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Principals Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and safe. It has been a very difficult time for all of us and our community. We are all happy to be back at school with our students and working to re-establish class and school routines and ensure that all areas of the school are safe for students and staff. Our enhanced cleaning occurs every day and we are continually receiving hand sanitiser and supplies.

Thank you to our families who have supported the requests and advice over the last few weeks. I have been impressed by all the staff - my teachers, school learning support officers and administration staff who have continued to be flexible. I have seen amazing Zoom lessons across the school with students participating and learning. The Monday Art lessons, Wednesday Cooking and Friday Music lessons have been very popular and we will be continuing these throughout the term.

We have not been able to hold activities such as library and whole school events at this time. However, we are ensuring students' days are structured with a variety of learning activities to meet the programs and Personalised Learning Plan goals.

We have exciting school improvements happening with lots of action in the high school playground. The demolition has finished and the building of the playground is well under way. The large poles are being cemented in for the shade sails and the equipment will start to appear soon. The middle school SPA now has shade sails and will be further upgraded this term.

Thank you to our parents and taxi drivers who are following the safe arrival and departure for all students. This will continue until further notice. Again, we are very happy to see our students return and if you have any questions please contact us.

Michelle Davies
Principal

What's happening at Chalmers Road School

Term 2 2020	
8 June	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend
To be confirmed 15	P & C Meeting by Zoom
July 3	Last Day Term 2

Online payments

Parents are able to make payments for school contributions, preschool fees, excursions and any other expense through the Parent Online Portal. Access to this is from the school website at the link below and the "Make a payment" link on the right hand side on the top orange bar.



Green Class

During the past few weeks, Green Class were learning from home. We came together each day for a whole class zoom session. It was such a wonderful opportunity for all of us to interact with each other. The students loved seeing each other.



We are now all back at school in the classroom for the rest of the Term and ready for some fun learning experiences!

From Sally and Linda

Red Class

Welcome back to school after a very different start to the term. Red Class have continued their work through the crazy times with a focus on our literacy and numeracy skills. We worked on our fine motor skills practicing cutting and patterns. We also built on our counting, addition and pattern skills. We are always building on our independence and communication skills.



Natalie, Tania and Julia

Blue Class

Blue class adjusted well to our new learning routines over the last few weeks. We enjoyed a variety of online learning opportunities including art with Mr Ross, music with Mr Tristan and cooking with Mr Luke. We have all loved having the opportunity to come back into school, so we are able to see our friends and teachers. We have continued to practice our letters and numbers each day and continue to surprise Mr Luke and Miss Shelly with everything that we are learning and are able to do. We are excited to be back at school and look forward to spending time in Blue Class over the term.



Orange Class

Orange Class have made wonderful efforts in contributing to online learning throughout the start of this term! Our students have been navigating through digital resources to continue their daily learning!

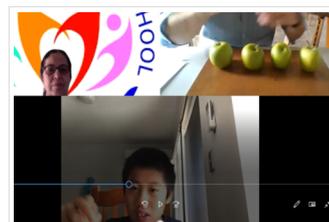


We're very happy to see everyone back safe at school and are excited to continue the term with you all!

Liam & Manale

Purple Class

It has been exciting to welcome the return of students to Purple Classroom lessons this week. Our class found new ways to learn over the past two months as we adjusted to changing circumstances. Students came to school, took part in individual Zoom lessons each morning with Ross and Bharti, or worked in their own time with activities and materials sent home. It was fun to see three of our students take part in Purple Class Group Zoom lessons together most afternoons, as well as joining other Middle School students for Art on Mondays, Cooking with Luke on Wednesdays and Music with Tristan on Fridays. It was wonderful to how well each of the students responded in changed circumstances. A big thank you to all our parents who supported the students so well in whatever way they could over this time!



Pink Class

Students in pink class have navigated through technology and have done an amazing job in this time of isolation. They have engaged in many different activities such as Art with Mr Ross on Mondays, Discovery of earth and space on Tuesday, cooking with Mr Luke on Wednesday, English and Maths on Thursday and Music with Mr Tristian on Friday. Both Sarah and myself would like to thank all parents for their hard work during this time.

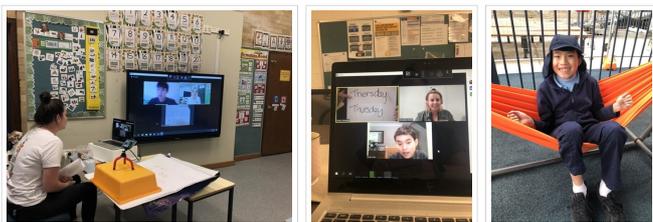
Mrs Audrey and Mrs Sarah



Magenta Class

Magenta class have done a fantastic job during the online learning period. They have engaged in a google classroom, regularly engaged in zooming with all of their peers. Students were excited by all of the work they were completing and showing Miss Brooklyn and Miss Helen. We are so proud of all of Magenta Class and their efforts in learning from home, we are also very thankful for our families who supported us. Since returning to school students have been watching all of the construction in the playground, enjoyed engaging in social skills programs and getting back into a school routine. We are excited for a busy term and getting back into all of our face to face learning activities.

