am. We recommend ordering online through Flexi Schools, to limit the handling of cash for our parent volunteers. The orders will be filled and sent home with your child on their scheduled day. Parents are also able to request a pick-up of their order after 12pm on Wednesday. The ladies in the office will give you a call and you can come and collect it. If parents wish to browse the second hand uniform section you are quite welcome to visit the uniform shop but must practise social distancing, follow the signs and depart the school immediately after you have completed your purchases.

Religion Lessons Continue at Home

Our Special Religious Education (Scripture) lessons, as you are aware, are also not taking place at the moment. The following link will take you to the Department of Education website which has the links to the various religious groups with student lessons. These have been provided by the various religious organisations for learning at home.

<https://winstonhts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/doe/sws/schools/w/winstonhts-p/www/news/2020/5/religion-and-ethics-lessons-continue-at-home.html>

Happy Mother's Day

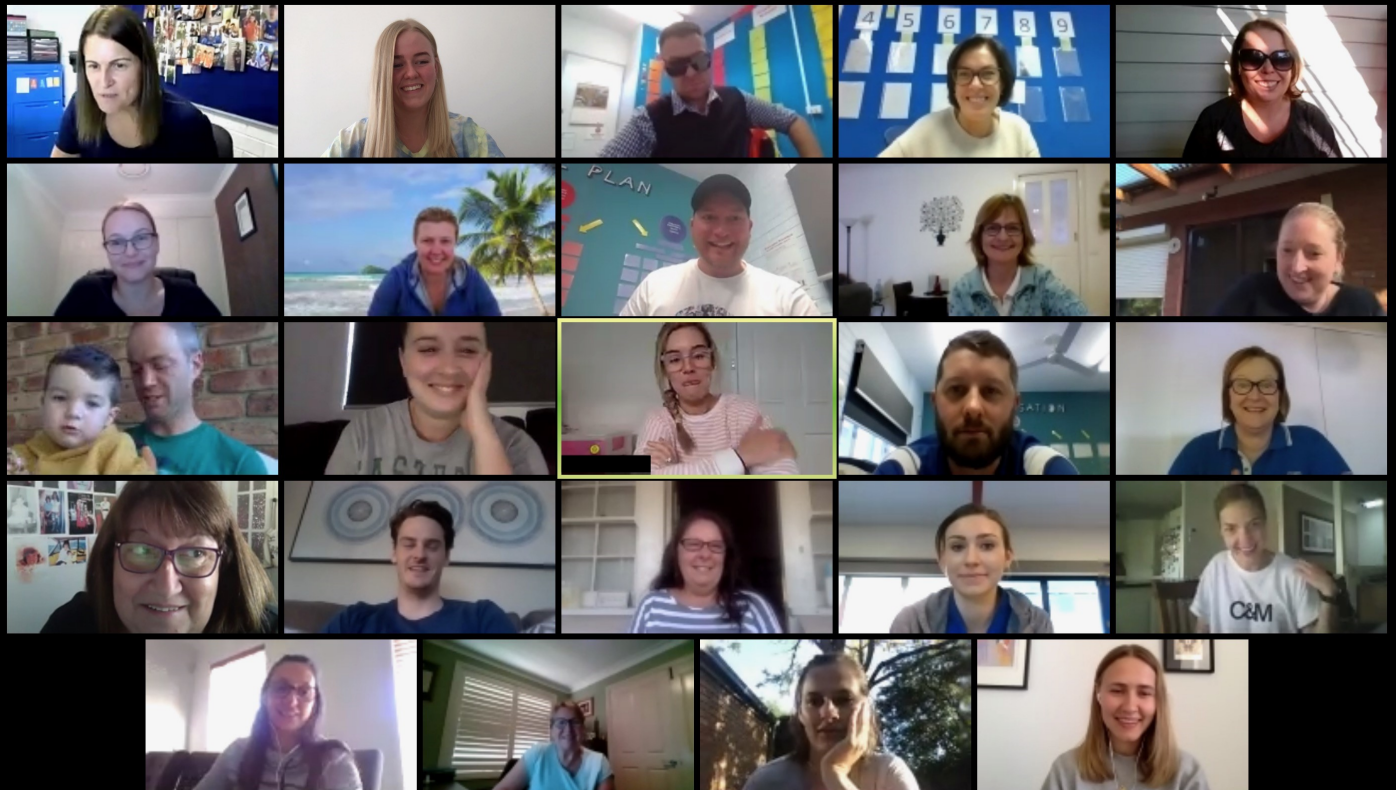
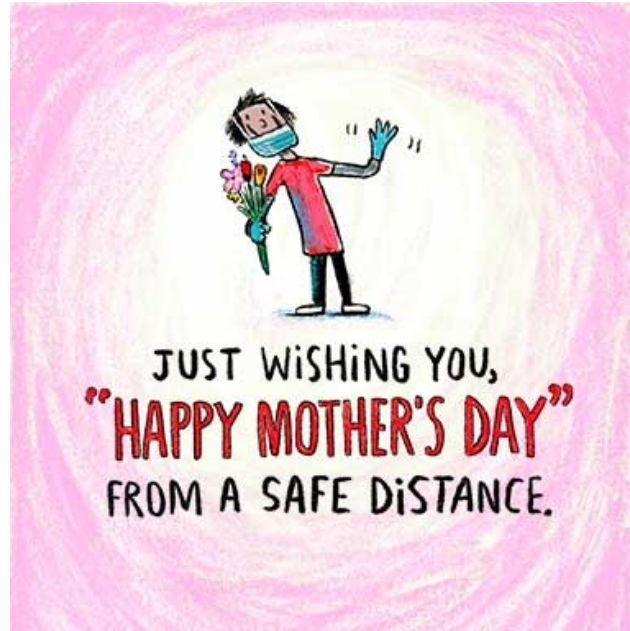
This Sunday is Mother's Day. It will be vastly different for all our Mums, Grandmas, Nans and Mother figures out there. I hope you are able to share the day with loved ones. On behalf of the Winston Heights Staff I wish you a very Happy Mother's Day.

