



ROSSMOYNE REFLECTIONS

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Virtue of the Month for April—Tolerance

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone. What interesting and challenging times we are currently experiencing! The threat of, and response to COVID-19 has changed everything about our way of life, including the education of our children.

Over recent weeks, many of our families have chosen to keep their child/ren at home and I would like to thank our staff who have provided work for students and communicated with parents and carers so our students could continue to learn at home, even though this wasn't required by the Department of Education.

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At this stage, the Department of Education has provided the following advice regarding Term 2. Parents are encouraged to keep their children at home where possible. All children will be taught whether they are at home or attending school and will have access to, and regular contact with, their teacher/s.

Schools have been asked to provide a learning from home program for the possible duration of Term 2. There is a lot of information about how our school will be facilitating this in the 'Parent/Carer Guide to Implementing Distance Learning' that was sent out with this newsletter. **Please ensure you read through the guide carefully.** Your child's classroom teacher will also provide more information to you at the beginning of next term.

I would like to publicly applaud our staff

who have worked incredibly hard to prepare for the unprecedented challenge of presenting distance learning next term.

We have made every effort to prepare for our school's transition to distance learning, however, there may be hiccups and I ask for your patience and understanding in the event that we encounter some teething problems.

Staffing Update

On behalf of the school community, I would like to sincerely wish Ms Barzotto all the very best for the remainder of her pregnancy and for the upcoming arrival of her first child. In her absence, Mrs Cordina and Miss Correia will be teaching the Year 1 students in Room 14 for the remainder of the year. I would like to warmly welcome Miss Correia to our school team. Ms Barzotto has ensured a very thorough handover of information has been provided to Miss Correia and Mrs Cordina, who have been planning together over recent days.

Mrs Marshall is also accessing her long service leave so will not be returning to school until November. I hope she enjoys her leave. Mrs Baldock will be relieving for Mrs Marshall in Room 23 on Mondays and Tuesdays until Mrs Marshall returns. This week we have also welcomed Mr Ty Bancroft to our school as our new Gardener and Handyperson. He is quickly settling in and becoming part of our school team. Thanks to Mr MacCarthy who

relieved in this position while the process to appoint a permanent gardener was conducted. I wish him all the very best for his new job.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge all of our parents and carers. This is also a very challenging time for you, and I thank you for your efforts, persistence and for the messages of support and encouragement that you have sent to the school. I sincerely hope you and yours can enjoy some rest and relaxation over the holidays, so you can return recharged and ready to face the challenges that next term may present. Take care and be kind to yourself.



Rochelle Williamson
Principal

Upcoming Events

- 27 April - ANZAC Day public holiday
- 28 April - Professional Learning Day for staff
- 29 April - learning from home commences for students

Our 2018 to 2020 Priority Areas

1. Excellence in Teaching
2. Successful Students
3. Health and Well-being
4. A Connected Community

Our Code of Conduct

School community members will display behaviours that uphold our four school values—integrity, respect, courage and belonging.

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Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded with Merit Certificates at our recent assembly. Keep up the great work!

ROOM 8 Jedd Sophia	ROOM 9	ROOM 10 Julia James
ROOM 13 Liv Nathaniel	ROOM 14 Sarah Riley	ROOM 15 Vince Scarlett
ROOM 16 Jayven	ROOM 17 Oliver Finley	ROOM 18 William Michael
ROOM 19 Ian	ROOM 20 Chloe	ROOM 21 Zoe
ROOM 22 Ahiya	ROOM 23 Chris	ROOM 24 Alston Sarah
ROOM 25 Maya	Room 26 Audrey	Languages Room 25 Yashwinraj

A Message from the Community Health Nurses

Please find a link to a website below which may be useful for families with a primary language other than English.

<https://www.ethnolink.com.au/covid-19-coronavirus-translated-resources/>

Parents and Citizens' Association



Bendigo Bank School Banking and the Second Hand Uniform Shop

will not be operating until further notice.

Scholastic Book Club

The last Book Club order has only partially arrived. Once it has all been delivered, we will advise you how the order will be distributed. Thank you for your patience.

Learning from Home and Cyber Safety

As most of our students will be participating in learning from home for the duration of Term 2, 'online safety' for our students is an issue we need to be concerned about. A new guide to online safety for parents and carers has been released by the eSafety Commissioner. It can be accessed at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/covid-19/advice-parents-carers>

eSafety's top tips for parents in protecting their kids online include:


- using parental controls in apps and devices to monitor and limit what your child does online;
- setting time limits for using devices during non-school hours;
- keeping your kids in open areas of the home when they are using their devices;
- turning on or reviewing privacy settings to restrict who contacts your child in apps and games; and
- keeping engaged through co-view and co-play by joining in with your child's online activities.

As most of our students will be participating in virtual lessons via WebEx, it's also timely for us to consider and discuss online etiquette. The information contained over the page from @thinkingpathways may assist you in having these discussions with your child/ren.

Online Video Conferencing Etiquette


There are some important things we need to follow when video conferencing with others during this time of home learning. These will help to make sure we are prepared, we engage respectfully and responsibly, and we are keeping ourselves and others safe.

Dress Code



Ensure you are dressed appropriately.
No singlet tops or low cut tops.

Location



Make sure you are in a common space.
e.g. dining room.
Please don't be online in your bedroom.

Test Your Tech




Check to make sure your technology is working properly.

Mute Your Microphone



Be sure to mute your microphone when you join the video conference.

Don't Share The Link




Never share the private online class meeting link with others.

Be On Time



Check the time of your online meeting.
Make sure you are ready to go when the meeting starts.

Presentation




Check your surroundings. Make sure there are no important documents in the background.

Chat Responsibly



Raise your hand.
Ask and post only class related questions and comments.

Participation



Be focused.
Pay attention.
Actively participate.