

NEWSLETTER Thursday April 16 2020



Thursday September 17
November 23-27

Music Soiree - 1980's Theme
Canberra Camp gr. 5 & 6 tentative date

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Term 2	April 14	June 26	Term 3	July 13	September 18
		Term 4	October 5	December 18	

Dear Parents

Welcome to 'Remote Learning' for your children. It is a very different time for all of us, teachers and school staff, parents and all students.

At this time our 'Caring, Sharing and Learning' motto is certainly apt. We know these times are extraordinary but we all share in this and we are all learning new skills which will be useful for ever.

There will be glitches and difficult days and the main thing is for all of us to look after one another and not be too hard on ourselves when things don't go as planned. On this newsletter is a wonderful letter which helps us all.

Communication is important and parents are encouraged to contact teachers by email if they have any queries or concerns. Emails will be responded to in school hours – 8.45 am – 3.45 pm.

Please remember, there are no silly questions as so much of this is new to all of us ☺

I will be at school each day and parents are welcome to call me on the school phone 5628 5293 as well.

PHOTOS: we would love to see photos of families and students during this time and we will include some in the school newsletter each week.

Please email photos to the school email address: jindivick.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Today there is a photo of Hunter Bates who does done a fantastic job of writing his name. Well done ☺

School Newsletters will be available on the school website; jindivickps.global2.vic.edu.au if you need to catch up on one.

Sadly, Coonawarra Camp and Canberra Camp, and the swimming program have been cancelled for this year. Parents who have paid funds towards Canberra Camp are asked to email the school their bank details so refunds can be made.

MARC VAN PROGRAM & BOOKS

Our wonderful MARC teacher, Kim James is offering to delivers bundles of ten books to students on Tuesdays, the normal JPS MARC day. She will also upload into Compass, MARC lessons for each Tuesday. Please have a look at the notice from Kim on this newsletter.

MRS ARNOTT'S 'FAMILY LOCKDOWN QUIZ'

Keep an eye out next Friday, April 24th for the first weekly quiz for families. The quiz will be sent digitally and hard copies will also be available at school with an A3 map of Australia for families who have trouble accessing the digital copy. Please call the school if you would like to pop in and pick up a copy, so we can stagger family visits though the days.

COMPASS

If you are having trouble accessing Compass, please ring me at school as there is important information being uploaded regularly.

** If you have lost your Compass password, please email the teacher or ring me and I can give you your password again.

Dear Parents

You might be inclined to create a minute by minute schedule for your kids. You have high hopes of hours of learning, including online activities, science experiments, and book reports. You'll limit technology until everything is done! But here's the thing...

Our kids are just as scared as we are right now. Our kids not only can hear everything that is going on around them, but they feel our constant tension and anxiety. They have never experienced anything like this before. Although the idea of being away from school for many weeks sounds awesome, they are probably picturing a fun time like summer break, not the reality of being trapped at home and not seeing their friends.

Over the coming weeks, you will see an increase in behaviour issues with your kids. Whether it's anxiety, or anger, or protest that they can't do things normally - it will happen. You'll see more meltdowns, tantrums, and oppositional behaviour in the coming weeks. This is normal and expected under these circumstances.

What kids need right now is to feel comforted and loved. To feel like it's all going to be ok. And that might mean that you tear up your perfect schedule and love on your kids a bit more. Play outside and go on walks. Bake cookies and paint pictures. Play board games and watch movies. Do a science experiment together or find virtual field trips of the zoo. Start a book and read together as a family. Snuggle under warm blankets and do nothing.

Don't worry about them regressing in school. Every single kid is in this boat and they all will be ok. When we are back in the classroom, we will all work together and meet them where they are. Teachers are experts at this! Don't pick fights with your kids because they don't want to do math. Don't scream at your kids for not following the schedule. Don't mandate 2 hours of learning time if they are resisting it.

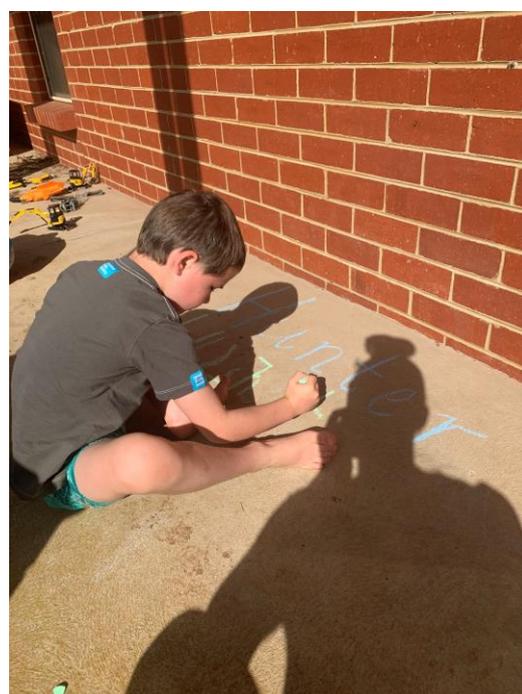
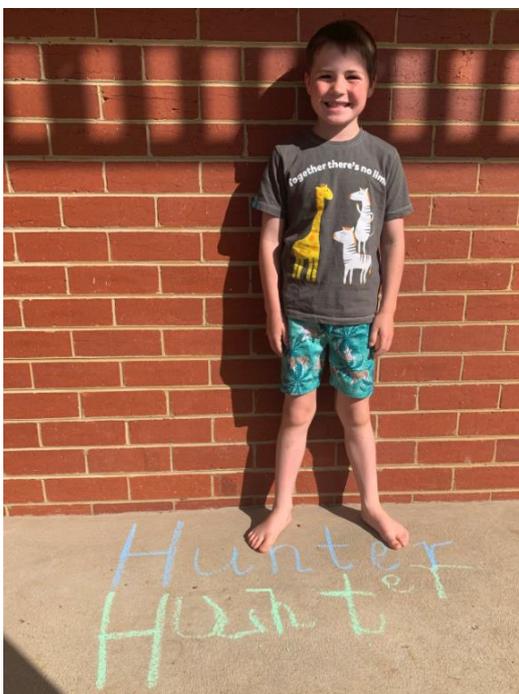
If I can leave you with one thing, it's this: at the end of all of this, your kids' mental health will be more important than their academic skills. And how they felt during this time will stay with them long after the memory of what they did during those oncoming weeks is long gone. So keep that in mind, every single day.

