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Enrolments are welcome for all year levels, including Kinder for 2021

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

Yard focus this fortnight: Being a good friend

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Firstly, I would like to once again commend those of you who are still working hard at home helping your child/ren with Remote Learning. You have been wonderfully supportive of our teaching and Education Support staff and we sincerely thank each and every one of you. We appreciate that it has been a difficult time for the school community and our teaching staff. Hopefully, we will get some clarification from Premier Andrews this Sunday about the plan for returning to school and what that will look like across the state of Victoria. We are hoping that things might be back to normal in term 4 (fingers crossed).

It certainly has been a very disjointed year in terms of education, with our families and staff having to learn new ways of communication and teaching , with very little time to implement. Although challenging, this has been a positive thing, with our staff learning about and trialling different forms of technology to support Remote Learning as much as possible. We are hoping that all families have managed to engage with the daily Webex lesson every teacher is offering in Literacy and Numeracy. This is also a great opportunity to stay connected with other class members and friends as well. If you are experiencing any issues with technology or internet, please contact the school to see if we can assist you. We are happy to help.

A reminder that Remote Learning Packs are available for collection at the following times; 8.30 – 10.30 and 1.30 – 3.30 each Monday . Packs cannot be collected during 10.30 – 1.30. Please also remember to return Library books, so that new ones may be borrowed.

Education Support Week

This week we are recognising the invaluable support that our fantastic Education Support staff provide to the school. This group of talented people include Jo Henderson our Business Manager, Jess De Koeyer in Office Reception, Mel Potter (Primary Wellbeing Officer), Judy Kenny and Jacqui Hillas in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden, and all our classroom support Teacher Aides ; Denise Donehue, Liz Haynes, Debra Bauerle, Paul McClusky, Lee-Ann Crothers and Cyndie Collins. On behalf of everyone associated with the Centre, we thank you for the role you play to help make School and Kinder awesome places to be and learn. We are very lucky to have such a lovely group of talented people who are here to support the children in our care with every aspect of school life.



Fathers' Day

To all the Fathers out there, we wish you a very happy Fathers' Day on Sunday. We hope you get a little bit spoilt (at least) by your family. Please take the time to enjoy your precious loved ones on this special day. Happy Fathers' Day!

School Council Meeting / Finance Meeting

A reminder to School Council Members that next Wednesday we will be holding a School Council Meeting beginning at 5pm (note change of usual time). Please forward any agenda items to me by Friday 4th Sept. Please note that we will also be holding a Finance Sub Committee Meeting directly before the School Council Meeting, beginning at 4.30pm. If School Council Members are unable to attend the School Council Meeting for any reason, please pass on your apology beforehand. School Council Packs can be collected on Monday when Remote Learning Packs are collected from the Gym.

Enrolments for Kinder and School for 2021

Enrolments are now being accepted for Kinder and School for 2021. Please contact the office if you require any further information.

Regards

Jocelyn Owen



Wellbeing Report

R U OK? Day

Next **Thursday 10 September, 2020** is our national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone that every day is the day to ask, "Are you OK?" and support those struggling with life's ups and downs. If you want to wear something yellow on this day in your WebEx's to show your support.



Breakfast Packs

Anyone requiring a breakfast pack there are still a couple available. Please phone and speak with Mrs Potter who will be able to arrange one for you. Or ask when you are in picking up your child's home learning pack. If anyone requires further support please speak with Melissa Potter the Primary Wellbeing Officer.

Child Safe Hot Topic

Fitness for Kids

Through physical activities, kids learn about [sportsmanship](#), setting goals, meeting challenges, teamwork, and the value of practice.

Keep in mind your child's age and developmental level, natural abilities, and interests. Kids 6 to 8 years old are sharpening basic physical skills like jumping, throwing, kicking, and catching. Some enjoy doing this in organized sports teams, but non-competitive leagues are best for younger kids. Show your support by coaching your child's team or cheering from the stands on game days.

Kids 9 to 12 years old are refining, improving, and coordinating skills. Some become even more committed to a sport while others drop out as competition heats up and level of play improves.

It's OK if a child isn't interested in traditional sports, but it's important to find [alternative ways](#) to be active. Encourage a child who doesn't like soccer, basketball, or other team sports to explore other active options, like karate, fencing, golf, bicycling, skateboarding, and tennis.

