

Appin Park News

LEARNING
FOR LIVING
I SHOW RESPECT
I AM RESPONSIBLE
I CARE

23rd April 2020

Hello Everyone,

We are now in to our second week of home learning. Thank you to everyone who came in and collected learning packs and visited the library. It has been great hearing what is going on with the learning at home and how different families are juggling their own work and family circumstances while supporting the learning of their children. The message from the Department has not changed and still reads: **“to increase physical distancing across the population and slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), children in Victorian government schools have moved to remote and flexible learning and care at the commencement of Term 2. This has meant that from the start of Term 2 all students who can learn from home must learn at home.”** Thank you to those who are using the link that has been provided via Compass and Facebook to request supervision for you child/ren on site here at school. This has helped with organising staff to fulfil this role.

Learning Packs

Feedback from last week has enabled teaching staff to adjust and modify learning packs this week. These learning packs are suggested activities, there is not an expectation that every child complete all tasks every week. We simply ask you to have a go. Teaching staff have been inundated with student work being sent in via Dojo or returned on collection day. It is important to note that not all pieces of work will be given individual feedback, as this task is enormous. Over the next couple of weeks units will start to indicate specific pieces of work that students are encouraged to send in for feedback and assessment purposes. I cannot thank our teaching staff enough for the work they are undertaking in putting learning packs together, responding to messages, providing feedback and providing time to take on supervising roles at school for those students in attendance. The work of staff is growing by the day and I ask that you remember this is a new situation for us all and we are doing our very best to keep it running smoothly. Staff are generally available between the hours of 8:30 and 4:00. We are still continuing with after school planning meetings and staff meetings as we would during a normal school term.

Collection and return day: Wednesday 29th 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 2 learning pack and collected your week 3 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.

Setting a schedule at home

Our learning packs include a schedule of learning tasks to be completed each day. This is a suggestion only. The order in which your family chooses to complete each days' work is up to you and if a task is taking too long or is too challenging then it can be moved to the following day or left. Generally speaking Day 1 is considered to be Wednesday and weekends are left free. Suggested times spent per day on literacy activities is about 45-60mins less for F-2, numeracy 30-45mins, physical activity 30mins and then some time spent on an art, science or Italian task.

We are hearing from some parents that their children won't do the tasks, are having meltdowns or being difficult. This is perfectly normal and understandable given their routines are broken and the environment for learning is different. If you are having problems, offer plenty of movement breaks, try a different setting, turn off the TV or radio so there is some quiet or perhaps if all else fails call it a family rest day and bring out the Lego, building blocks, do some cooking, build outside cubbies or go for a walk. It is important as parents, that you look after your own mental health and be kind to yourselves. We admire what you are doing and are here to support you in any way we can.

Look out for some messages from our school captains on Class Dojo tomorrow afternoon to show how Appin Park is acknowledging ANZC day on Saturday.

Take care,

Fiona Carson - Principal

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 week 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.

This Week at Appin Park!

