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THURSDAY, 16TH APRIL 2020

CALENDAR

Friday, 8th May

Scholastic Book Club LOOP orders due online (these will be delivered to school for parents to collect)

School Organisation

Dear Parents / Guardians,

What interesting times we are in. Who'd have thought we would be operating our day-to-day lives in such circumstances, with social distancing etc, staying at home and working remotely. We will continue to do our weekly newsletter, as this keeps everyone updated and maintains a routine.

MIXED MESSAGES – SO WHAT'S THE MESSAGE FOR US?

The media and different levels of Government (State and Federal) have different opinions about schooling during the COVID-19 pandemic. In essence, States are running with their own regulations, as the number of cases and issues are different from one state or territory to the other. Each location presents different challenges and there is no ONE SIZE FITS ALL approach. The State runs Education and as a result, we follow the directives, by law, of the Victorian Government. This is also the same with community laws enforced by Victoria Police. Due to this, we follow the Victorian Government's directive that all **students who can learn from home must learn from home**. The reason for this was reiterated yesterday by Victoria's Chief Health Officer, Dr Brett Sutton, who stated: "My advice to the Victorian Government was and continues to be that to slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), schools should undertake remote learning for term two. This is because having around a million children and their parents in closer contact with teachers and other support staff has the potential to increase cases of coronavirus not just in schools but across the community. By having remote learning, it can contribute to physical distancing and therefore supports efforts to drive transmission down." It makes sense. Why are you spending weekends and every minute of the day distancing from others, yet sending your child to school to be exposed to any number of potential infection points? Yes – most children get mild cases, however, across the world children have also died from COVID-19. In the USA, cases of teacher and student deaths are also reported...which highlights why Dr Brett Sutton's advice as our Victorian Chief Health Officer is sensible.

Working from home with children is hard, however, it is also safe. What is safe is best. Choose hard over safe and keep your children home unless you absolutely have no other choice.

A LETTER FROM OUR SECRETARY TO PARENTS AND CARERS

Dear parents and carers,

The Victorian Government has advised new arrangements for school education for Term 2, 2020. All children who can learn from home must learn from home. This course of action has been determined to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), based on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer. Our schools have been re-oriented to support learning from home. Principals and teachers have put in place plans to provide a learning from home program for all year levels. This includes provision by the Department of Education and Training through your school laptops or tablets and network access, if required.

*In order to protect the health and safety of your children, your family, your teachers and the whole community, it is important that you follow the Victorian Government's direction and keep your child learning at home this term. On-site school attendance is available **as a last resort** where parents and carers are not able to put in place arrangements to supervise children at home. Your school will have provided you with further information about this. Information for parents and carers to support you supervise your child at home can be found here: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>*

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your own circumstances, please talk to your school or phone the Department of Education and Training parents' and carers' hotline on 1800 338 663. Thank you for your cooperation and your support for our teachers, schools and community.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Atta (Secretary, Department of Education and Training)

REMOTE LEARNING

We launched into our remote learning yesterday with your help. Overall, we have limited issues, with many families reporting favourably. Of course, there were some issues in different homes...and it is hard doing it for the first time. Like you, we have not worked like this before, so are going through a process of trial and error as we fine tune approaches. Please be patient and work with staff as you iron-out any concerns. Emails of all staff have been shared...and are again shared in the newsletter should you have a question – the best person to ask is your child's teacher if it relates to learning.

The following platforms are working successfully:

<https://firststepsunitbhps.edublogs.org/>

For children in Pauline, Nicole and Jen's classes – Prep and Year 1

<https://juniorunitbhps.edublogs.org/2020/03/24/welcome-to-our-remote-learning-blog/>

For children in Rhys or Catherine's classes – Year 1 & 2

<https://34bighill.edublogs.org/sample-page/>

For children in Dean, Wendy and Renae/Sandra's classes – Year 3 & 4

<https://sites.google.com/view/learnchinesebendigo/home>

For children Prep – Year 6 to access their Chinese lesson each week

Our Senior Unit Students are working through Showbie – instructions for children and families from Lauren/Roberta, Brett, Zoe and Kate's classes have been shared. If you have access issues, please contact your child's teacher via email.

