

TRAWALLA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DATES

April 24 – Pick up Week 3 Learning pack

April 25 – ANZAC Day

May 1 – 9.30 Webex MARC van lesson with Kathy

May 1 – Pick up Week 4 Learning pack

Principal update

A big thank you to all families for your hard work and support during this period of remote learning. It has been fabulous to have regular contact with you all as we adjust to this new approach to learning.

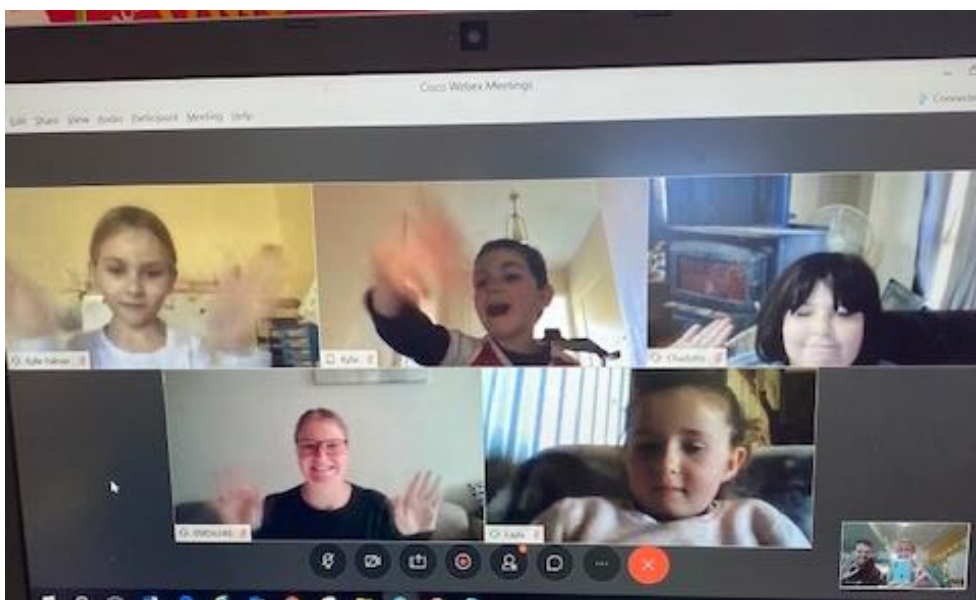
The Webex meetings are working well from our end, I hope you are able to hear and see us clearly.

The learning packs have been adjusted slightly this week to reflect feedback from families, thank you for letting us know how you are coping with the amount of activities. The packs include daily reading, writing, spelling and maths activities. There is also a pack of specialist subject activities. The Japanese website is updated each week with new lessons for students. The link was on a fridge magnet that went home in week one. The Art for week 3 is related to autumn leaves, there is also another Wellbeing sheet to work through. These activities can be completed at any time throughout the week.

For week 3, we would like to introduce daily levelled reading for each student this is being provided online. We have included a log in for each child to a new online reading program – WUSHKA. A flyer is attached to this newsletter and student logins are in each folder. I have created my first learning video to explain how to log into WUSHKA it can be accessed by the link in the student daily work program.

I would also like to thank the staff at Trawalla, Miss H, Megan, Kelly, Lachie, Josh and Jodie they have been working extra hard and pulling together as a team to develop the remote learning packs. I am pleased to have such great support from everyone.

As also if you have any questions or problems please contact me via phone.



Staff changes

Janis Swan has taken long service leave for twelve months, her leave commenced at the end of term 1. Janis has been a fabulous Business Manager for Trawalla and she will be missed by everyone. Last term Janis supported Jodie Jantzen to learn the role in the office, thanks Janis for this support. We will miss Janis and wish her the best as she starts the next chapter of her life with grandchildren and lots of gardening.

MARC Van

Kathy has prepared a lesson for Friday May 1st, the details are in the learning pack. Kathy will connect via Webex at 9.30am on May 1st. To join this meeting you need to enter this address into your device. <https://eduvic.webex.com/meet/norton.kathleen.k>

ANZAC Day

Due to COVID -19 we are unable to march this year. Megan has arranged the creation of a wreath to be laid at the memorial in Beaufort on behalf of our students. Thanks to all for creating such wonderful poppies as part of your art for this week. Thank you to Megan for this thoughtful activity.

Prep news

Thankyou for a fantastic effort for our first week of remote learning. I appreciate and am very thankful to all of you for the continuous communication and feedback. I have absolutely loved seeing all of the Preps work that has been getting sent through and I am very proud of how hard you have all been working.

A look into week 3:

Kate and I have been busy organising some videos to help you with your learning. These will be on your lessons, all you need to do is use a QR scanner to watch them.

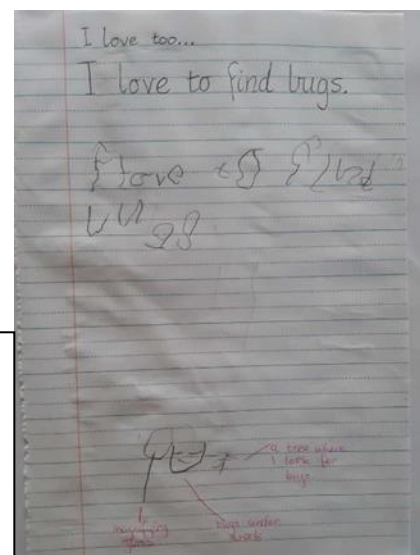
If you would like to have a one on one with me on webex go to www.webex.com press join meeting and type in this number 579112368. I am at school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Highlights from the week:



Tom created some of his golden words out of dough and is eating them "YUM"!

Zavier has been enjoying reading on the epic app and doing some great writing.





Sienna made a birds nest for our letter of the week 'N' and has been mastering the CVC puzzles.

Accessing the NBN Education Internet Access Package for Families

Information to be provided to schools and parents if they are requesting internet access for families.

The Department has placed orders for 21,000 internet dongles. The first 11,000 of these will be available for distribution in the week commencing 27 April. However, due to international supply issues, availability of the second 10,000 will not commence before week 5 of term. In the meantime, there is an alternative for families to access an internet service where they live in an area with NBN and should be encouraged to do this.

NBN Education Package

NBN Co announced that they would be waiving access fees for internet service providers (ISPs) to enable the ISPs to provide disadvantaged families with internet access at significantly reduced or no cost.

The families need to meet certain criteria, including:

- they reside in an NBN serviced area
- they do not have an existing NBN service
- they have school aged children living at the residence
- they are in receipt of a Job Seeker Allowance or Family Tax Benefit

Advantages of the NBN Education Package

Having the NBN service will provide WiFi internet access to all students in the household. This is a considerable advantage over a dongle that needs to be assigned to individual students. Even though the dongle may be used for multiple students, the service will degrade considerably if this is done.

Accessing the Education Package

To date there have been two ISPs who have established this service for disadvantaged families. These providers are:

Superloop - <https://www.superloop.com/education/>. This service can only be accessed by the family.

Aussie Broadband - <https://www.aussiebroadband.com.au/>. This service requires a school to register interest before families can access. Schools should ensure they maintain compliance with the [Privacy Policy](#) and not provide sensitive information to any vendor.

It is expected that other ISPs will offer similar packages over the coming weeks.

Any Associated Costs

If there are any charges for the education service, they are expected to be considerably lower than normal internet access packages. Schools should use unspent CSEF amounts, if available for the student. Schools may also use equity funding to support eligible families to connect to an internet service.

Additional Support and Information

Queries in relation to additional devices and internet connectivity should be directed to learning.from.home.technology@education.vic.gov.au