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Respect Care Collaboration Resilience

Lethbridge Primary School acknowledge the traditional custodians of our school lands, the Wadawurrung people, and pay our respects to Elder's past, present and future.

Principal Pondering

I can't believe that it is already May! This year is flying by and the introduction of Remote and Flexible Learning seems to have sped that process up.

Please take the time to slow down and breathe whenever you can.

Meditation and mindfulness can be very strange when you first start, but daily practise makes these strategies extremely effective in reducing stress and anxiety. If you haven't tried it before, now is the perfect time to give it a go.

Video Chats

All teachers have started introducing video chats with students this week, and the feedback has been very positive!

Please encourage your children to just be themselves, and not worry about being on the camera. For students who have significant anxiety around this, they are able to turn their camera off so that they can hear, see and participate in the video chats, without being on camera. We anticipate with time and practise most children will get used to this format and learning in this way will become easier.

If the teacher has met with your child over the video chat, they will not be making a phone call to the home as well, unless necessary.

Internet Access

We have been issued with 1 dongle and I have requested a number more. Those with no internet have priority over those with poor internet so please be patient.

In the meantime, if you require a work package instead of online work, please contact the office or your class teacher as this can be arranged for you.

Communication

Flexibuzz and the school website will give you easy access to the most current information from the office.

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You can continue to call the school on **52817214** for advice and support. There is one teacher on duty every day who can help you out.

You can also email the school on Lethbridge.ps@education.vic.gov.au and your email will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

For students using Class Dojo, you can contact teachers directly through the platform.

For students using Google Classrooms you can email the teacher directly using their address (which is included in the Remote Learning Guide).

On-Site Attendance

As you are aware, the Government's directive is that if a student can learn at home, they must learn at home. On-site school attendance is considered a last resort.

If you require school attendance because you are working and no other alternative supervision can be arranged, **you must complete the 'On Site Attendance Declaration' form each Thursday and submit this to the school by 3pm, for the following week.** The form is available from our website.

Coronavirus Updates

Please refer to the Department's [coronavirus web page](#) for the latest advice and information.

It's a perfect time this weekend to get away from screens, to rug up in your winter woollies and go for a brisk walk, toast some marshmallows and play some board games together.

Warmest wishes,
Tina

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep / 1M	<p>Jarvis For showing resilience and taking on feedback to improve his writing. Outstanding use of the dotted thirds Jarvis and great letter formation. Well Done Jarvis!</p>
Prep / 1B	<p>Ethan For showing confidence and resilience during our 1st Webex class meeting this week.</p>
Grade 2	<p>Ruby Her perseverance during online learning and her exceptional persuasive writing piece 'Non Fiction is way, WAY better than Fiction'.</p>
Grade 3 / 4B	<p>James His positivity towards remote learning and willingness to give everything a go!</p>
Grade 4 / 5M	<p>Charlotte For the care she always puts into her work, and the quality of her connections in reading this week.</p> <p>Afnan for creating and sharing instructions to log into Webex. Thanks for the tech support Afnan!</p>
Grade 5 / 6M	<p>Charlotte For her effort to improve her punctuation across all areas of her learning.</p> <p>Alex For showing his resilience when faced with the challenges of online learning.</p>
Principal's Award	<p>Connor For composing a powerful ANZAC poem.</p>

Protect yourself and your family

Cover your cough and sneeze

- 1** COVER your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- 2** Put your used tissue in the rubbish **BIN**.
- 3** If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, **NOT YOUR HANDS**.
- 4** WASH your hands with soap and running water. Dry your hands thoroughly with a disposable paper towel or hand dryer.

Stay germ free and healthy

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Protect yourself and your family

Wash your hands regularly

- 1** Wet your hands.
- 2** Put soap on your hands.
- 3** Rub the soap over all parts of your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- 4** Rinse your hands under running water.
- 5** Dry your hands thoroughly with disposable paper towel or hand dryer.

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Captain Fork and the Australian Pirate Telescope

By Ruby Hellowell

One day in the stormy ocean, Breckman pushed Captain Fork and the telescope off the ship and they fell in the sea. Captain Fork said "telescope come here this instant!" Suddenly, as magic "here I am" said the telescope. Just then Captain Fork and the telescope saw a giant fin come out of the water. They were feeling sad, scared, wet, cold and angry. How Captain Fork wished he made Breckman walk the plank as soon as he saw him he said quietly to the telescope.

Then the fin moved. "Did you see that?" said the telescope. "No, I did not" Captain said as they both saw the fin move again, again, again, and again. "Wow" they both said with amazement. Just then, the fin jumped out of the water. They were terrified as they saw it was a giant, ginormous.....SHARK!!!!

The telescope calmed the shark down. The Captain said "you are really magic" as the telescope said "you can ride it now." "OK" said the Captain, as they both jumped on it.

"Ship ahoy" all of them said. As quick as a shooting star the shark flipped the two of them onto the different ship.

Captain Fork had to walk the plank on this different ship. He and the telescope jumped on the same shark, that the telescope calmed down, and swam back to a different ship. He and telescope got to be the new Captains.

The shark pushed the ship if there was no wind.

The end. Arrghhhh me hearties!

