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<i>Tuesday 04 August 2020</i>	MPS School Photo Day – Postponed to Term 4
<i>Monday 10 August 2020</i>	Curriculum Day – Cancelled
<i>Friday 14 August 2020</i>	Collect Remote Learning Packs
<i>Friday 28 August 2020</i>	Collect Remote Learning Packs
<i>Friday 11 September 2020</i>	Collect Remote Learning Packs
<i>Friday 18 September 2020</i>	Last day of Term 3

Principal's Report

A lot can happen in a week! We have now gone from a State of Emergency to a State of Disaster with Stage 4 Restrictions in place. We empathise with families who are now unemployed or 'paused' in their workplace. We know the latest constraints place even more challenges on families who are already juggling their personal commitments catering for family and /or workplace responsibilities, as well as trying to assist your children with their Home Learning. We thank you for all that you are doing to support your children and communicate with their class teachers.

Whilst we are working together to optimise students learning in Literacy and Numeracy, we recognise that on some days, families may need to have a 'Time Out' and not be able to complete all work tasks. Now, more than ever, our priorities go beyond academic learning, as we recognise our community's focus is on safety, wellbeing and family relationships. If students are unable to complete activities on some days, please just email your child's class teacher to advise them.

Thank you to families who gave us feedback on the Home Learning Packs, we value your comments and are continuing to incorporate them in our planning and preparations. Apart from a few 'technical glitches', families are all logging in to class meetings and small group teaching groups and students are enjoying seeing their classmates.



Student Attendance

We are mandated by DET to continue logging student attendance data each day, although they haven't supplied a recommended platform for this. We have looked at what other schools are doing and also what would work best for our families. Since all families are successfully using Seesaw, we have decided to utilise this platform for logging attendance. Students will be assigned a task each day. All students/families need to do is follow the steps below to log attendance. Students attending onsite are not required to complete this task. Staff will take the roll at school.

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Steps to log attendance:

1. Log in to Seesaw by 12 noon Mon-Fri.
2. Open assigned task
3. Click 'Add Response' Button
4. Click the Green Tick
5. Task will be displayed as completed, and your attendance will be marked for the day.
6. Teachers will then complete roll by 12.30pm.
7. An alert will then be sent by COMPASS at 2pm if attendance hasn't been logged. Families can then ring the office if their child has been completing work and participating in Remote Learning that day.

We know this is a new system for families, and we ask for your patience as we work our way through any difficulties that arise. Once again, communication between home and school is important, as we all try to implement these new requirements by DET within the very short timeframe we've been given.

Curriculum Day



On the Pupil Free Day this week, staff participated in the Discovery Learning PD that we had scheduled for next Monday's Curriculum Day, (which has now been cancelled). This was a very valuable half day PD led expertly by Margaret, our Assistant Principal. Staff were highly engaged and felt equipped to further develop this approach during their Professional Learning Team meetings in the coming weeks. As we've stated previously, we are continuing to work towards our goals for School Improvement and Curriculum delivery.

I thank Margaret for her excellent presentation and look forward to students engaging in Discovery Learning when they return to face to face teaching.

Loan of Devices to Families

We still have a small number of DET devices available to loan to families. If any families now need to borrow one, please contact the office.

Stay safe and we will continue to keep families informed of any new DET operational guidelines via COMPASS.

Angela Morrítt

Principal

2021 Prep Enrolments

If any families know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, please encourage them to phone the office and arrange a tour or enrol as soon as possible, (this includes siblings of current students). The sooner we get a sense of our intake for next year, the sooner we can start planning for grade structures.

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‘Thunk It’ with Mr Stephens

Can we ever achieve such thing as ‘Perfection’?

Hello Families of Greensborough Primary School,

Everyone can thunk! Thunking is a simple activity that anyone of any age can do. All it takes is a simple idea, prompt or message that makes you think about the world in a totally new way.

This fortnight the ‘Thunk It with Mr Stephens’ will explore what it means for something to be “*perfect*”. In the last Remote Learning phase, I thoroughly enjoyed reading and viewing all of the fantastic thunks on topics such as time travel, commemoration, dream homes as well as other bits and pieces!

If you are wondering what this thinking is all about, visit the ‘Thunk It with Mr Stephens’ page on the blog. You will find this fortnight’s thunk as well as previous *thunks* and *thinkers*.

Feel free to leave a comment on the blog (*scroll down to the bottom of the page*) or send me an email with contributions through Compass.

<http://2020athomelearningresources.global2.vic.edu.au/thunk-it-with-mr-stephens/>

Happy Thunking!