ABOUT LEARNING FROM HOME

When you start to think about helping your child to learn from home, remember that no one expects you to be a teacher or subject matter expert. The most important thing you can do is continue to provide routine, support and encouragement to your child. You can support your child to learn from home by keeping up to date with your child's school communications.

At Big Hill PS, we will:

- ❖ clearly communicate the responsibilities of your child's teacher as well as what students and parents and carers need to do,
- ❖ provide learning activities for your child to undertake,
- ❖ communicate with parents and students through their normal channels, for example via the school website, newsletters and email,
- ❖ advise parents and students about the online tools your child can use to support their learning from home.

If you do not have a computer device or internet at home, your school will be in contact with you to discuss whether your child needs to borrow one and how your child can receive materials – please discuss this with your child's teacher and we will follow up.

SETTING UP A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Every home is different. Where possible, extended learning should take place in a space your family shares. For example, a lounge room or dining room. These spaces are preferable over a bedroom, where your child can feel isolated and supervision can be more challenging.

It should be a place:

- that can be quiet at times,
- where you or another adult is present.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES DURING REMOTE LEARNING

Depending on the age and stage of your child, they may be expected to:

- ✚ regularly monitor digital platforms for announcements and feedback from teachers,
- ✚ do their best work when completing tasks,
- ✚ do their best to meet timelines and due dates,
- ✚ communicate openly with their teachers and raise any concerns or issues,
- ✚ continue to abide by our school's behaviour guidelines.

ESTABLISHING ROUTINES AND EXPECTATIONS

It is important to develop a routine to support your child as they learn from home. This is important for them and for family members, to provide an environment that encourages learning.

Start and end each day with a check in to help your child:

- ❖ clarify and fully understand the instructions they get from their teachers,
- ❖ help them organise themselves and set priorities for their learning at home.

Encourage regular exercise breaks. We will continue to provide some suggested activities.

Encourage healthy eating habits and make sure they drink enough water.

Try to keep normal bedtime routines for all children, especially for younger ones.

MANAGING SCREEN TIME AND ONLINE SAFETY

As your child is likely to be spending time online, it is important that you talk to them about online safety. This will help them to make good digital choices and use information and communication technologies responsibly.

You may wish to speak to your children about ensuring they:

- use only the online tools recommended by their school or the Department of Education and Training (DET),
- are respectful when communicating online, just as they would be when speaking face-to-face,
- use digital devices in open areas of the home.

For more online safety advice for parents and carers go to: www.esafety.gov.au

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING CHECK IN

Just as you set aside time for physical exercise, it is important to make time each day to check in on your child's mental health and wellbeing. It may take your child some time to adjust to their new routine for learning and key changes such as not seeing classmates in person. Every child will react differently to new circumstances – feelings of sadness, frustration, anxiousness and even anger are entirely normal.

You can help your child by:

- ✚ providing an opportunity to talk about how they feel and listening to what they say,
- ✚ identifying some specific actions they can take by themselves or with you to address any concerns they might have,
- ✚ asking how they are finding learning remotely, and if there is anything they'd like your help with.

If you have any other concerns about the health and wellbeing of your child, please contact your school directly, which will have access to resources that can help.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

If your child has additional needs, they will already be on an individual education plan. This will help guide their learning from home. The parents' page of the DET website (www.education.vic.gov.au/parents) has several resources to help parents and carers support learning from home. For parents and carers of children with learning difficulties, a comprehensive resource *Understanding learning difficulties for parents: a practical guide* can be downloaded from www.uldforparents.com. This guide provides parents and carers with practical advice about learning difficulties as well as a list of recommended apps: <https://uldforparents.com/further-reading/appendix-5-recommended-apps-list/>.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY RESOURCES AND TIPS

In addition to the resources and materials that we have provided, you could use the following resources to support your child as they learn from home:

Literacy and numeracy:

Tips for parents and carers to build their child's literacy and numeracy skills can be downloaded from the www.education.vic.gov.au. Search: *get involved in literacy and numeracy*

Premiers' Reading Challenge:

The challenge encourages children and students from birth to Year 10 to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online. Register at www.education.vic.gov.au. Search: *premiers reading challenge*

Mathematics and numeracy at home:

Parents and carers play an important role in helping develop their child's numeracy skills. Advice and resources for families can be downloaded from www.education.vic.gov.au. Search: *mathematics and numeracy at home*

COMMUNICATION FOR REMOTE LEARNING – EMAIL CONTACTS, WORK DAYS, TIMES ETC

In the event staff were not on site, the following contacts are available – with business hours for each staff member listed. We are here to help you and will do the very best we can. Please be mindful that we are just like you – subject to change in our circumstances also. If you are not getting a response during the days and times listed, feel free to contact the Principal or another staff member from the same area. For many of you additional contact details may be organised directly between teacher and parent/student.

