



MOWBRAY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families

I was so pleased to hear the Premier's announcement that our Kindergarten to Year 6 students are returning to school on Monday 25th May. The Tasmanian community's support for the Government's COVID-19 restrictions has contributed to the success of containing the spread of the virus, and returning to school is an important step in our state's recovery.

It is very important that unless you cannot supervise or support your child to learn at home that you do not send your child to school until Monday 25th May, to support Public Health in the staged easing of restrictions.

For those learning at home, we will continue to provide students with a learning matrix for one more week, with tasks which have been adjusted for the home environment. Teachers will also continue to be in regular contact with parents and students learning at home. Once our school is open for all students, learning will be provided face to face only (except for vulnerable students). If parents choose to keep their child at home, then they will need to support their learning through other resources such as the *Learning at Home* web portal on the Department of Education's website.

Maintaining health and safety for learners and staff at school is a priority and we will continue to ensure additional safety measures are in place, including:

- Adequate supplies of soap and sanitiser
- Strict handwashing and hygiene protocols
- Frequent cleaning
- Cancellations of gatherings (eg. Assemblies, interschool activities, excursions)
- Adult physical distancing

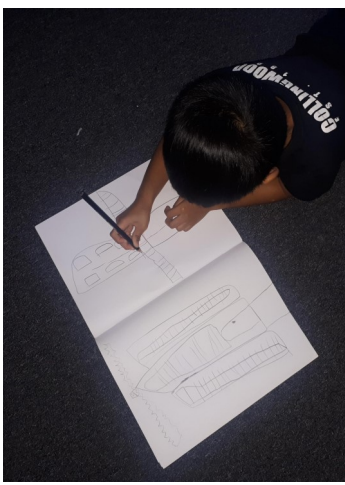
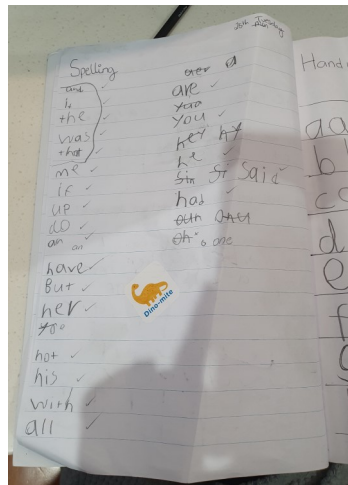
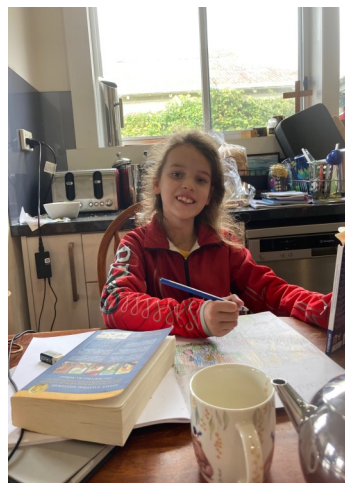
In relation to adult physical distancing, we will be encouraging parents and carers to keep a distance from the school wherever possible. We will be discouraging the congregation of adults in areas around the school, particularly at the start and end of the school day. Once we have received advice from the Department of Education, temporary drop off and pick up arrangements will be communicated to families on our School app and in next week's Newsletter.

Sincere thanks to all our families for your support in the most challenging of circumstances. Until there is a vaccine for COVID-19, we will all have to continue to follow the rules and commit to our new way of life.

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Sharon

Learning at Home



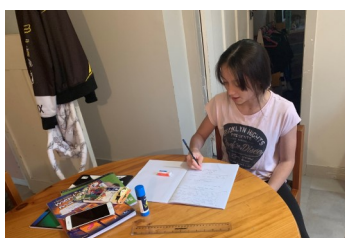
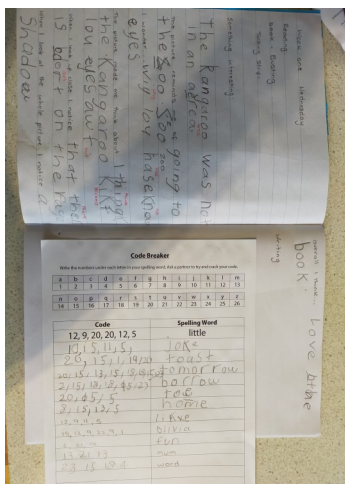
Some lovely feedback from one of our families ...

Hi Sharon,

Sophia and Jason are very excited to have a timeline to return to school. In the meantime I have been so impressed by the way the student work has been set out and allocated. I was impressed when we first collected it, it was fantastic to know that all the materials the kids would need, to do their various activities were in the pack. However having spoken to some friends over the weekend I realize that the format and application of the learning matrixes is really excellent. Both children have at different times worked all day on activities in the matrix, or completed only what I've insisted on before heading outside to play, run, 'invent' or hit some drums or play piano.

In such unusual times the flexibility to approach the kids learning in the way that best suits them each day has been valuable to our families wellbeing. I'm aware that other schools have taken a far more prescriptive approach, and some of my peers have complained that there hasn't been enough work on certain days while being overwhelmed on others, so I am additionally grateful for the effort that you and your team have put into making this an effective learning experience. I have attached a picture each of Sophia and Jason enjoying themselves in their school at home experience.

Kind regards, Anja



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