

# Appin Park News

LEARNING  
FOR LIVING  
I SHOW RESPECT  
I AM RESPONSIBLE  
I CARE

16th April 2020

Hello Everyone,

Well, what an unusual start we are having to term 2, I hope that you and your family were able to have some kind of break over the holiday period, albeit under different circumstances to normal holiday happenings.

I would like to thank all of our Appin Park families who are supporting the Department's guidelines in helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19 through the community. We understand the challenges this is presenting to you all and are here to support you in any way we can. Thank you to those parents who have called or sent emails to clarify their understanding of who should and shouldn't be at school. We are aware that everyone's circumstance at home is different and are happy to discuss your situation to come to a shared understanding around attendance onsite. Thank you to those parents who are now accessing the link on Compass and Facebook to indicate the need for supervision of their child through the week. This helps support us with organising adequate staffing supervision.

Yesterday saw the collection of our first set of learning packs. Thank you to everyone who collected their packs, following social distancing measures and staggering their arrival so we didn't have too many people on site. From feedback we received and observed we will alter collection times next week in the following way:

**Collection and return day: Wednesday 22nd April**

**Times: Families with surname A-G, 9:15—9:45**

**Families with surname H-O, 9:45—10:15**

**Families with surname P-Z, 10:15—10:45**

The library will be available on this day, so once you've returned your week 1 learning pack and collected your week 2 pack, you may return and borrow library books. We do ask that you continue with social distancing whilst in the library and use the hand sanitiser on entering and exiting the library. Staff will be available to support you in the library.

Finally, I'd like to give a big shout out to the staff of Appin Park who have been a fabulous support to me as we navigate our way through this new experience. All staff are continuing to work tirelessly to learn and understand the best way for us to keep in contact with you and your children, and provide authentic learning opportunities that will continue to support and develop the growth of your child. I applaud their willingness to have a go and their flexibility around adjusting to this change in a just a few short weeks.

Please continue to feed back to us your thoughts around learning packs or systems we have up and running. If you are having difficulties with accessing Compass please contact us at the office. For issues or questions around Class Dojo please contact your classroom teacher. (Email addresses are on the following page).

Take care of yourselves and each other.

*Fiona Carson - Principal*

## **Message from School Council**

Dear APPS community,

Firstly I hope that everyone had a break over Easter and enjoyed some immediate family time together wherever possible. I know this is the first Easter that my family and I have spent at home together in many years.

On behalf of school council I would like to thank the Staff in particular for their recent efforts. I could only imagine the amount of work that has gone on behind the scenes to provide our kids the opportunity to learn from home. I would also like to personally congratulate Fiona on her leadership and direction throughout this period at APPS.

APPS School Council is still operating. Although it will not be face to face, we will still be meeting later in the term. While you are unlikely to see us around the school yard, just remember that myself and other school council members will remain available via phone or e-mail. We are an option for any suggestions, questions or issues that any member of the school community may have.

I am sure that some parents/carers who have kids schooling from home will have concerns. I encourage everyone to communicate with their children's classroom teacher whenever needed. Together our teachers and staff will be doing everything they can to continue offering the highest level of education for our kids that is possible.

School will look a little differently for term 2. Let's hope that we can get things back to normal as soon as possible.

Regards,

*Kevin Feldtmann*

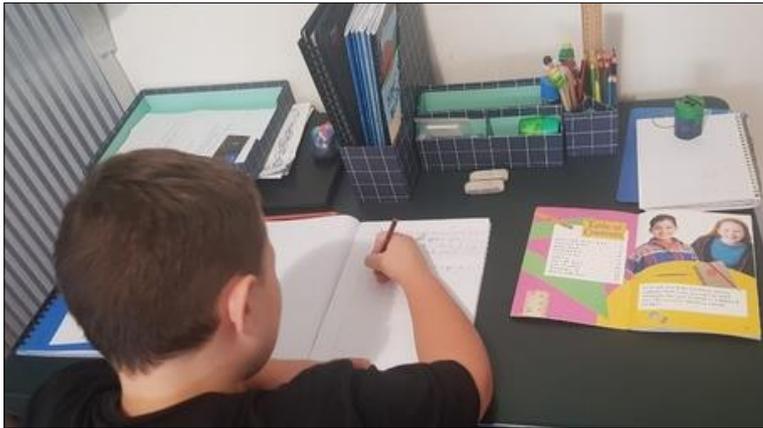
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# This Week at Appin Park!



*Please email your photos of learning at home to Nicole. I will try to include a few in the Newsletter each week!*



## REMOTE LEARNING ATTENDANCE

If your child is unwell, or for some other reason is unable to complete their remote learning session, could you please complete an attendance note on Compass as you normally would, or email Nicole so that we can continue to accurately record attendance. Children who are learning at home are still considered to be present at school.

If you require your children to attend school, a link will be published each Wednesday on Compass and Facebook to the form where you can let us know which days your children will be at school. This form must be completed by 5pm Thursday so that we can ensure we have enough staff available to supervise students for the following week. Please remember, if your children can learn at home, they **must** learn at home.

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**All teachers can be emailed via Compass**



## Department of Education and Training

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Dear parents and carers

The Victorian Government has advised new arrangements for school education for Term 2, 2020.

All children who can learn from home must learn from home.

This course of action has been determined to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), based on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer.

Our schools have been re-oriented to support learning from home.

Principals and teachers have put in place plans to provide a learning from home program for all year levels. This includes provision by the Department of Education and Training through your school of laptops or tablets and network access, if required.

In order to protect the health and safety of your children, your family, your teachers and the whole community, it is important that you follow the Victorian Government's direction and keep your child learning at home this term.

On-site school attendance is available as a last resort where parents and carers are not able to put in place arrangements to supervise children at home. Your school will have provided you with further information about this.

Information for parents and carers to support you supervise your children at home can be found here:  
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your own circumstances, please talk to your school or phone the Department of Education and Training parents' and carers' hotline on 1800 338 663.

Thank you for your cooperation and your support for our teachers, schools and community.

Yours sincerely

**Jenny Atta**  
Secretary  
Department of Education and Training