Please, be kind to yourselves as well as your children.

All of the staff at Jindivick PS are just an email or phone call away.

Take care,

Wendy Arnott





BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS...

Free Home Delivery Service

Mrs Kim James (MARC Library Teacher) is offering to deliver a bundle of 10 books (per student) to your home. This bag of books will be selected by Mrs James and delivered contact-less fortnightly on your normal MARC Day.

Willow Grove P.S. – Monday
Jindivick P.S. – Tuesday
Labertouche P.S. – Wednesday
Nilma P.S. - Thursday

To order please contact Mrs James via email:

kim.james@education.vic.gov.au or via SMS to 0491 226 891

Please place your order at least 1 day before delivery.

The first deliveries will commence in Week 2 – from Monday 20th April

****Quarantine of books.**

All books will be quarantined for a minimum of 2 weeks before being reissued to another student.



Dear Parents,

Parents have access to our on-line Compass Portal. Personal log in details to the Compass Website were sent home at the end of Term 1. . Please ensure you change your temporary password. ** If you have misplaced the password please email your student's teacher.

Using Compass, you and your children are able to communicate with the teachers and access information, school work and updates.

A Parent's Guide to Compass

The Compass Parent Portal is an integrated, online portal that allows you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child's progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Communicate with your child's teachers
- Update your family contact information
- View your child's timetable and the school calendar
- Monitor your child's homework and assessment tasks
- Download and view your child's Semester Reports and Progress Reports
- Book Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
- Pay and provide consent for events and school fees

Your school may be using some or all of the modules indicated in this article. Likewise, within your parent portal you may have access to some or all of the functions listed.

Accessing Compass

Compass is a web-based system that is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by using the Compass iOS or Android apps.

To download the app to your device, search '**Compass School Manager**' in the applicable app store.

If you are having trouble finding the Compass link for our school, go to

<http://schools.compass.edu.au> where you can search for our school to access our link.

Logging in to Compass

To log in you will require your unique family username and password.

You will initially be provided with a temporary password that you will be prompted to update to one of your choosing when you login for the first time.

Upon first login, you will be required to confirm your email address and mobile phone number. These details may be used by the school for SMS, password recovery and email communication throughout the year.

The Home Screen

The home screen provides you with relevant alerts and news, as well as quick access to your child's profile.

Main Menu

Allows you to access other Compass and school resources. The options available here may vary based on your school's use of Compass, more information on these icons is provided in the next section.

Tools

The Tools Menu (cog icon) allows you to update your contact details and change your password.

Alerts

Custom notifications for items that require your action or attention. These may include excursion notifications, ordering options for school photos, absence notifications, surveys, student report availability and more.

- Outstanding absences or late arrivals that require a note or approval
- Course Confirmations or payments that need processing
- Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences that are available for booking
- Excursions or Events that require consent and/or payment
- Semester Reports or Progress Reports that are available to download.

Your Child

This section provides you with a quick summary of available options, and highlights a summary of upcoming and overdue tasks. To access more information click on the relevant quick link or select 'Profile' to access details information about your child. Options here may include:

- Your child's profile page
- Email functionality
- Attendance pages customised for your child, where notes/approvals can be entered
- Academic reports for your child
- Parent/Student/Teacher Conference bookings
- Any overdue Learning Tasks that your student has not yet submitted.

News

Recent school news items and information relevant to parents. This may include newsletters, details of upcoming events and much more.

Adding a Note or Approval

If your child has any unapproved absences or late arrivals, you will receive an alert on your Compass home page letting you know this, and allowing you to add a Note or Approval.

Clicking on this notification will take you to the Unexplained tab for that child's attendance, where you can choose to add a Note or Approval for one or more absences. To add a note or approval, select one or more of the absences listed, then select the 'Explain with Note/Approval' button.

Please note that you cannot edit you notes or approvals after they've been created. If you do need to make any amendments please contact your school, as they can do this for you.

Adding a Note/Approval for a Future Absence

You can also enter notes and approvals in advance, if you know that your child is going to be absent from school (e.g. scheduled family holiday).

To do this from your homepage, click on the 'Add Attendance Note/Approval' link listed underneath the name of the relevant student.