



# “GAS”

## News of the WEEK

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### FOR THE DIARY

#### April

Remote Learning

**25th April**  
ANZAC Day

### NOTES Sent Home

## Principal's Report

April 23rd 2020

Dear parents,

It is great to hear that most students have settled into the new routine connected to remote learning and they are able to focus on completing tasks rather than solving technical difficulties. I have heard too that some students and their parents are having difficulty completing the tasks and I appreciate that most of these parents have made contact with either their teacher or the school office to seek assistance. I understand that remote learning is not an easy task and different expectations are now being placed on families, as well as teachers. If you continue to have difficulty at home, please persevere and try the best that you can. Teachers will also continue to be in contact with you to offer their support if they notice your child is having difficulty completing set tasks.

We held a staff meeting on Tuesday night and reviewed how the remote learning was progressing from our perspective. All teachers are quite pleased with the efforts of our students and their families, albeit recognising the difficulties a handful of families are having with connecting to the learning. We identified a number of issues teachers were having in managing their responsibilities when combining remote learning with supervising students on-site. The main issues were, that there is great difficulty in the teachers' ability to connect with the students in their classes when they are on-site supervising other students, and there has been a significant increase in the hours each day that teachers are spending in responding to students' questions, conferencing learning tasks with students to provide feedback and planning the next day's program. To address these two concerns, we have decided to trial a couple of changes. On the day that a teacher is required on-site to supervise students, they will not be available to respond as regularly to students' questions or provide feedback on learning tasks and they will be unable to provide webex conferences. There will also be a three hour period between 9am and 4pm every Friday, when teachers will not be available at all, so they can complete planning tasks and organise lessons. At this time, there will be some very simple activities to complete, or you may like to do a family based task at home. Your child's teacher will contact you directly to let you know which days they will be on-site, if they have not already done so.

As I mentioned previously, these changes will be implemented as a trial and further changes will be made as necessary.

Joel Fraser

Principal



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24th April Zayden Vine turns 7

## Internet Access

We would like to thank those parents who are struggling with poor or no internet service for their patience. Internet dongles are currently being sent out to schools, priority has been given to those students from bushfire affected areas and those studying year 11 or 12. We have been told the department will advise us of an ETA by the end of next week. For those on a Telstra or Optus post paid mobile plan, these providers are currently offering additional free data during the pandemic. This free data can be activated in the appropriate mobile app. Please check via your service provider's website for full details.

## ANZAC Day 25th April

ANZAC Day is this Saturday 25th April. We will not be able to have our normal ANZAC Day service at school, however where families have an opportunity to remember Australians who served our country we encourage you to do so. The Shrine of Remembrance will be live streaming their service for families interested in joining, full details can be found on their Facebook page.

## Remote Learning

Sophie is an enthusiastic Remote Learning student who is enjoying all her tasks. She read a book on Epic! and then she completed a Reader's Notebook entry.



## Meet Our Students



**Name:** Charley Brady

**Grade:** 5

**Favourite subject:** Writing

**Favourite sport:** Netball

**My favourite thing about remote learning is:** Being able to conference with Mr Mowat on Webex.

**When we don't have to social distance any more I am most looking forward to:** Going out for dinner.

**preschool story time**  
does virtual

Hosted by Maffra Library  
Friday 24 April, 10.30am

Hosted by Rosedale Library  
Friday 1 May, 10.30am

Hosted by Yarram Library  
Friday 8 May, 10.30am

Hosted by Stratford Library  
Friday 15 May, 10.30am

Hosted by Heyfield Library  
Friday 22 May, 10.30am

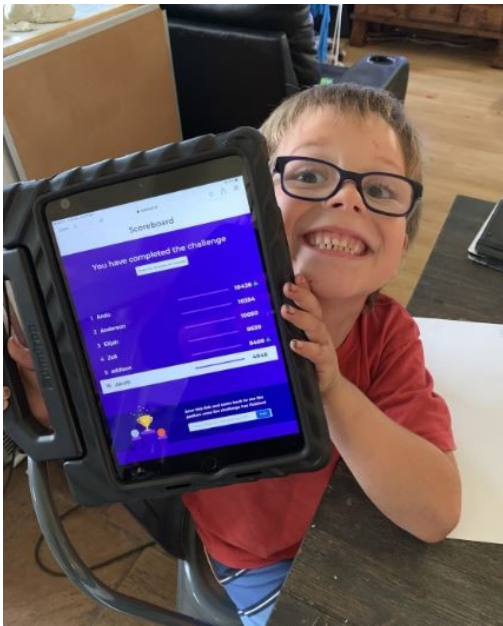
Hosted by Sale Library  
Friday 29 May, 10.30am

20-30 mins via Zoom

To book a place visit [www.wellington.vic.gov.au/library](http://www.wellington.vic.gov.au/library), call 5142 3085 or email [library@wellington.vic.gov.au](mailto:library@wellington.vic.gov.au)

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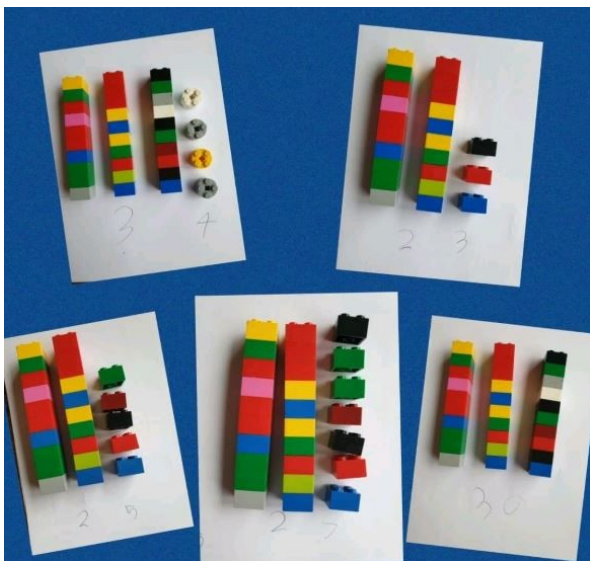
# Remote learning WAGOLs



Jake enjoying his remote learning



Eli's art



Hunter's maths



Will enjoying his maths

## Social isolation/distancing is great.

Social isolation can stop the spread of germs. Do you want to get badly sick? Keeping away from others is a great way to keep you and the community safe. Chief Medical Doctors around the world say "staying at home will prevent the spread of Covid-19 while we find the vaccine." Corona is highly contagious so going to others houses and going somewhere public all the time will give you a possible chance of getting the disease!

Olivia's persuasive writing. The focus was on rhetorical