

Appin Park News

LEARNING
FOR LIVING
I SHOW RESPECT
I AM RESPONSIBLE
I CARE

30th April 2020

Hello Everyone,

It's hard to believe that we are already through 3 weeks of term 2 using flexible and remote learning. The positive stories keep coming in and we are really grateful to you all for your ongoing support in learning from home. Learning packs that went home on Wednesday were again modified and strengthened based on your feed back. We are very mindful of not overwhelming families and are working hard to meet the needs of all students no matter the circumstances.

This week we have been able to start loaning laptops for term 2, to families who identified that this might be a support for them during the learning from home period. These families were identified through data collected during week 1 collection of packs. The use of the laptop is to support the learning through programs such as Reading Eggs, Mathletics and to upload some work to Class Dojo. Learning packs will continue to be designed weekly in hard copy form. If you feel that a device for your family would be valuable as your own devices are not able to be used then please contact the office. We do have a limited number of laptops still available.

Today we have attached some information for parents around the use of social media and school. This is simply a reminder that as parents you are role models for your children in thinking about how you communicate regarding issues or wonderings at school. We have been really proud of our school community during this changed time in regards to the way families are interacting with staff and the school via our chosen platforms and thank you for doing so.

Collection and return day: Wednesday 6th May

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

Collection will be held in the multi purpose room from now on.

The library will be available on this day, so once you've returned your week 3 learning pack and collected your week 4 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.

A big thankyou to our school captains, Abby, Paige and Charlotte who provided us with some reflections in different ways to commemorate ANZAC Day.

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.

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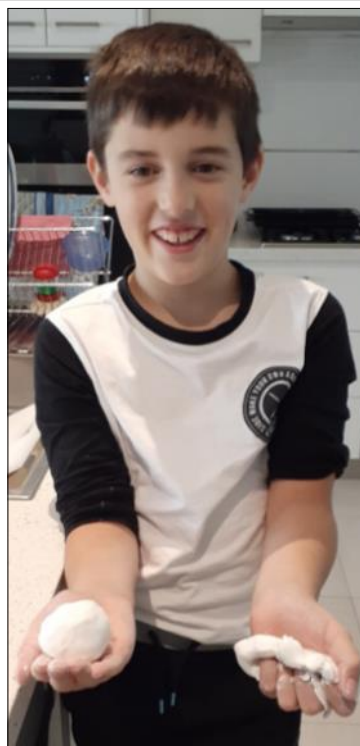
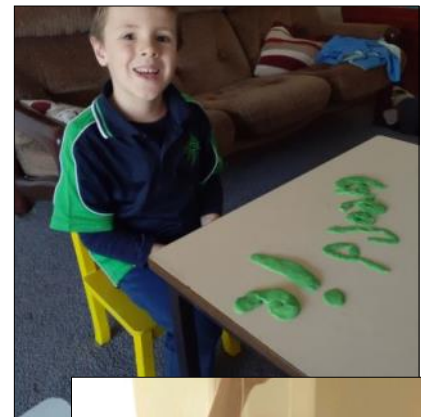
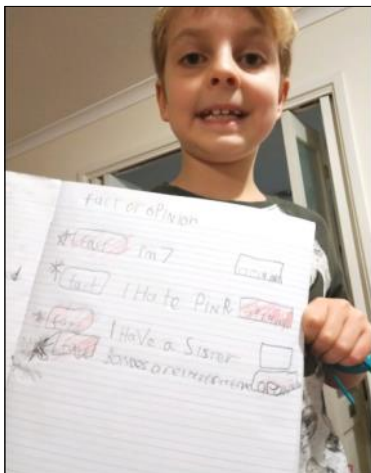
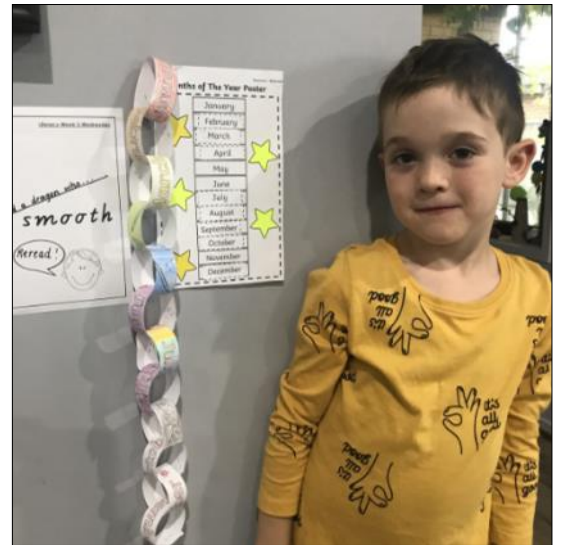
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All teachers can be emailed via Compass

This Week at Appin Park!





Parent Education Support - Term 2

Gateway Health offer a range of group parenting programs as well as one on one (individual) parenting support sessions to parents and carers across the region. In term 2 our support options will look a little different due to the challenging times we are facing with the current pandemic. We want parents and carers to know that we are still operating and able to offer support.

Our group programs will not be running in term two, however we are able to offer the programs below to families on a one on one basis via telephone or zoom.

Programs we are able to offer individuals include:

- Tuning into Kids (2-10 years)
- Triple P - Positive Parenting Program (2-10 years)
- Tuning into Teens (12 and above)
- Engaging Adolescents (12 and above)
- Parenting Transgender and Gender Diverse Children and Teenagers (any age)

We are also able to offer general parenting support as well.



Where is it held?

All appointments are currently delivered via telephone or zoom



When is it?

Appointments are available Monday to Friday during business hours



How do I join in?

**To register contact our Intake Team on
Ph: (02) 6022 8888**

Social Media & Your School

Be a positive role model by demonstrating respectful and responsible behaviours when communicating with and about your child's school online.

Times have changed

A few years ago parents discussed concerns or issues with friends at the school gate. Today, with the internet, mobile phones and social media, discussions between you and your friends can reach a far wider audience than ever before.

Social media can provide an enjoyable way to socialise online and keep you connected with what is going on in your school community.

While these technologies can be great for sharing ideas and keeping in touch, don't forget that comments about your school community can have greater impact than expected and can have very real consequences for the reputations of individuals including teachers, principals, other parents, students and yourself.

As a parent and carer, you are your child's first role model when it comes to online behaviour. Make sure your online conduct demonstrates how they can use social media respectfully and safely.

There are also legal implications around what people are able to post and share about others. The idea of privacy in the online world can be confusing but essentially posting or sharing personal information about another person online requires consent.



Top tips for positive and respectful online communication with your school community

Avoid posting negative comments that identify your school or individuals.

Feedback from the school community is important for schools and the department. Each Victorian Government school has a complaints process for raising concerns. If you have a concern, rather than go online, speak directly to your child's teacher, Assistant Principal or Principal.

If after having this conversation you feel that your concerns have not been resolved, you can contact the **Community Liaison Officer** at your closest Department of Education and Training Regional Office, who will assist you and the school to find a solution. For more information on raising a concern or issue with your child's school see:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/contact/Pages/complainschool.aspx>

Remember: serious instances of inappropriate online behavior may constitute a criminal offence and become a police matter. School staff may obtain personal legal advice if they feel that online content seriously impacts their reputation.