Mr Stephens



Well-being Wednesday!

With Remote Learning 2.0, it is more important than ever that we are looking after ourselves physically and mentally.

It has been wonderful to see so many people embrace the idea of Well-being Wednesday again and posting photos of things they are doing to keep their mind and body healthy.

Please keep posting your photos onto Seesaw and a COMPASS post with everyone’s photos will be sent out every Friday afternoon.

Stay safe, stay home and stay healthy everyone.

Mrs Darling



Here is an action shot from last week of how Mr Stephens and Ms Gauci are looking after their well-being during their lunch-break!

Pupil of the Week



Term 3 ~ Week 2

Prep	<i>Jasper</i>	For trying his best and working hard on his reading and writing tasks during Remote Learning. Well done!
Grade 1/2A	<i>Harper</i>	For sharing excellent work on Seesaw that shows great care and effort. Keep it up Harper, we are so proud of you.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Kody</i>	For his wonderful behaviour while working at school. Well done!
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Riley McN</i>	For his research and note taking on elephants. Well Done Riley!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Hunter</i>	For an excellent start to life at Greensborough Primary School!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Sofia</i>	For her comical Big Write that made me giggle! Great work!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Adrian</i>	For his persistence and consistency during Remote Learning this week. Well done!

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Term 3 ~ Week 3

Prep	<i>Jacob</i>	For including excellent evidence for his inferences.
Grade 1/2A	<i>Isaac K</i>	For completing all of his remote learning activities with effort and sharing them on Seesaw.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>All of 1/2B</i>	For being so enthusiastic and considerate of each other during our first google meet.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Nala</i>	For her participation in her online guided reading session. Well done!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Reese</i>	For persevering with google meets and joining our class meet up with a smile.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>James</i>	For his excellent work during remote learning this week and for his well-written and researched biography.
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Amber</i>	For his excellent work during remote learning this week and for his well-written and researched biography.

Parents & Friends

Unfortunately, we were unable to continue with a second pie drive due to the move to Stage 4 restrictions. Cassie will look at rebooking it in for Term 4. For those that have placed orders, if you would like a refund please call the school and discuss with Meghan – otherwise your money and order will be held over until Term 4.

A huge thank you for your support with our fundraising events last term (Mothers' Day Stall, belated Easter Raffle and the Pie Drive). These events raised \$1552, taking our total money raised for the school so far to \$3050. This is fantastic considering the students have spent more time remote learning than being in the classroom!

Half of the money raised (\$1500) has purchased literacy books for the school. The remaining money will be going towards a projector and screen for the hall.

Stay safe and take care

Kim Hill

On behalf of P&F

Building Resilient Families During COVID

A FREE online Webinar with Lou Harvey-Zahra and the
Transition Banyule Network
for parents of under 12s in Banyule

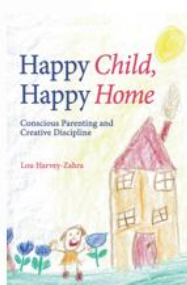
Tuesday 11th August, 8 to 9.30pm

(from your own home via Zoom)

Attend LIVE to hear Lou Harvey-Zahra, popular parenting author of 6 books, share practical tips and ideas for a happy family life, including:

- Daily family connection games, for strong bonds
- Free family fun ideas for home entertainment
- What to do when you hear "I'm bored!"
- Tips to help with Home-Learning!

Register for your FREE ticket at <https://www.trybooking.com/BKTBC>



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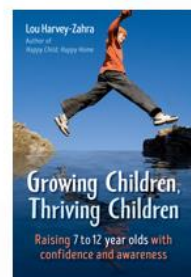
Auspiced by the Montmorency
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SUSTAINABILITY IN THE SUBURBS

- organised by local people, for local people



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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) EXTREME HARDSHIP SUPPORT PROGRAM

Emergency financial assistance for people living in Victoria

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Who is this program for?

Applicants must meet all of the following:



live in Victoria



be unable to access Commonwealth income support (including JobKeeper and JobSeeker) **OR** the International Student Emergency Relief Fund



have zero or very limited income, savings or community support



be a temporary or provisional visa holder, or undocumented migrant

What support is being provided?

Limited cash payments to cover basic needs, such as food, bills and medicine.
A single person may receive \$400. Families may receive more.

Red Cross can also provide information about other supports available to people living in Victoria on temporary visas.

For more information and to apply go to
redcross.org.au/vicrelief

If you have questions you can request a call back, including with an interpreter.