Miss Brooklyn and Miss Helen



Banksia Class

Banksia students have demonstrated flexibility, patience and resilience over the last couple of months. We have Zoomed and Swayed, cut, traced and drawn, sung danced and cooked all while being at home. Mr Ross even took us on a journey to the gallery of Monet in France and via Google Earth we took a peak into the homes of people all around the world.

We created home learning packages with care and they were received with great excitement.

Our parents have been kind and generous and provided our students with a range of diverse learning opportunities while at home. Thank you for engagement via phone, email and Zoom.

We are thrilled to have Banksia back in the classroom.

Allison and Christine



Kangaroo Paw Class

Welcome back to school for Term 2 everyone. In the Kangaroo Paw Class we have continued to work on our literacy and numeracy skills both through online and at school learning. We studied the Very Hungry Caterpillar book in literacy and built on our counting, addition and pattern skills using themes from this book. In Science we have started a unit of work on Earth and Space and have enjoyed making artworks of the sun and Earth and learning about our Earth. In Geography we are exploring

places and environments and have used Google Earth to see how people live in a variety of different environments around the world. We have enjoyed our zoom art, music and cooking lessons while learning online. In PDH we are learning about Developing and Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle. We have been learning about healthy eating, playing games to exercise and learning about our bodies.

Jackie and Chrissy



Waratah Class

Students in Waratah class have been working hard at home due to the COVID 19. They have been participating art, cooking, music, fitness, life skills, matching and tracing. The students in Waratah's favourite activity would have to be 'The very hungry caterpillar'. The students enjoyed listening to the story and placing all the food items in the caterpillar's stomach. I would like to thank all parents for their hard work during this time. You have all done an amazing job with your kids.

Tamie and Jo



Wattle Class

The Covid 19 isolation of students, their families and teachers from school produced a range of results and has given us plenty of examples of ways we can deliver education to our students.

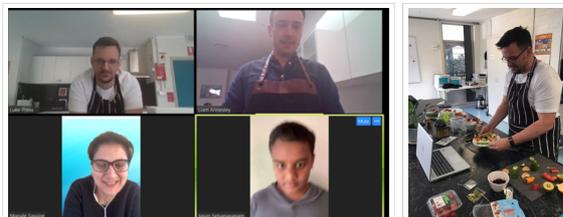
The isolation notification from the Government came swiftly and a priority was to maintain ongoing contact with the students and their families by zoom video conferencing, phone calls, photos and letter. A production line of hard copy resources swung into action producing activities in an easy to use laminated or paper format for students to use at home with their families. Zoom conference calls were successful for some and not for others. It took everyone time to become used to this method of communicating and teaching. Behind this organisation was a new, massive whole school form of communication our executive staff quickly instigated, using Microsoft Teams, Sharepoint and Sway as well as ironing out the "bugs" that allowed teachers and SLSO'S to zoom using laptop computer and mobile phones. We all had to work remotely as one school unit.

The greatest reward has been seeing smiles, waves and watching as our students participated during isolation and of course the joy of seeing everyone back at school five days in week 5. Thank you for your patience and perseverance during this time.



Cooking with Mr Luke

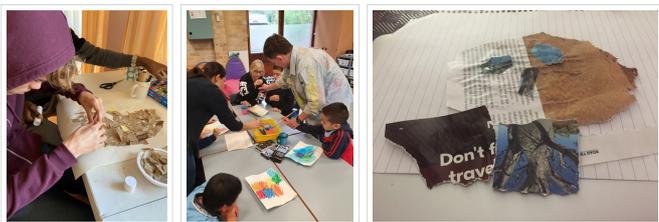
Cooking with Mr Luke was a lot of fun during our online learning this term. It was great to see all the families joining in and cooking along with Mr Luke. Thank you everyone for all the positive feedback about these sessions. We hope you enjoyed our cooking lessons and have been cooking up a storm at home.



What's Been Happening

It has been exciting on Monday this term seeing many students joining in the weekly Art lessons. It was wonderful watching how well many of our students were able to work at home. The calm concentration shown when looking at the artists we were studying, as well as in following through each step of the process to finish the artworks was really pleasing. We were able to explore ways of looking at the things around us and capturing the things we saw using techniques of collage and drawing. A big thank you is due to parents and carers who so ably assisted the students at home.

Ross Skinner (Monday Art Teacher)



Family and Sibling Day ran from 15th-21st May. Throughout the week we received some fantastic posters where families created a poster of their Family Tree and a heart Collage. To mark the occasion the Family and Sibling Day committee put together a whole school collage of our students and their families. Thank you to all parents for getting involved and sharing pictures of their family activities with us!

