



Week Ending September 11, 2020

Discovering Doreen

From Glenn

The sun has been shining and that always brings about some smiling faces. Last Sunday's announcements were not what most wanted to hear, but as would be expected our move out of lockdown is based on lower numbers affecting the speed at which it occurs.

As I mentioned in the SKOOLBAG earlier this week, Remote Learning continues for all in the last week of this term (14th September - 18th September).

All children will be doing Remote Learning in the first week of Term 4 (5th October - 9th October).

Picking up and dropping off booklets will continue as usual until the end of Term 3

Remote Learning booklets for Week One Term 4 will be available at school from 10.00am on Monday 5th October, as well as on our Website. Teachers will be using the break to finish assessment of Term 3 booklets and preparing Term 4. It would help greatly if our last booklets could be in at the end of the Term 3 if possible.

On **Monday October 12th Grade Prep, One and Two children** will resume onsite learning. School will begin at 9.00am and in preparation for the return of the whole school, these grade levels will finish at 3.15pm. As with the last time we were onsite, the pick-up part of the day will occur in the bottom car park. The top/staff car park will be closed, as it was last time. The 'Kiss and Go' zone should be used by our onsite upper school learners who are here under permitted circumstances. The 3.15pm finish for the infant grades worked very well last time and meant as the 3-6 children returned to school we didn't have the same congestion as in the past. There will be the same problem as last time in that some families have children in each group, but I will explain how that will work when we are all back. It will be the same as before, aim to be here late for the first group and just before the second. Getting used to the arrangements will be our goal by starting the process with only the P-2 students at school.

As with last time, mornings tend to be less congested, so all areas are open. I would ask that parents actually do the 'Kiss and Drop' and NOT park, get out of the car, unload the boot, unstrap the children, give them a kiss and a hug, have a chat, wave good bye, get back in the car, drive away. It is great to do all that, BUT PLEASE do it in the bottom carpark where there will be no hold-ups for others.

We are making some **adjustments to our Timetable** to ensure this works well and children receive the appropriate amount of instruction time each day.

For students in Grades 3-6, Remote Learning will continue after week one and if things go to plan, they will return by Monday 26th October. This is 2 weeks after the P-2 return. I made an enquiry to DET about Grade 6 and their preparation for secondary school but was given a standard answer that the grades were chosen by DHHS and were done so with community safety in mind. According to the documents, returns are related to numbers of infections, so keep in mind that if they drop quickly, we would expect timetables for returns to be sped up.

Onsite Learning for those children of permitted workers, or those at risk, will continue as usual. Please remember we must receive an application form at school on Friday afternoon of the week before an application is made. If you DON'T hear from me there is a place at school for your child and we will send the stamped and signed form back to you. It will serve as your travel permit.

We are having **repairs done to our P-2 roof**, applying for grants and I was contacted by Brad Park recently about extending the breezeway out to Grade 3 and the JSC room. You may remember Brad as being the one who supplied our Basketball Roof at cost prices and supervised its installation. Our Breezeway is at the same price and I am very grateful for Brad's support.....despite his choice of football team.

We will also soon be receiving a **Bushfire Preparedness Grant**. Last year we trimmed trees, this year we will do several projects, perhaps more tree trims, an emergency PA System and a Fire Hydrant. It will depend on the budget we receive. We receive this grant because we are a BARR school, which stands for Bushfire At Risk Register. It also means we close on CODE RED days and have a Safe Place to shelter onsite if a fire threatened. It would be a grass fire and in our 153 year history, has not occurred (it's ok I have said that before). As we approach the summer, I will publish more about this. As a start, we have a shelter in place a building that has been developed to be a safer place in case of fire. It has shutters, protective vents and glass and has been ember proofed. If threatened, our school is on the CFA's protect list and the road out the front of the school would more than likely be closed to traffic. This means we would have Fire trucks come here and we would enter our safe place until the Fire passes. Trimming Trees, Emergency Management Plans, drills and trained staff mean the school would be a very safe place, especially considering the likely case of fire being a grass fire. Stay tuned.

