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TERM 1
Week 11

2020

DIARY DATES

APRIL

Fri 10th

Good Friday



Mon 27th

School Resumes

Hello everyone,

"Together We Achieve"

What a fabulous school motto! "Together We Achieve," has clearly been in action and evidenced at Port Neill Primary School the last few weeks.

There has been some confusion in the community in regards to schools being open next term. I would like to clarify that the advice given is that schools will remain open and individual sites will only be temporarily closed if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19. We will then follow our protocol in line with SA Health. We will support parents decision to send their children to school or to access their learning at home. Students had four Student Free days this week which allowed staff to work together to plan and program for learners who will be at school and for students learning from home. This has been a productive week for all staff as they have been upskilling, adapting, testing, changing, grappling and collaborating to ensure we are ready to provide continuity of learning for all students

Last week the majority of our students were learning from home. The staff had prepared hardcopy learning packs, which were picked up by families or delivered to student's homes. It was wonderful to receive photos and videos of student learning. We also attempted video-conferencing between students at home and students & staff at school. This worked well for those that were able to connect as they got to see their classmates and share their learning with each other. Thank you to all parents who have been supporting their children with their learning at home, you are all doing a fabulous job and please remember to look after your own wellbeing.

At school last week our students continued with their programmed learning. Alison went above and beyond by coming into school several lunch times to conduct lunch time activities with the students. She also conducted an RE lesson which was about the Great Comeback; when life is tough and heading on a downward path, with a little help and positive thinking you can turn it around. The students also had a fun Easter Egg hunt on Friday!

COVID-19 has had a huge impact on society and affected people in our community in different ways. Our students have spent time talking about what COVID-19 is, the hygiene practices we need to follow and how it is impacting on our daily lives. From this we decided to create 'Postcards of Hope' for our community with the intent being to show kindness and lift the spirits of others. We hope you received your postcard in the mail and that it made your day a little brighter. Many thanks to Post & Trade and Arno Bay Post Office for supporting us with this project.

Next term we will be offering remote learning via Microsoft Teams/Class Notebook to those students who are learning from home and have Internet access. We will continue to send hardcopy learning home to those students who do not have Internet access and of course we will continue with our face to face classroom learning at school. Information will be going home to all parents by the end of this week in regards to remote learning and learning at Port Neill Primary School in term 2.

I am very grateful for the staff at Port Neill Primary. They always put in a mammoth effort but the last few weeks particularly, they have been absolutely amazing! Thank you to all our staff for your hard work and commitment. Amongst the craziness of the week we did manage to squeeze in a special event. Miss Sly's Uni Graduation was supposed to have been held these school holidays but like many other events was postponed, so yesterday afternoon we held our own little Graduation ceremony for her. Congratulations Miss Sly!

Many thanks to our school parents and community members for all your support. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness, kindness and patience as we strive to provide high quality education to all students in an environment we have never experienced before. It has definitely been an interesting term. Please take care and stay safe over the holiday break and happy Easter!