General school enquiries:

Big Hill Primary School - big.hill.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Business hours are 8:30am – 4:00pm, Monday – Friday, excluding School Holidays

Principal:

Matthew Pearce - pearce.matthew.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm

Assistant Principal and Wellbeing:

Sharyn Burnett - burnett.sharyn.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Monday – Thursday, 8:00am – 5:00pm

School Chaplain/Student Wellbeing Officer:

Megan Haddon - haddon.megan.m2@edumail.vic.gov.au

Monday and Thursday, 8:45am – 4:00pm

Office Administration and Finance:

Janet Dean - dean.janet.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Kerry Prentice - prentice.kerry.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 4:00pm – please note, both Kerry and Janet have one day off a fortnight. When this is occurring, an absence email will be sent on receipt of your email advising.

First Steps Unit:

Nicole Peach - argall.nicole.n@edumail.vic.gov.au **Monday – Thursday, 8:45am – 4:00pm**

Pauline Mulcair - mulcair.pauline.r@edumail.vic.gov.au **Monday – Friday, 8:45am – 4:00pm**

Jennifer Nicholls - nicholls.jennifer.l@edumail.vic.gov.au **Monday – Friday, 8:45am – 4:00pm**

Sharyn Burnett - burnett.sharyn.a@edumail.vic.gov.au **Friday, 8:45am – 4:00pm**

Junior Unit:

Catherine Kelley - kelley.catherine.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Rhys Bull - bull.rhys.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

Monday – Friday, 8:45am – 4:00pm

Middle Unit:

Rena Westley - westley.renae.a@edumail.vic.gov.au **Monday – Thursday 8:45am – 4:00pm**

Dean White - white.dean.a@edumail.vic.gov.au **Monday – Friday, 8:45am – 4:00pm**

Wendy Hicks - hicks.wendy.e@edumail.vic.gov.au **Monday – Friday, 8:45am – 4:00pm**

Sandra Willis - willis.sandra.p@edumail.vic.gov.au **Friday, 8:45am – 4:00pm**

Senior Unit:

Roberta Mathers - mathers.roberta.n@edumail.vic.gov.au **Thursday and Friday, 8:45am – 4:00pm**

Lauren Adcock - adcock.lauren.l@edumail.vic.gov.au **Monday – Thursday, 8:45am – 4:00pm**

Kate Dole - dole.antoINETTE.a@edumail.vic.gov.au **Monday – Friday, 8:45am – 4:00pm**

Brett Strange - strange.brett.a@edumail.vic.gov.au **Monday – Friday, 8:45am – 4:00pm**

Zoe Wright - wright.zoe.z@edumail.vic.gov.au **Monday – Friday, 8:45am – 4:00pm**

Education Support Officers:

Pam Farnell - ah-dore-farnell.pam.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Jenny Brown - brown.jennifer.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Clare Grant - grant.clare.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 3:15pm

Specialist Programs:

Nick Reid - reid.nickolas.c@edumail.vic.gov.au **Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:45am – 4:00pm**

Music education/Performing Arts

Sandra Willis - willis.sandra.p@edumail.vic.gov.au **Tuesday - Thursday, 8:45am – 4:00pm**

Visual Arts

Wen Bai - bai.huiwen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au **Wednesday and Thursday, 8:45am – 4:00pm**

Chinese

Reading and Writing Intervention:

Debbie Sammons - sammons.debbie.d@edumail.vic.gov.au **Monday – Thursday, 8:45am – 1:00pm**

Cheryl Holt - holt.cheryl.a@edumail.vic.gov.au **Monday – Thursday, 8:45am – 4:00pm.**

