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***“Educating successful leaders, confident and creative individuals
and active and informed citizens”***

Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

August

28th Friday Work Collection & Scrap Book Submission

September

4th Friday Work Collection & Scrap Book Submission

11th Friday Work Collection & Scrap Book Submission

17th Thursday Last Day of Term

Principal's Message

Thanks

Twice this happened – twice! Twice this week I have happened to walk into the staffroom and there is a teacher there. That teacher is smiling, “wowing” and proudly glowing at the work that his/her students have completed. As a team, we continue to be very proud of our students and the work they are submitting. We are very grateful for the ongoing partnership that we enjoy with families and hope we continue to see many successes in the coming weeks.

Flexible Medium-Term Planning

Over the last number of weeks, staff have continued to plan for the multitude of possibilities in the short to medium-term. Here at Skipton, we have a pretty clear plan to respond to a positive case in the community if this eventuates. We have a plan to return to face-to-face learning in Term 4 if that eventuates. We have plans to continue in remote learning, if that is what is required. As a staff group, we will attempt to continue implementing many of the renowned community events and learning opportunities that are such a big part of life here at Skipton, even if some of those activities look and feel different. It is regrettable, that some normal activities may end up being cancelled. I wish to reassure families that any cancellations are a last resort. I will be able to provide more details regarding these events towards the end of Term 3.

The School Website

There are a couple of new sections on our website – the Principal's Welcome and Staff Profiles have been updated. I'll continue to update you with changes to the school website, so check it out if you get a chance!

Internet Connectivity

It's been brought to my attention that some of our families live in locations where the intermittent internet connection has meant there is a limited ability to connect to conferences and access the school's online resources. Can I please request that families who can't connect to conferences, meetings or YouTube more than 50% of the time that they would like to, can you please make contact with me either via email or call the school? I'm keen to hear from you about your experiences, so I can provide this feedback to our staff and others at the Department.

Managing the Coronacoaster

On the second page of this newsletter, there is an open letter from the Department to families inviting them to attend a webinar facilitated by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. The focus is providing tools and strategies to support families manage lockdown and remote learning. This opportunity is one for all families, regardless of how successful remote learning is going in your household. At this new and unsettling time, it can be very valuable to take a little time for opportunities such as this one. I was part of a session he ran when I was in Year 11 (a little while back) and I found him an engaging and knowledgeable speaker.

Week of Wellbeing

I've taken the time this week to have a little inward look, completing a webinar directed at school leaders entitled 'Being Your Best Self.' Whilst I'd like to think of myself as measured, calm and usually my best self, it is an area that is always worth allocating some time to. It is not something that I think can ever be 'mastered' or 'finished.' Next week, it is Week of Wellbeing for students, families and teachers. I encourage all of you to take some extra time to ensure you are well and your family is well. There is a matrix of activities that families can complete together and I'm sure many other family traditions that you have that can support this ongoing pursuit.

Stay safe and have a great weekend,

Nick Keating

Free Opportunity for Families – Courtesy of the Department of Education

Dear parents and carers,

On Tuesday 25 August, the Department of Education and Training is presenting a free webinar for parents and carers by renowned child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, on building family resilience during coronavirus (COVID-19).

Parents and carers play a vital role in helping children feel safe through uncertain times.

Dr Carr-Gregg's webinar is aptly named *Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era*.

In this webinar, Dr Carr-Gregg provides tools and strategies for parents and carers to help manage the lockdown and remote learning. Topics include:

- your supportive role
- setting the emotional tone
- focusing on what you can control
- how to deal with disappointment
- further resources and where to get help.

Dr Carr-Gregg's presentation will run for 45 minutes. This will be followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer session in which parents and carers can ask Dr Carr-Gregg questions.