Next **Friday is the last day of term**. As per DET regulations, schools close one hour early and we will not have lunch so will close at 1.30pm. This is our normal procedure.

I hope you and your family are coping as well you can. We draw closer all the time to getting back to some normality and getting children back into normal routines and friendship groups. It may take a week or two, but like last time, our students showed why we value Resilience and bounced back really quickly. I expect they will do the same again this time.

Diary Dates:	
• Last Day of Term 3 1.30pm dismissal Parent's of onsite learners please note early pick up time, ensure you organise your child to be picked up	18 Sept
Term 4 Begins Remote learning continues for ALL students	5-9 Oct
P-2 Students Return	12 Oct
ALL students return to school	26 Oct
Dates are subject to change	

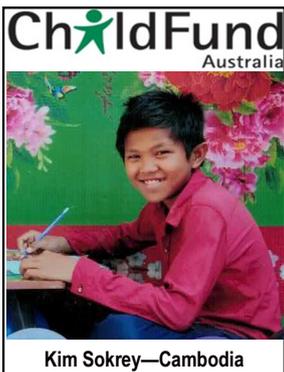
TERM DATES 2020:

Term 3

13 July—18 Sept

Term 4

5 Oct—18 Dec



1.30pm dismissal Friday 18th September

Parent's of onsite learners please ensure they are picked up at this time.

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Don't forget to check out the following Online events.....

Just for a bit of Family Fun

- Visit the Penguins at Phillip Island as they “waddle” ashore - they have increased weight after COVID too! It happens of an evening and you can catch them on Facebook or YouTube - the Penguins have a Facebook page!
- Online Tours of the Zoo - hosted by Explore Melbourne

Free Online Presentations you can access about helping your child deal with the current situation.

Managing the Coronacoaster - Tips for building resilient families

September 15th, but book in now! Dr. Michael Carr Gregg- renowned Child Psychologist who had 12,000 attendees at his last free webinar. He is actually quite practical and down to earth.



Whittlesea Community House

92A Church Street, Whittlesea

Chalk It Up

Spring into Spring

Grab some chalk and show us your skills!



Great school holiday project

It's your driveway and you can decorate it however you like!

It's easy. It's fun and you could win some great prizes

Just decorate your driveway and make our neighbourhood sparkle with the joys of spring!