ON SITE SUPERVISION

On site supervision is a last resort. It should only be used when a family have exhausted all avenues to provide care of their children utilising family, friends, changing work hours, rostered days off etc. The direction by law is clear. Please respect this and use our on site supervision only when you have to. We will review cases of on site attendance in light of guidance as it changes. To organise your child to work on site, please contact Matthew Pearce by phone to discuss. Parents using the service will be provided with the correct documentation to use. Care must be booked for the upcoming week by close of business, Thursdays. No late applications after 5:00pm will be accepted in line with guidelines. As staff are generally not on site, attendance numbers must be known to enable the school to hire in supervisors on Friday for the week ahead. Thanks for your cooperation.

UNWELL?

If your child is unwell, you are unwell etc please act accordingly and get tested... Please do not come on site until you have clearance – and your child is cleared as well. We need to keep our service running. This means we all need to be vigilant.

VISITS TO THE SCHOOL

If you have to come on site, please follow social distancing rules to keep our staff safe. Visits should only be to the office area. General school grounds are out-of-bounds, unless prior arrangement has been made. We need to keep our grounds safe for those limited staff and children on site.

WELLBEING SUPPORTS

As remote learning has commenced and some staff are permitted to work on site you can call the school on 5447 7022. In the event the Office is unattended, please email your query to the school email address below. We want to assure you that the school is operating in its capacity under the Department of Education instruction to maintain schooling and wellbeing for children and families. Teachers have sent you their contacts and supports for student remote learning.

To keep informed of school updates and news we will be using our school website www.bighillps.vic.edu.au, Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BigHillPrimarySchool/> and Flexibuzz communication app.

For **administration and general enquiries** please email big.hill.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and Janet or Kerry will get back to you via either email or phone.

For **student wellbeing support** or support from school leadership please email pearce.matthew.d@edumail.vic.gov.au, burnett.sharyn.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or haddon.megan.m2@edumail.vic.gov.au. Either Matt, Sharyn or Megan will get back to you via email or phone. Dependant on restrictions imposed we will do our best to help you or link you with a service able to help meet the needs presenting. If you prefer to contact services directly there is a list below. You will receive routine contact from staff at various times to check in on student learning and wellbeing. We urge you to also have a support network around you of family, friends and neighbours keeping regular contact with them safely by phone or internet based on the advice at the time so that we are looking out for each other.

For other sources of information regarding COVID-19 see DHHS website or the Department of Education website.

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorian-public-coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Remember to remain calm and stay informed follow the advice given, work together to stay connected safely to the community, family and friends. Reassure each other and be prepared to ask for help if you need it. Health and safety is the main priority so seek medical advice at the earliest onset of symptoms. Remember that children learn from adults and are attune to the emotional climate this is an opportunity to show them our resilience and are reminded that we all in this together and together we will work through this. A useful website for parents on 'what to say to kids' is <http://michaelcarrgregg.com/what-to-say-to-kids-about-covid19>

For Emergency Support

Urgent Ambulance, Fire or Police assistance Call Triple Zero (000)

- If someone is seriously injured and in need of urgent medical attention,
- If you have just witnessed a serious accident or crime,
- In case of fire.

For medical information and advice

- **Phone your doctor or the hotline 1800 675 398 if you need medical attention, they will tell you what to do.**
- **Phone Bendigo Hospital Emergency Department, Drought Street, Bendigo 5454 6000**

For counselling services (Australia-wide)

- Lifeline – 13 11 14
- MensLine – 1300 789 978
- Kids Helpline – 1800 551 800

Other services (Victoria)

- If you are homeless, at risk of homelessness or escaping family violence call 1800 825 955 (toll free, 24 hour support)
- Women and children experiencing family violence can call Safe Steps on 1800 015 188 (this number is not free from mobile phones. 24 hour support)
- DHHS Crisis accommodation - 24 hour, state-wide services 1800 825 955 (toll free)
- Alcohol and Drug services, call Direct Line on 1800 888 236 (toll free, 24 hour support)

Local Services (Bendigo)

