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“All students who
can learn from
home, must learn
from home” –
Daniel Andrews

CARING FOR OUR CHOOKS

Our school chooks Snowy, Rosie & friend have spent the school holiday period with our trainee Bonnie. They have been happy sharing the land with Bonnie’s chooks, Mama & Papa.

Our chooks will reside with the her family for term 2 and we thank them very much for taking care of our chooks whilst remote learning is occurring state wide.

Meanwhile Dumper, our resident turtle is enjoying a holiday with Miss Shelby’s brother at his home.

Remote & flexible learning



TERM 2 HAS BEGUN...

We certainly have had a challenging beginning to term 2 due to the restrictions in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Victoria. The move to remote and flexible learning was confirmed to be taking place state-wide in the second week of our school holidays with final advice coming from DET late on the evening prior to good Friday. This created some challenges regarding communication and I thank our families and staff for their patience as we awaited guidance on what term 2 would look like as we all joined together to follow the Victorian Government directive that *those who can learn from home, must learn from home*.

So what does it look like? At this stage for us at Colac Primary School is looking co-operative, supportive and very, very different. We have the vast majority of our students completing their school work at home and working the best they can on creating a different way of learning for the term. Many staff are also working remotely and we are required to follow the Victorian Government advice that *those who can work from home, must work from home*. This has presented significantly challenges as we seek to provide the correct staffing ratios on-site and adhere to all social distancing measures.

For families who require on-site supervision for children: The process for applications for onsite learning will be undertaken weekly. The expectation is that students *who can learn at home must learn at home*. For families who for have valid reasons and are unable to meet this expectation, you will need to phone the school on Wednesday weekly to request an application form. This will then be provided to you and will need to be submitted by 1pm on Thursday with an outcome communicated to you by midday Friday for the following week. Application forms will be evaluated according to DET criteria and clarifying information may be sought.

Please understand the school has a skeleton staff and we are struggling to provide supervision and meet ratios. Do not contact the school for a form if you think you will not meet criteria, phone the school mobile 0407041133, and speak with our Assistant Principal Jill Newcombe to discuss your situation. Jill will provide clarification and assist you with the process.

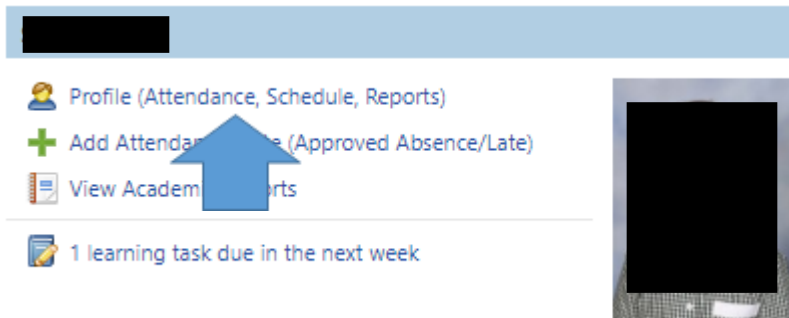
The roll out of our remote learning was disrupted this week due to issues with our external platform Compass. This capacity issue has been rectified and Compass is now responding to the increase in demand. On the following page is how to access the learning for students, which we have adapted to make it easier for families to locate on the platform.

Teachers have been busily phoning families this week to check in and see how you are travelling with the remote learning and to ask questions specifically related to technology. This is to assist with the loaning of devices to students to support their remote learning. It is hoped that we will have all the information required by the end of the week and be in a position to loan devices to families by the end of next week.

As we face the current restrictions together, please remember, **'IN A WORLD WHERE YOU CAN BE ANYTHING; BE KIND'**. It is important that despite our frustrations we continue knowing that we are in this together and everyone will react at different times in different ways. A little empathy will go a long way to avoiding conflict and misunderstanding ☺ Take care of yourself, your family and your community!

FOR PARENTS TO ACCESS STUDENT WORK ON COMPASS:

Click on your child's profile



Then click Learning Tasks.

Learning tasks set by teachers will be available here

Dashboard	Schedule	Learning Tasks	Attendance	Reports	Insights
Group by code Academic Year					
Code	Learning Task	Status ▾			
GEN56_R10	Week 1 Home Learning Class Task Report: No	Due date: 17/04/20 04:00 PM Submitted: <input type="checkbox"/> Pending			





A MESSAGE FROM OUR TEACHERS

VALUE FOR THIS WEEK IS

HONESTY



Honesty means you can be relied on not to lie or cheat.

Easter Raffle Winners:

ASHA – ROOM 1

HEMI – ROOM 7

DALLAS – ROOM 10

Thank you to all families who donated to our Easter raffle – 3 main prizes were drawn and 2 for each classroom and overall winners are listed above.

Miss Baulch & Mr Tillack are pictured below all set up and ready for day 1

Painters have been busy over the holidays painting the infant wing. They have now moved into the middle wing this week.



Dear Families

We hope that you all had a very restful break. Teaching staff have begun to make contact with families via compass and telephone as we begin our remote learning journey. Teachers have been very busy designing remote learning to align with the Victorian Curriculum. Each Monday, curriculum will be sent out for the week and families are encouraged to adapt the student's learning to reflect their day. Classroom teachers will make contact with your child each week via phone. Please chat to teaching staff if you have any questions about the tasks or further ways to differentiate the learning for your child. Teachers will continue with their data and assessment schedule and will inform you at a later date which work needs to be emailed to them. All students have been give login codes for: Mathletics, Epic, Reading Eggs and Essential Assessment. These digital resources are aligned to the curriculum and allows for multiple exposure to the learning content.

Please ensure that you check your compass updates regularly and email or phone your classroom teachers between 9-3 if you have any questions.

Looking forward to a great term of learning and growth,

Mr Scott Kenyon on behalf of our teaching Staff ☺