Send us a pic of your art via email and we will set up a gallery

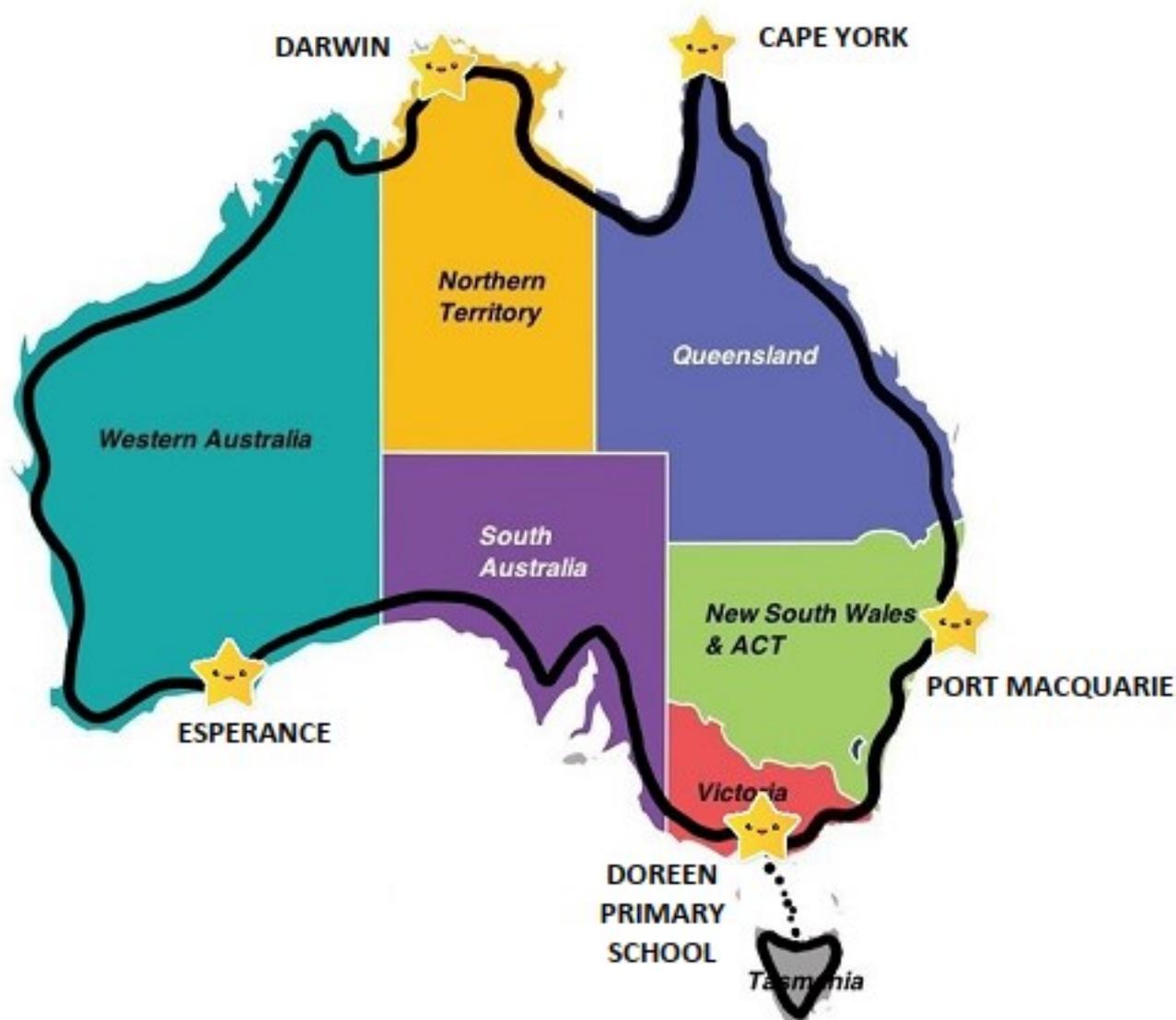
You must send a pic to be eligible for a prize.

Entries close **October 2nd**, 2020

Need Chalk? No problem call 9716 3361 or email us at karenm@whittleseach.com.au

TRIP AROUND AUSTRALIA

This week we travelled from ESPERANCE in WESTERN AUSTRALIA, through SOUTH AUSTRALIA, to PORT MELBOURNE where we boarded the SPIRIT OF TASMANIA, sailed to DAVENPORT in TASMANIA, went around the coast of TASMANIA, back on the boat to the mainland, and made it back to DOREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL!



WE MADE IT!

Over the last 5 weeks approximately 15,200 minutes of physical activity has been logged online. This was then changed into kilometres (and any bike riding was doubled). WELL DONE EVERYONE! Now the challenge is to keep up your daily physical activity. Find something you enjoy doing and HAVE FUN while keeping your body healthy.