Webinar details

- **When:** Tuesday 25 August
- **Time:** 7:30pm
- **Duration:** 45-minute presentation followed by 15-minute questions and answers session
- **Format:** online via Webex
- **Cost:** free

How to register

To register and for more information visit the

Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era eventbrite page.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/managing-the-coronacoaster-tips-for-building-resilient-families-registration-116837404823>

Garden Roster

We ask that each family take a fortnight to come in when convenient and do some gardening. Jobs include mowing including the nature strip, weeding and sweeping paths. First name in list to coordinate please.

20th Aug- 2nd Sept: Peta Byrne, Emma Smith, Kristen Hansen, Olivia Petch

3rd Sept – 16th Sept: Amy Sim, Elizabeth Barr, Elizabeth Kusanke, Alicia Pettigrew

17th Sept- 30th Sept: Fiona Meek, Michelle McIntyre, Karen Bodman, Helen Purvis

PREP\ONE Writing Pieces

AWESOME GUIDE DOGS by Freddie Weatherly Grade 1

Guide dogs help people that are blind live their daily life.

Guide dogs eat dog food, fish, bones and balls.

Guide dogs have jaws, four legs and a harness. They also have a tail and ears.

Their special skill is saving people's lives and helping cross roads and standing up for them.

Guide dogs are awesome because they save people's lives.

ABOUT MY DOG by Alfie Sim Grade 1

Zac is our pet dog who is a border collie. Zac is black and white. He has four legs. He has brown eyes and a black nose. Zac live on our farm and sleeps in the kennel. Zac likes to stay with Dad on the farm. Zac is special to me because he is a nice dog.

MY DOG JEMMA by Logan Nixon Grade 1

I have a dog. Her name is Jemma. She is a moodle. She is 8 years old. She is white and fluffy. Jemma has black eyes and she is small and a very cut puppy dog.

She lives with me on a farm in our house. She sleeps in a dog bed. Jemma plays with me. She likes to pull the rope ball. Jemma makes me happy because she jumps on my lap. I love her.

COCKATOOS by Maisie Molloy Prep

We saw a white cockatoo at the Hall's Gap Zoo.

It lives in a big cage with other birds.

It has a yellow crest on its head and a black beak.

It said, "Bert's a good boy!"

It was very clever.

It eats seeds, fruit and nuts.

THE REMOTE by Arthur Bulford Prep

One time in a spooky castle there was this old remote and it was hidden in a secret trapdoor and it came to life.

The old remote kept changing the TV when no one was looking. The old man who lived in the castle didn't know what was happening.

One day he discovered the remote being naughty. He caught the remote and hid it back in the trapdoor.

