

# Mundulla Primary School



GROW IN KNOWLEDGE

our school values:

excellence  
respect  
responsibility  
integrity  
co-operation  
creativity

Newsletter 7

8th May 2020

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

We have been very lucky here in South Australia that we haven't been impacted by Covid 19 in the same way as other states and countries. Hopefully with borders still closed and people maintaining physical distancing, this will continue.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April saw school return, and unlike the end of term when only 12 students remained, we had only 17 who were learning from home. We have had all of these students join their class for the daily catch up and lesson guidance via Webex. Students at school learnt how to use this program and are using Google Classroom for some of their work and submitting assignments, which are due in coming weeks. Older students in particular are learning new online skills which they will continue to use throughout their schooling and beyond.

It was good to greet so many smiling faces and catch up with everyone who had been away. We also welcomed new students Bella and Lillian to our school. The girls are in the 4/5 and 6/7 classes.

Students have taken all of the uncertainty in their stride. Some are still concerned about what is happening, others just want sport to get started again! For the past 5 weeks or so they have started to lead very different lives and things at school are still different with limited numbers on play equipment, constant hand washing and not everyone back. Some very high levels of resilience has been shown. So to the students at Mundulla Primary School (and parents who support them)



### Shout out to the KIDS.

Everyone is applauding everyone but our children. These little heroes have stayed indoors more than they've ever known in their lives. Their whole worlds have literally been turned upside down. All these rules they've never known. A life they couldn't have imagined. All the things they love like sports, being with friends, going to school, or just being kids have all been taken away from them. Adults talking about others becoming unwell, news reporting death after death. Our poor children's minds must be racing. Every day they get up and carry on despite all that's going on. So here's to our little heroes: today, tomorrow, forever.

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## CALENDAR

15 May	SAT casual day
8 June	Public holiday
10 June	School Photos



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In week 2 most students have returned and we thank parents for their supportive comments regarding the work we set for everyone, the online contact staff members have had with them each day while learning at home or even the Easter video message we sent for students. It is great for us to see students each day, even if they aren't here in person, so thank you for making sure you can connect with us.

Staff have continued to physically distance and have taken over the Art Room as their staff room to allow for this. We thank parents for understanding the rule for not entering the site and remind you that if you do need to come to the school, please enter via the front gate and go directly to the office. Students have adjusted to being dropped at the gate and in some cases being greeted there by the teacher on yard duty. As a result, some students are developing more independence in setting up for the day and packing ready for home.

As the term progresses we hope that more activities will become available for students, but for now we are enjoying being able to focus on the class work without interruptions.

Joann



One of the tasks for learning at home for the Year 6/7 class was to make ANZAC biscuits.

How lucky were the staff that one of the students at school decided to do this task at home and then made it into a slice for us. He also provided cream and strawberries! Yum.

Thank you Darby for your effort, very much appreciated.



Bluey was part of the learning in the R/1 class. They watched a clip of Bluey where he participated in charades then the class played charades before decorating their own Bluey or mum. Some students also got creative with their paper folding extending from making fans to hats!



In music the 4/5 class used Audacity with a favourite song. They chose a minimum of 28 bars of music to use for their task.



Once they cut the section they compose a rhythm pattern to perform with the music.



It took a lot of concentration to select the section they would use and count the number of bars.



There were a few chuckles from Mrs Packer when they suddenly burst into song forgetting she could hear them as they had their headphones on.





The 2/3 class are the first to work with Mr Wise to plant their seeds. They have planted them in different soils and locations to see how successful they are at growing things from seeds.



A big thank you to the Excell family for organising the seeds and Tatiara Seeds for supplying a range of seeds for the students to use.



This weekend we celebrate Mothers' Day. For some it can be a really joyous occasion. For others it can come with a sting given the time to reflect on what may be missing.

Take time to either be appreciated (you deserve it), or to appreciate the Mum and Mum-types figures that have influenced your life.

During a lunchtime this week, I went around and asked most of the students what it is they loved about their Mum. These are listed below. Clearly, there are a lot of things to love in a Mum.

Blessings to all,

Amy Pietsch

(PCW, Wednesday & Friday)



giving hugs and kisses.

puts me to bed with my

rainbow blanket.

Gives me a bath.

hugs so well.

helps me tidy up.

she's the BEST!

ties hair real good.

She's my Mum and she loves me.

lets me listen to music when she does her jobs.

Always there to talk to.

She's Mum.

She made me, does everything for me.

She cares for me.

She lets me guess where she is picking me up from.

Loves me.

Kind.

Helpful.

Looks after me.

Helps me.

Makes dinner.

She's a really good cook.

Nice and kind.

she makes food and does the cleaning.

She doesn't disappoint me and keeps it fair.

She goes for bikes ride with me.

Tries her best to do everything.

Everything!

She's helpful.

Does what I ask.

Keep persisting when she gets something wrong.

Cares for us.

Plays with me.

I love Mum.

She has horses.

Everything.

Hugs me a lot.

Spoils me.

I'm her favourite.

Very sporty.

Cooks good food.

Gives us food.

She's my Mum.

Looks after me

**Scholastic Book Club** – there are some parents who are regular purchasers of books through book club, or who buy as presents. We will not be receiving catalogues for now so orders will need to be placed through this website. <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>



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## Children and screens: adapting to this new reality

TUESDAY 12th MAY 2020

7.00pm SA, NT | 7:30pm QLD, NSW, VIC, ACT, TAS | 6:15pm Eucla | 5:30pm WA

### A FREE PARENTING WEBINAR NOT TO BE MISSED

Register now to hear **Dr Justin Coulson** and **Dr Kristy Goodwin** answer common concerns for parents in this new situation:

- are my children spending too much time on screens?
- how should I handle 'techno-tantrums' when it's time to turn screens off?
- how can I manage children's screen use when I'm working at home too?



Dr Kristy Goodwin



Dr Justin Coulson

*Please note: If you can't attend the webinar live, don't worry! We will send a link to the recording to everyone who has registered within 48 hours of the event.*

**Registration at <https://www.happyfamilies.com.au/parentingsa/>**