- Bendigo Police 221 High Street, Bendigo, 24 hour 5448 1300, Police assistance line 13 1444, Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000
- CASA Centre Against Sexual Assault, 71 Bridge Street, Bendigo, Monday to Friday 9am–5pm, 5441 0430
- **Mental Health Regional Triage 24 hour service 1300 363 788**
- **CAMHS Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, 155/151-155 Condon Street, Kennington, Monday-Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm, 5440 6506**

For concerns for the safety and/or wellbeing of children

- DHHS child protection 24 hour intake line 1300 664 977 or
- Child First Intake Bendigo 03 5440 1147 or 1800 260 338 Information on what child first do can be obtained on their website: <https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/what-we-do/supporting-families/child-first/>

For local support for assistance such as essential items

- Bendigo DHHS, 74-78 Queen Street, Bendigo, Monday to Friday 8:45am–5:00pm, 5434 5555
- Salvation Army, 65-71 Mundy Street, Monday to Friday 9:00am-5:00pm, 5440 8410, 5440 8431, [facebook.com/BendigoSalvos](https://www.facebook.com/BendigoSalvos), corpsofficer.bendigo@aus.salvationarmy.org
- Uniting Care Emergency Relief centres: 25 Forest Street, Bendigo 5443 4972 Monday to Friday (not Wednesday) 10:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 3:45pm; Corner of Church and Camp Streets Kangaroo Flat Tuesday and Friday 10:00am to 1:00pm
- St Vincent de Paul Assistance Centre, 16 Hopetoun Street, Bendigo, Monday to Friday (not Wednesday, 10:00am to 1:30pm, 5443 5688
- Bapcare, 259 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo, Monday to Friday, 10:00am–4:00pm, 5441 1404
- Anglicare Children and Family Services, 175-187, Hargreaves Street, Bendigo, Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm, 5440 1100
- St Lukes, 10 Mundy Street, Bendigo, Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm, 5434 3922
- Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative, 119 Prouses Road, North Bendigo, Monday to Thursday 9:00am to 5:00pm, Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm, 5442 4947

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Milly B, Harley N, Rhett C, Xavier M, Tait R, Mackenzie B, Cooper S, Jayda W, Chad S, Toby W, Jake W, Chelsea H, Lily R, Cooper C, Miller D, Emily T, Latoya F, & Chase L.

I hope you are doing well, are healthy and continue to stay safe. Thanks for doing all you are at home to help us through this difficult time. We really want to do the best we can to support you and keep all of our community – children, parents, carers, relatives and staff – safe.

Until next week...

Want to help your neighbour? Visit the City of Greater Bendigo's website: <https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/About/Media-Releases/Greater-Bendigo-COVID-19-updates/Help-Your-Neighbour>

Want to make someone's day? Visit the City of Greater Bendigo's website: <https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-04/Make%20Someone%27s%20Day.pdf>

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

REMOTE LEARNING

Thank you to all families for your persistence during this trying time. We appreciate the time and effort you are putting into your child's learning while still attending to other family and work commitments. We understand it is difficult and thank you for your patience while we all adjust to this new way of learning.

Thank you to those parents that have contacted their child's teacher to let them know they have access to the blog and have logged into Epic. If you haven't accessed the blog yet or Epic please find the links below.

Blog – <https://firststepsunitbhps.edublogs.org/>

Epic – www.epic.com/students

Please keep in contact, our email addresses are:

Pauline – mulcair.pauline.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

Jen – nicholls.jennifer.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Nicole – argall.nicole.n@edumail.vic.gov.au

Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline & Jen

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

REMOTE LEARNING

Thank you to all Junior Unit families for the effort you have put in to get organised for remote learning this term. We understand that it can be difficult to have children working from home and have done our best to make this as smooth a transition as possible. A reminder that all of the learning will be distributed through the daily links on our blog which can be found at <https://juniorunitbhps.edublogs.org/>

CLASS DOJO

A reminder to all families that we are moving to Class Dojo for daily communication. Class Dojo allows us to communicate quicker and more effectively than email, and will also be the best platform for parents to share student work.

Thank you to all families who have signed up already and are getting into the habit of using it as the main way to communicate. We will be asking for feedback and photos of work to be sent through to us.

If you have not signed up, you will have an email containing information on how to do so. If you have lost this or need any assistance, you can email Catherine on kelly.catherine.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or Rhys on bull.rhys.r@edumail.vic.gov.au.