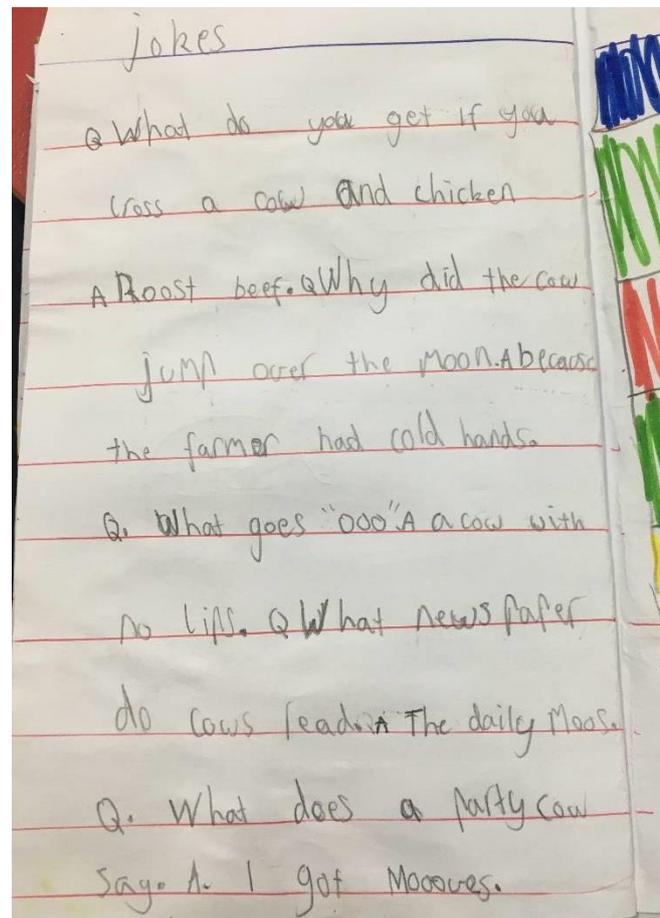
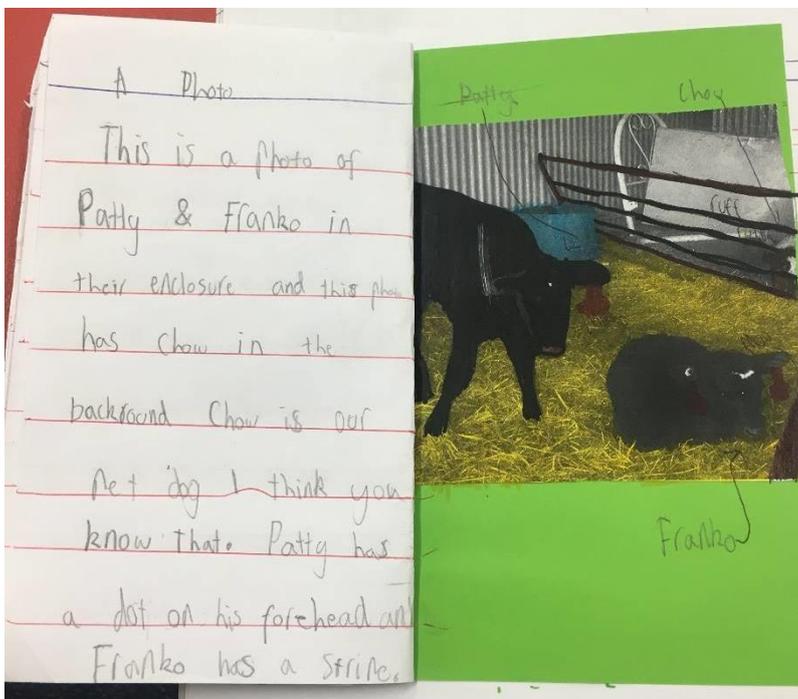
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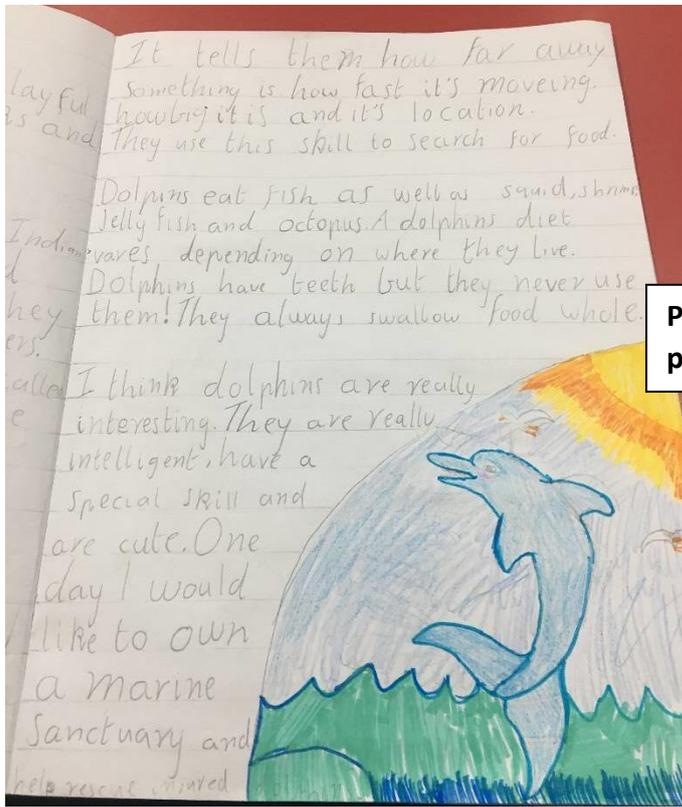


