



THE

Reservoir View

Friday 31st of July

Dear Reservoir Views students, families and local community members,

I did not expect that when we finished Term 2 with all the staff and students back at school that we would be in the situation we are in now. The number of new coronavirus cases each day over the past month has been alarming and I hope that all of our community and every community in Victoria is keeping safe and well.

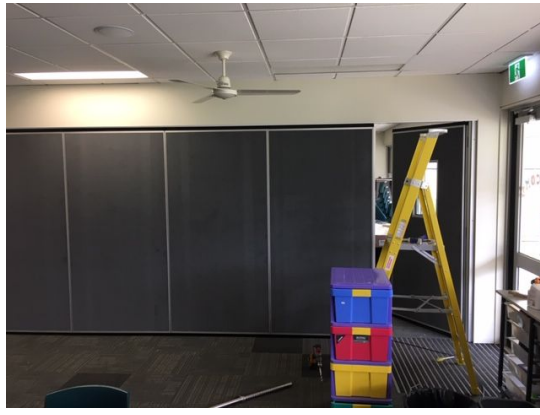
We are now at the end of our second week of remote teaching and learning; our model has changed slightly from last term, we have tried to simplify tasks and ensure all learning activities are purposeful, engaging and lead to student growth. Our daily morning WebEx video conferences for each class are run consistently across all year levels with a focus on phonological awareness. Foundation to Year 2 are continuing to use *SeeSaw* as an online digital platform and Years 3 to 6 continuing to use *Google Classroom*. Teams are also preparing hard copy learning packs for any family who requires one. We have a large number of students across Foundation to Year 6 attending on-site each day and teaching staff are working remotely 3 days a week and supervising on-site students 2 days a week.

I am very conscious that assisting your child/children to learn remotely at home can be a very busy and challenging time (I have experienced this today working from home for the first time) and I want everyone to know within our community that we are here to help as much as we can. Your timely feedback is incredibly important to ensuring we can continue to support our students and families.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING SPACES

All classroom learning spaces across the school now have new 'flexible' operable walls. Last year we made a decision, which was supported by the school council, to install operable walls within our main open-planned space in Building B. These operable walls made an instant impact; allowing acoustic control and clear delineation between teaching spaces while still allowing the flexibility for the spaces to be opened up when required. Three new operable walls have now been installed between the Foundation shared learning space, the 5/6 shared learning space and the shared learning space of 3/4B and 3/4C. They look amazing and staff and students absolutely love them.





2021 ENROLMENTS

If you have a child starting Foundation next year or know someone who will be enrolling with us, this is a reminder to contact the school to have a chat with me and collect an enrolment form from the office. We are planning our Term 4 transition program for our 2021 Foundation students at the moment and will be sending out information to families within the next two weeks.

STAFFING UPDATE

I would like to congratulate Figen Mustafa for successfully applying for an acting Assistant Principal position at Thomastown Meadows Primary School for term 3 and 4 this year.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Unfortunately our school photos have been rescheduled to a date in October. I am very hopeful that they will take place this year. Any payments that have been made; either cash or online will still stand.

GRUB CLUB

Even though we have had to postpone our garden to plate program due to remote learning, Candice is still getting Grub Club into the garden. Below are the kids harvesting our bumper crop of snow peas.



Warm regards,

Steve Stafford
Principal