Please practise social distancing, stay safe and stay healthy. We will all be together again soon as one big wonderful Winston Heights school community.

Kind regards,

Margaret Creagh

Principal



Staff Meeting Underway

1C at HOME



Creating Easter hats.

Jersey day and measuring.

1C have been doing a fantastic job while learning from home. Here is a peak at our learning from home stations and some of the amazing things we have been doing!



Working from home.



S3A ARE SUPERSTARS - LEARNING FROM HOME

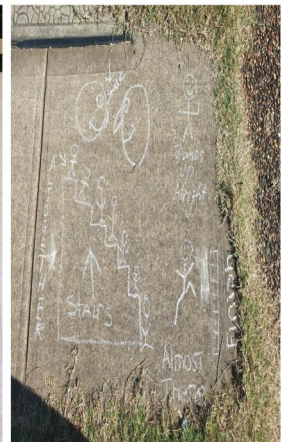
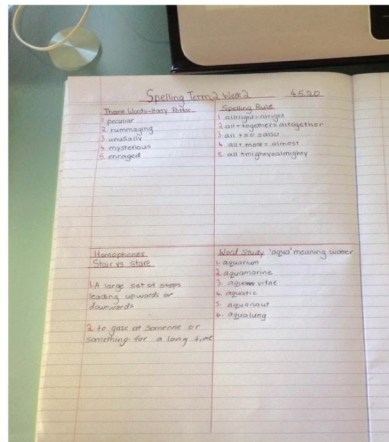
Students in S3A have been doing a fabulous job Learning from Home. We have been using lots of online tools to help us learn, from Google Classroom, ClickView and Flipgrid.

Take a look at some of the wonderful work we've been doing!

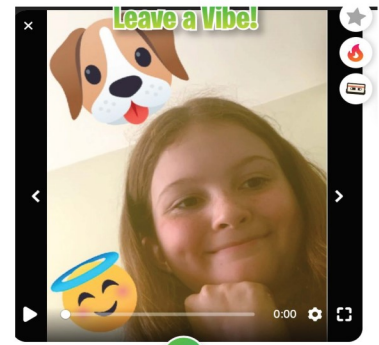
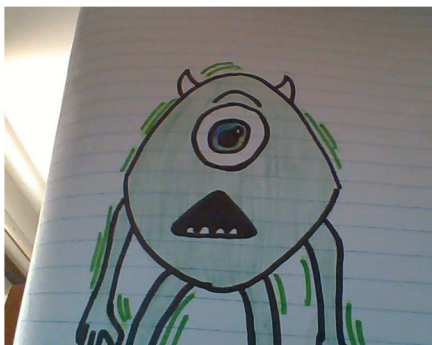
Title: Through the Doorway