Best wishes, Lisa Masters



Team Work

Respect

Kindness

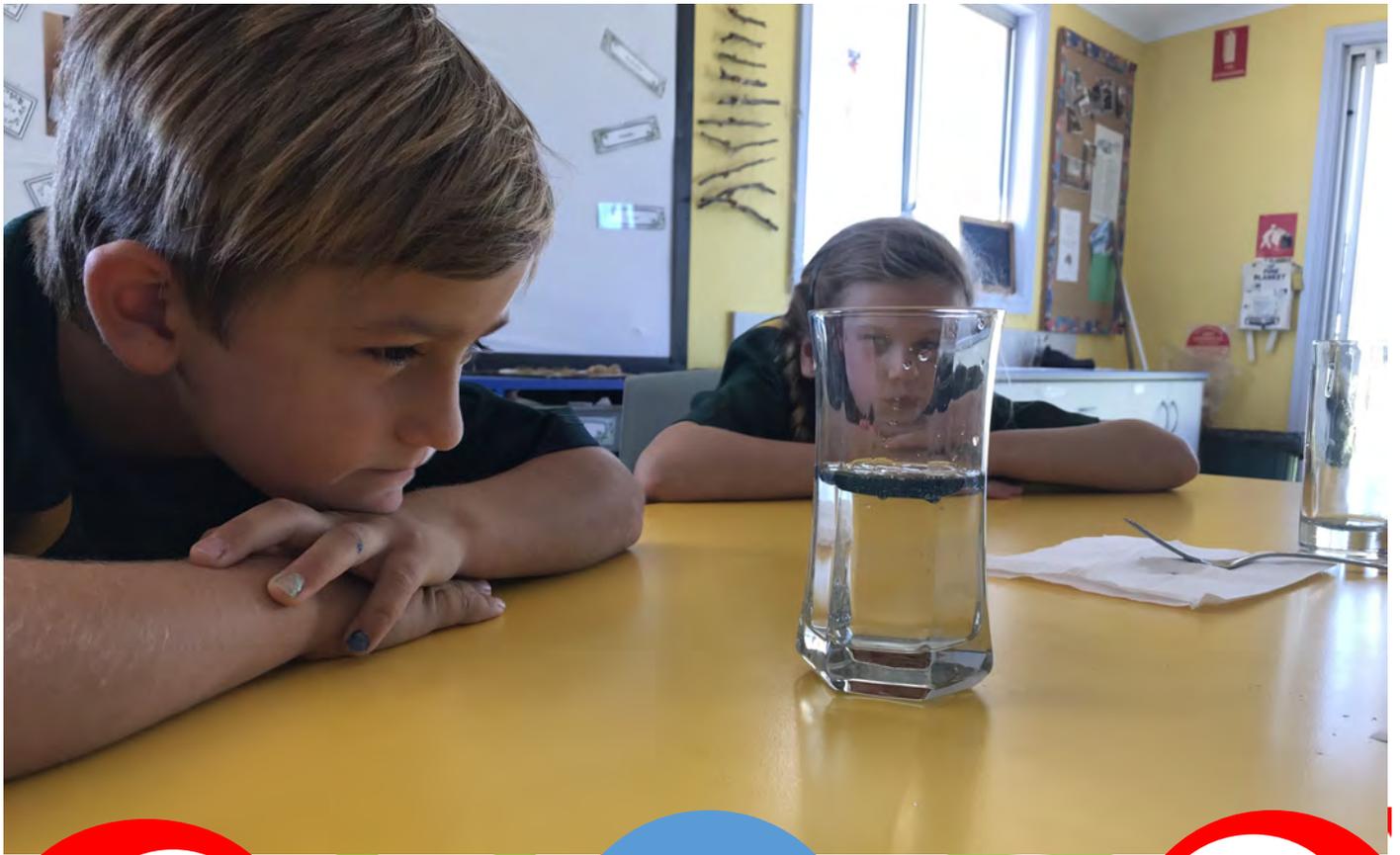
Resilience

Congratulations Miss Sly



The students had a busy time making Easter Baskets for their Easter egg hunt. They also made "post cards of hope" to send to everyone in Port Neill and the surrounding district.





SCIENCE

ALISON'S PAGE:



This is the final week of Term 1 for Staff—and School holidays for Parents and Students! The staff are busy preparing for remote learning for Term 2 this week. We all need to adapt and reinvent our roles as we learn how to connect and communicate and teach in a new way next term with each other.

What a rollercoaster these last few weeks have been for us all. Social distancing and self-isolating and washing our hands all the time are now the new way of life for us all. Interesting times we now live in as nearly all of our usual activities are cancelled and we are confined to our houses. Thank goodness we live in a small rural community and are still able to walk on the beach!



The last few weeks we have had only 2-3 children at the school. I came in many of the lunch times to help keep the children moving. We made chatterboxes (with different activities to follow), had imaginative play on the playground fighting pirates, painted nails, made paper aeroplanes, hugged chickens, did pirate dress ups and decorated Easter baskets...to name a few things!

Social distancing with the chooks!



I also assisted in the “Postcards of Hope” to send out to the Community to give some moral support to each other at this time and made some cakes for our staff last week.

RE: I held the Term 1 RE Lesson on Friday 3rd April. This was an interactive SMG Easter video from the “Life Matters” team about the “Great Comeback”. Bible and life stories were interspaced with games and the 3 protective values of Gratitude, Hope and Being Brave were talked about.



Enjoy your hot cross buns and Easter eggs this weekend, and the extra time with your family these holidays. Stay safe Xx





South Australians can opt to receive a free, daily phone call to check on their welfare in response to COVID-19. This service has been activated by the Government of South Australia.

Specially trained Red Cross staff and volunteers will make the calls, supporting the wellbeing of clients, including asking how they are coping and if they need support to access medical or food supplies, as well as reiterating up-to-date government health advice. If the call goes unanswered or if someone is in distress, further steps will be taken to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the client.

The service is available to people in the community whose wellbeing is impacted as result of COVID-19 social distancing and self-isolation measures. This may include older people, people living with a disability, those experiencing mental illness, people recovering from an illness or accident or people with an ongoing health condition who are voluntarily self-isolating for their wellbeing.

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