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Re Introducing:



DIAMOND VALLEY
community support



Diamond Valley Community Support (DVCS) is very excited to announce the merging of its Education Assistance Programs into the new **KidsAssist Education program**, which aims to support vulnerable and disadvantaged families with education expenses, and provide a pathway for schools to refer families and children who require financial assistance.

You may be aware that in the past DVCS delivered two separate Education Assistance programs - a Back to School Program to support families living in north-east Banyule, and a KidsAssist Program to support families living in Nillumbik.

With the merger of these two programs, we aim to break down boundaries between Nillumbik and Banyule, provide consistency for the communities that we support along with consistency across internal procedure and policy frameworks.

KidsAssist Education is available all year round to clients, working on a financial year basis. For example, a parent/guardian can receive their maximum of eligible KidsAssist Education grant funding within the 1st of July 2020 to the 30th of June 2021 period. This can be in one-off payment or as needed.

Funding guidelines:

ASSISTANCE RATES:



**Up to \$200
Per child**



**Up to \$500
Per Family**

★ Funding is **ONLY** available in the form of: Payment via electronic funds transfer (EFT) direct to nominated schools (not directly to families)

★ Please note that funding that is made to the school can **ONLY** be used for educational purposes i.e. fees, stationery, text books, excursions / camps, etc. for the nominated child – as directed by the parent/guardian through conversations with the school, and will be credited to that child's account.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The family must live in OR children must attend a school in the North-East Banyule DVCS ER zone, or in the Shire of Nillumbik. This includes the schools involved in the pilot of KidsAssist - Macleod College, Rosanna Primary School, Rosanna Golf Links Primary and Streeton Primary School (for a full list of eligible schools please go to our website listed below).
- The child/ren must attend a Victorian Primary or Secondary School – this includes the VCAL program at Diamond Valley Learning Centre.
- Parent/guardians must have a Centrelink Card (or be a person experiencing financial crisis or special circumstances which is at the discretion of DVCS after discussion with the school and/or applicant).
- Parent/guardians must have the students for whom they are applying for funding listed as dependents on their Centrelink Card.
- Where there are children living in shared custody arrangements, only one of the parents may receive KidsAssist Education funding assistance.

To apply for a grant the parent or guardian can either: present to DVCS Head Office in Greensborough Plaza, with their ID showing their current address OR make an application online via the school through the KidsAssist Education link from the DVCS website – <https://www.dvsupport.org.au/kidsassisteducation>.

Funding for this program has been made possible by the efforts of the volunteers at the DVCS Opportunity Shops located at 37 Chute Street Diamond Creek and 44 Aberdeen Road, Macleod.

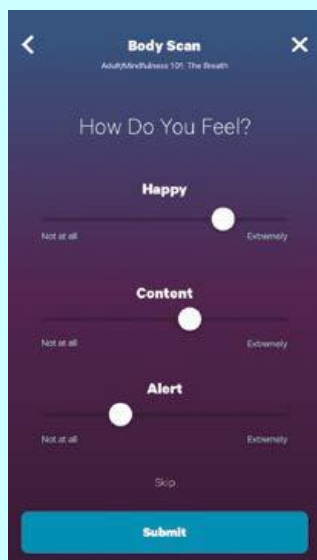
How you can support your child at home

Mindfulness activities

We know that the greatest learning actually happens at home and we hope you are excited to find ways to bring mindfulness into your home - it will benefit your child and your whole family! If your child's school has started to use Smiling Mind, your child will have a take-home activity that they can do at home each week. Here are some more ideas for mindful activities you can do together at home.

Download the Smiling Mind App today

This free app is available through the App Store or Google Play and can be downloaded on your phone, iPad or computer for your personal use.



How do I access food relief during self-quarantine ?

For Victorians that have been directed to undertake mandatory self-quarantine and have limited access to food and support networks (i.e. your pantry is empty and you have no family or friends close by to purchase groceries for you), emergency food relief packages are available at no cost.

Call the Corona virus hotline on **1800 675 398** to find out more information and access the two-week supply of food staples.

All requests are assessed on need and urgency, prioritising those in greatest need. More information is available here: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorian-public-coronavirus-disease-covid-19#what-are-the-relief-packages>



Healthy Schools Banyule Newsletter

Banyule Community Health remains open to serve our community in trust & respect during COVID-19 and beyond.

West Heidelberg hours are:

M - Th: **8am - 5pm**
Friday: **8am - 4pm**

For a full list of services please visit www.bchs.org.au or call 9450 2000



General information of lists of paid home delivery options from local supermarkets can be found on: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/self-quarantine-coronavirus-covid-19#what-other-support-for-accessing-food-is-available>



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