It was a typical Sunday morning, nothing at all unusual or weird. No un-normal smells or or sights. The strangest thing the little sleepy seaside town of Haggard had seen was when Ethan (a young boy from the city) had jumped off the pier and shattered his knee on the rocks and was walking perfectly fine after only one week. So naturally when the town woke up they were very calm and relaxed.

Every Sunday all of the village inhabitants gathered in the square for their morning church service. Due to lack of funds they didn't have a church too go to so they used the readily available town square. That's when the trouble all started. Maya the oldest person in the village got to the middle of town first like always and simply stopped dead. In the middle of the square, standing tall was a set of apartment blocks.



We've been using Google Slides to do Imaginative writing and our Learning Journals for spelling and maths. The Great Outdoors is also a wonderful classroom!

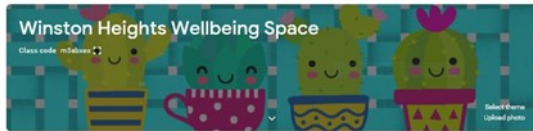


Creative Time has been so much fun - drawing, baking or building!

We've been using Flipgrid to share facts about ourselves too!

Chaplain Chat Term 2, Week 2

Welcome to Term 2. I hope that you have enjoyed your holidays and had some down time. I have heard some people say they have enjoyed spending extra time with the family doing things that are out of the ordinary for you. Whether you are in that category, or struggling, I hope that term 2 will bring joy and some relief from the concerns of COVID.



Just a reminder, the Google Wellbeing Space (through Google Classroom) is there to offer some fun and supportive activities for both children and their parents. Please email me with any feedback that you have about it. The code is m5sbxexm.

Today I have added to the Wellbeing Space (Parent's Wellbeing topic) a brochure about the "Let's Talk Mental Wellness" support line. The stress of COVID on children and families is to be expected under the circumstances. If you need support, you can phone them on (02) 88905236.

Thanks to all parents who came to the 123 Magic Program. The final session (cancelled due to COVID) has been recorded and emailed out to all who missed out due to COVID. Please send your evaluations in so I can get your certificate back to you. I am keen for your feedback. I also hope we can present the whole program again later this year.

Best wishes, Robyn Bowman (School Chaplain) robyn.bowman2@det.nsw.edu.au





Merit Certificates

Congratulations!

Well done to these PBL Award winners who have been Safe,
Respectful & Responsible Learners



AWARDED TO

WEEK 1

KB : Harpah
KH : Ava
KL : Austin
1C : Ebony
1H : Beau
1LW : Tabitha
2E : Annabelle
2P : Izeiyah
2V : Samara
S2F : Parsa
S2G : Lachlan
S2J : Eve
S2N : Hannah
S3A : Riley
S3B : Kieran
S3G : Michaela
S3L : Alistair
S3P : Amelia

Library: Chester

Super Award: Ebba & Thomas

RFF/The Studio: Kindergarten

AWARDED TO

WEEK

KB : Myrah
KH : Josie
KL : Tiffany
1C : Edmund
1H : Avangeline
1LW : Kenan
2E : Cooper
2P : Aaricia
2V : Sophia
S2F : Archie
S2G : Rhea
S2J : Ava
S2N : Ranay
S3A : Angus
S3B : NFP
S3G : Paige
S3L : Amelia
S3P : Jose-Miguel

Library: Livia

Super Award: Felix & NFP

RFF/The Studio: Stage 2

A managed return to school

Phase 1



1 day a week



4 days a week

Keep learning from home. You're doing great!



Schools will remain open for students who need them and no child will be turned away



Bring a packed lunch and water bottle



Keep your distance



Parents and carers, stay in the car for drop offs and pick ups



Visit education.nsw.gov.au/learning-from-home to support your child's learning



Follow health advice and keep your child home if they are unwell



For full details, visit education.nsw.gov.au/managed-return