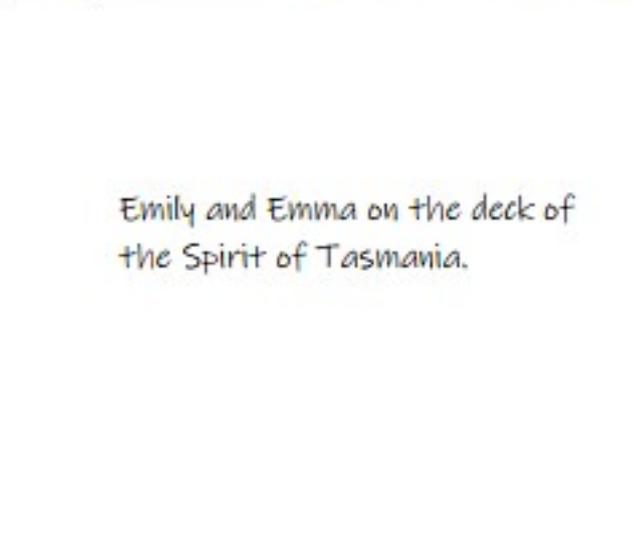
Here are some pictures from our TRIP AROUND AUSTRALIA photo album!

Make sure you check out your Online Learning page on the school website, to find Phys.Ed activities for the last week of Term 3.



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Laken and Matilda ready to kick the footy around while stopping in Adelaide.



Emily and Emma on the deck of the Spirit of Tasmania.

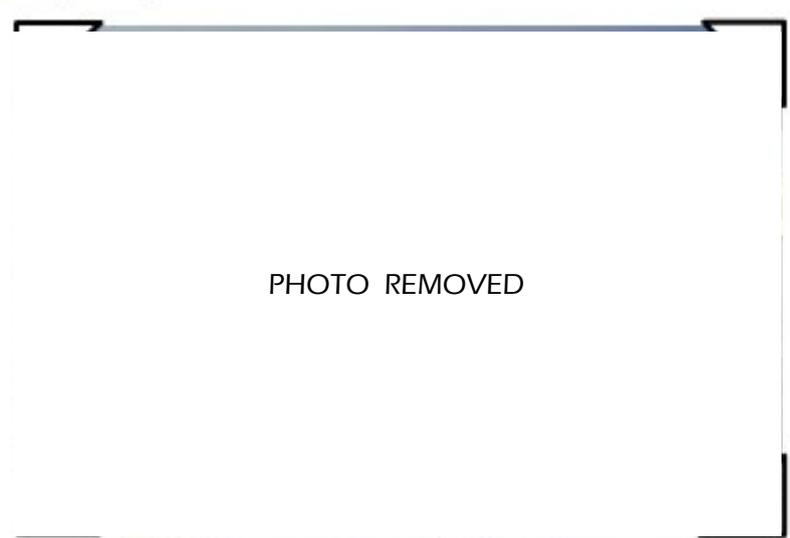


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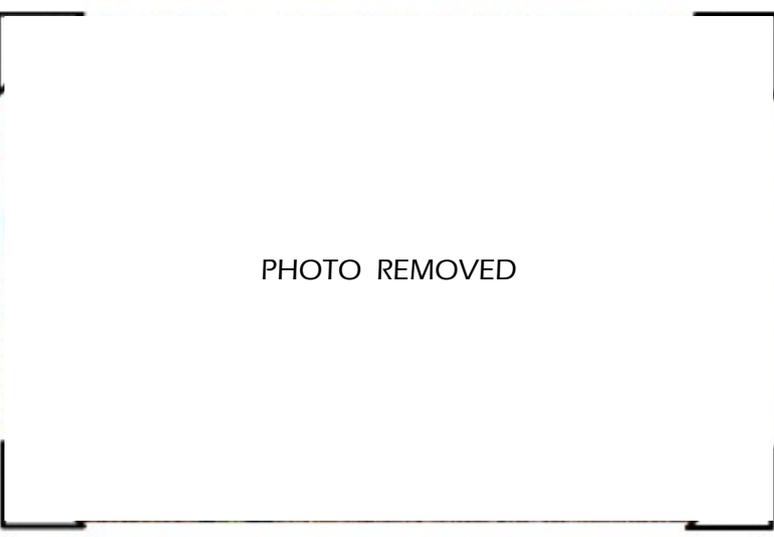


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Marley back at school.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART IN OUR PHOTO ALBUM!