Adapted from <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/fitness-6-12.html>

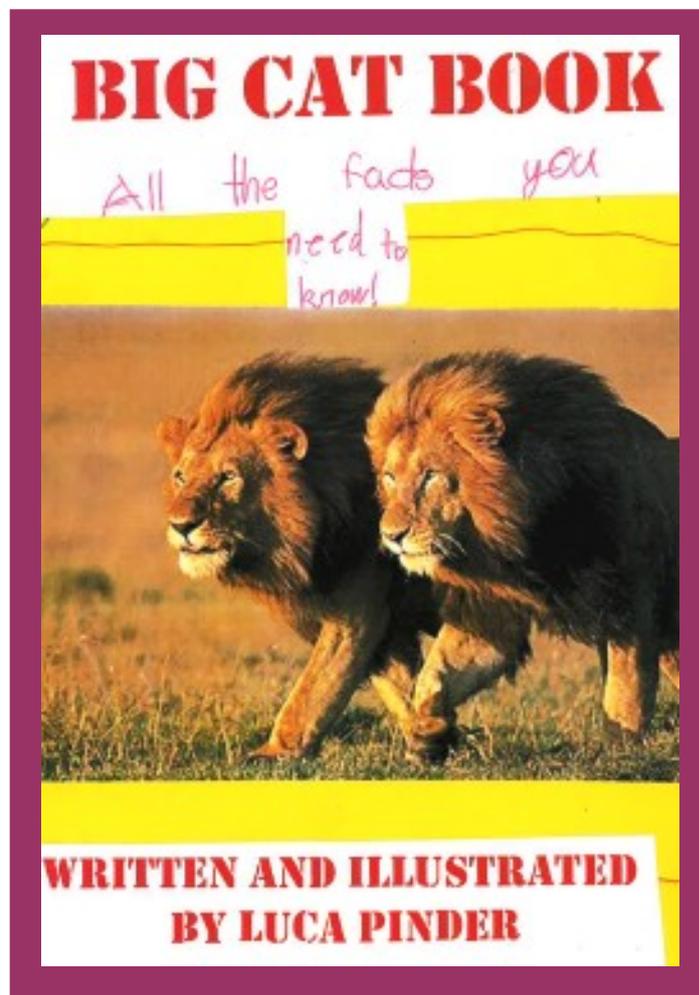
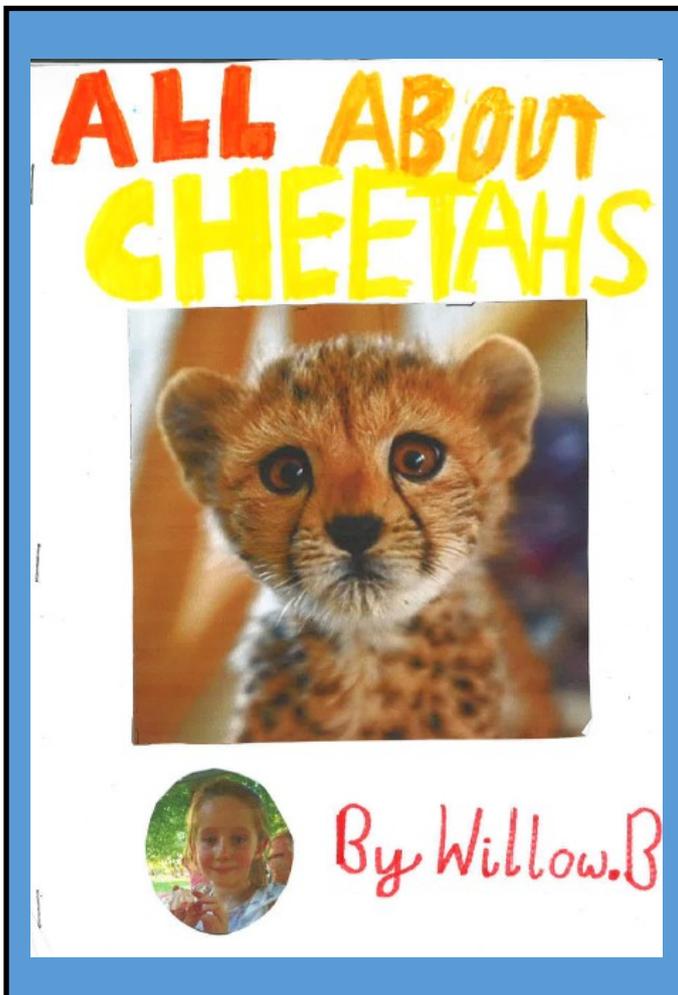
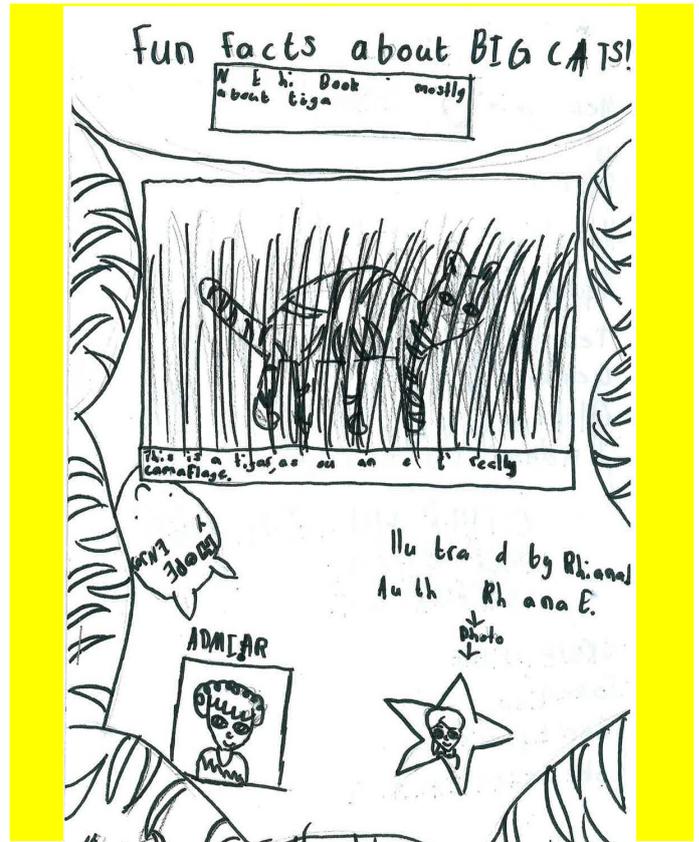
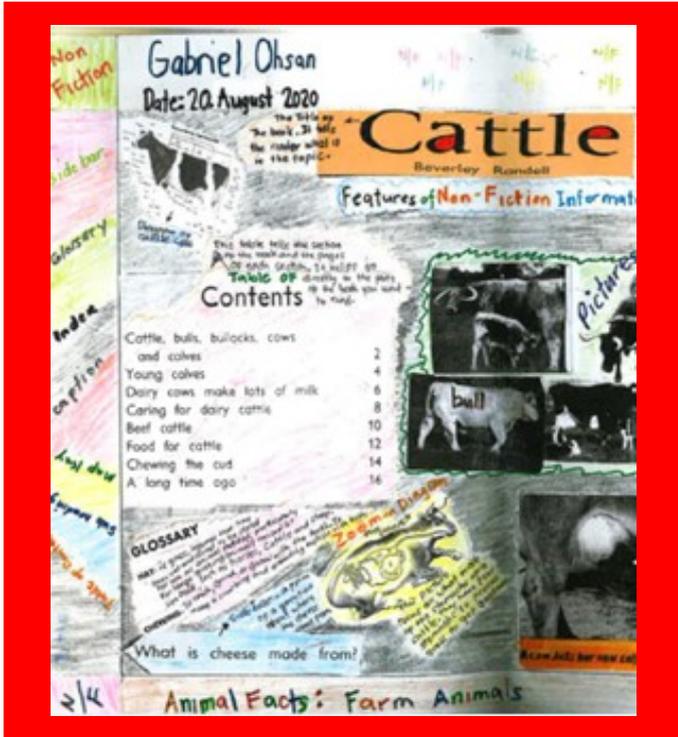