LIVE CHATS

In the coming week we will be setting up and trialling live chats through a shared chat platform. Stay tuned for a link to be sent to you and a time for your child to login and chat with their teacher and a small group of children such as their reading group.

Again thank you for all your efforts and do not hesitate to contact your teacher for assistance with learning, we are here to help.

Catherine & Rhys

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

Welcome back to our Middle Unit families.

We hope you had an enjoyable holiday and a nice Easter.

REMOTE LEARNING

The students commenced their remote and flexible learning program yesterday. Just a reminder that parents can access the weekly timetable (including the daily lessons) from emails sent through by teachers or on the 3/4 Blog. Thank you to the parents who have contacted us to clarify lessons or required assistance with their child's learning.

YEAR 3/4 BLOG

The Year 3/4 Blog is up and going. It is great to see that many families have accessed the blog for the daily lessons this week. The specialist teacher's programs are also located on the blog. It can be found at 34bighill.edublogs.org. If you are experiencing any difficulties in this area, please contact your child's teacher.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

There are many tips and resources on the www.education.vic.gov.au website to support your child's learning at home. It includes setting up a learning environment and establishing routines and expectations.

PALMER'S GYM

Unfortunately, it has been necessary to cancel our Term 2 Gym Program. We will hopefully reschedule this program later in the year. Parents will be notified of the new dates when they become available.

Renaë, Sandra, Wendy & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful break and are now ready for a new way of learning from home. We would like to thank all of the Senior Unit families for their patience during this time as we work hard to set up programs and activities that are targeted at the needs of your child. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to continue to make contact with your classroom teacher should you have any concerns or queries.

WELLBEING

We appreciate that some families may be experiencing some stress and anxiety at this time and we encourage you all to focus on your own wellbeing and mental health by practising daily wellbeing activities such as a family walk around the block, a game outside with your child, talking about how you are all feeling as a family, these are just to name a few.

CONTACT MEETING

Over the coming week your classroom teacher will be in contact with you to arrange a suitable time to make contact with your family. We are planning to make contact with each child on a weekly basis via a telephone call or video meeting in addition to answering email questions. If you could please set a time that is suitable with you remembering to include a second preference when you receive this email.

WEEKLY PLANNER

Just a reminder to all families that you will be receiving your suggested daily timetable each Friday for the following week. Your child will also need to check Showbie each morning for messages relating to the daily set tasks.

Please remember that we are here to help your child and are available between 8:45am and 4:00pm each day and can be contacted via the following email addresses.

4/5 Lauren (SL)

Monday to Thursday:

adcock.lauren.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Friday:

mathers.roberta.n@edumail.vic.gov.au

5/6 Ainsley (SA)

Monday to Friday (Zoe)

wright.zoe.z@edumail.vic.gov.au

5/6 Brett (SB)

Monday to Friday: strange.brett.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thursday: mathers.roberta.n@edumail.vic.gov.au

5/6 Kate (SK)

Monday to Friday:

dole.antoINETTE.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Brett, Kate, Lauren, Roberta & Zoe

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Due to the current circumstances it is unclear if and how music lessons will be on offer this term. The music teachers may be open to the idea of interactive video music lessons online or video tutorials for students to participate in from home.

Teachers would like to gauge the level of interest from families, to see whether they can gather enough numbers to make online music lessons a viable option during this period. Whether this is possible or not would also depend on the particular teacher and instrument involved. At the very least all the teachers would like to keep some sort of continuing link to maintain the momentum and motivation for the children so that they can hit the ground running when things get back to normal. This will most likely be in the form of resources that students can follow independently at home.

The success of these would obviously depend on the child's own motivation to use them and parents help with this would be appreciated. Further information will be made available once it comes to hand, but please feel free to contact your child's instrumental teacher to discuss your options.

Email addresses are below:

Nick Reid - reid.nickolas.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

Leigh Turner - leighturner23@gmail.com

Phil Seaton - seatonsbali@hotmail.com

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB NEWS

This term Scholastic Book Club has gone virtual!

Please note that orders can only be accepted online via the LOOP payment system and will be delivered to the school where you will need to come and collect them. Please order online by Friday, 8th May.

Use this link to view the latest book club catalogue:

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>