Grade 2/3 update

Well done Grade 2/3 on a terrific start to Remote Learning 2.0! Here is just some of the amazing work created so far. It is great to see the students putting so much effort and creativity into the learning tasks. Miss Lewis

**Charlie's book about
Patty included some
hilarious jokes!**



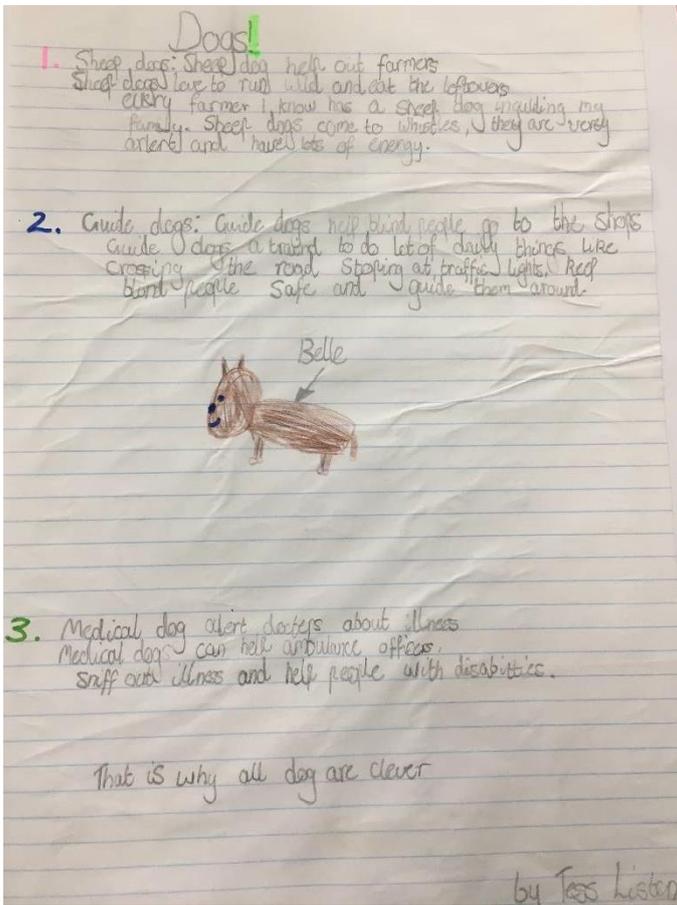


Some snapshots of Octavia during remote learning.