Miss Hartley will be hosting a virtual story time for all of our 2021 Foundation students on **Tuesday 15th September** at 10:30am. This session will be run via a WebEx platform. Students in prep-2 are invited to join. The meeting room link & number to join this session is:

<https://eduvic.webex.com/meet/hartley.britt.e>

Room no: 572 734 192

23G Students have been working hard in remote learning producing their own books. We would like to congratulate our talented authors.



MANAGING ILLNESS IN SCHOOLS AND EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES DURING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

What you need to know:

1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

- If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#).

Visit: [Where to get tested](#).

3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) they must isolate until they receive clearance from the Department of Health and Human Services. Read the [What to do if you've tested positive for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) factsheet](#) (PDF) for more information.

If a person is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) the Department of Health and Human Services will get in contact to tell them they are a close contact of a person who is confirmed to have coronavirus (COVID-19). A close contact must quarantine at home. Read the [What to do if you have been in close contact with someone with coronavirus \(COVID-19\) factsheet \(Word\)](#) for more information.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).

**This advice has been prepared by the Department of Education and Training,
Safer Care Victoria and the Department of Health and Human Services**

MOVIE NIGHT

MOB MOTIVATORS

KICK BACK AND WATCH AN ABORIGINAL FILM, TV SERIES OR DOCUMENTARY WITH YOUR MOB

THE SAPPHIRES, RABBIT PROOF FENCE,
MYSTERY ROAD, REDFERN NOW

BY LAW, FILMS MUST BE CLASSIFIED. THIS IS TO HELP YOU MAKE INFORMED CHOICES ABOUT WHAT YOU WATCH.
PLEASE CHECK THE MOVIE RATING BEFORE WATCHING

Fun Fact

National Marshmallow Roasting Day
August 30

S'MORES RECIPE

INGREDIENTS

Chocolate Bar
Crackers
Marshmallows

INSTRUCTIONS

Break off a square of cracker and add a piece of chocolate
Toast a marshmallow over the campfire (adult supervision)
Add the hot marshmallow and top with another cracker

Eat, Saviour & Enjoy!

Note: You can make S'mores in the microwave. Just put them together and pop them in the microwave on high for 15-20 seconds