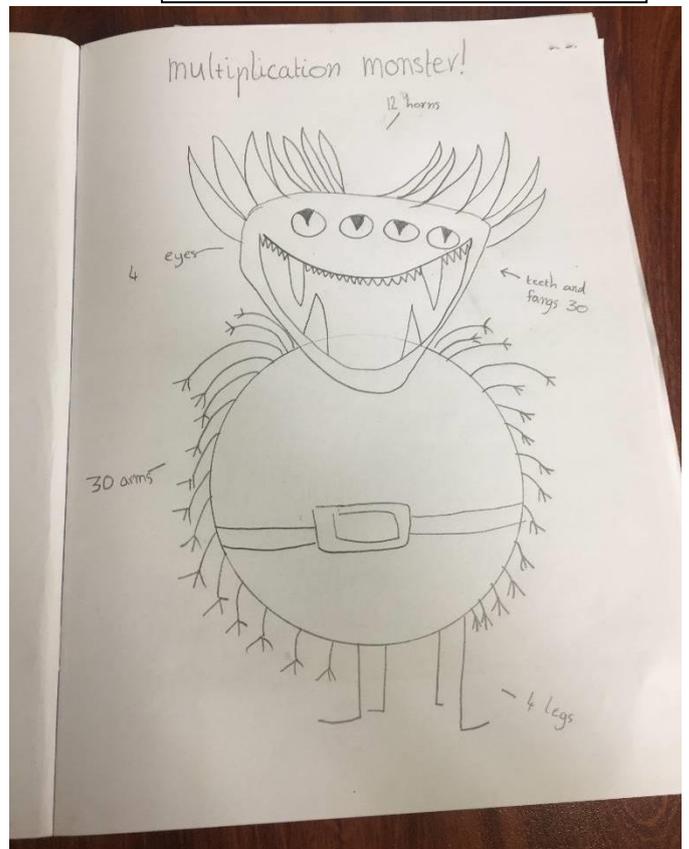


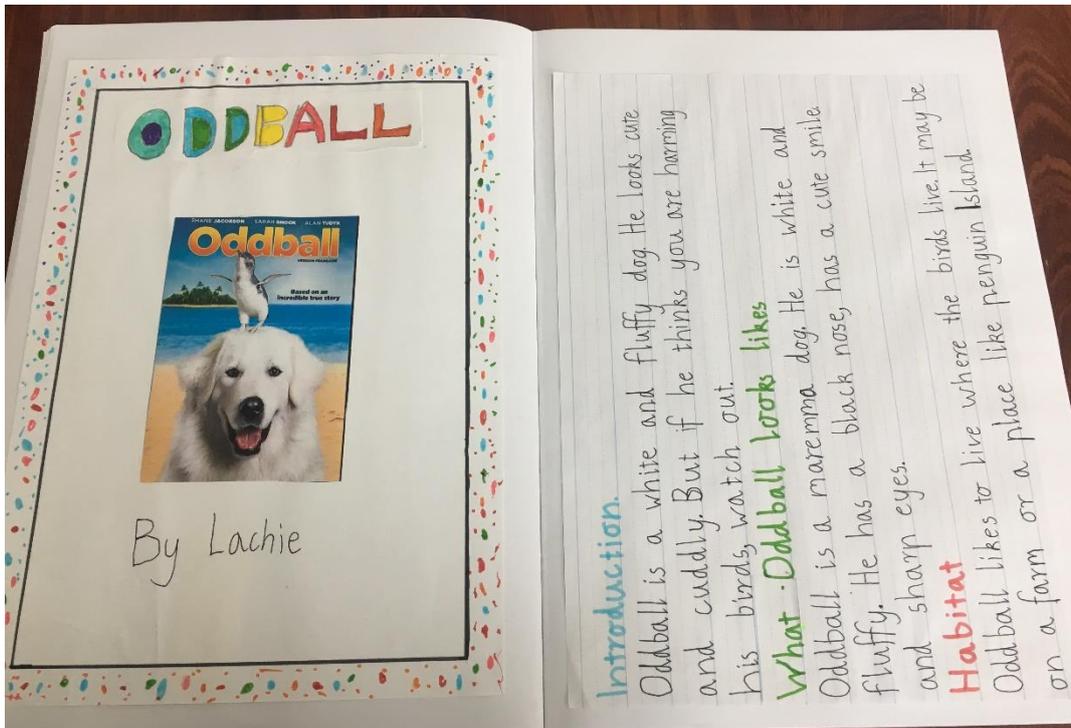
Part of Iona's writing piece about Dolphins.

Tess's guide to dogs



Charlotte's scary multiplication monster.





Our families beautiful dog by Evie

Pippa was my pet dog and our farm dog she died this year, it was very sad. Pippa had tan short fur and she was very fit/healthy.

Pippa always used to chase the sheep in the paddocks like mad.

Pippa used to sleep in the dog kennel and she would bark a lot.

Pippa did a really good job at what my dad said to do. I loved Pippa she was the only dog who made me feel safe.

Pippa went on the back of the motorbike it was her favourite thing to do, she was very clever at putting the sheep in the yards.



