

Principal's Report

FLEXIBLE AND REMOTE LEARNING

In this week's newsletter (page 2) I have included some information for parents and carers on working from home. It includes some handy advice, tips and resources to help support the wonderful work that all our families are doing.

We are seeing some fabulous work being submitted to our classroom and specialist teachers. As you will have seen in previous publications, some of the student work will be included in the school newsletter each fortnight. We hope the children are enjoying seeing their hard work in print!

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

On Wednesday 26th August, lessons will not be scheduled to facilitate parent/teacher interviews. These will be conducted online throughout the day with parents selecting a convenient time to meet with their child's teacher. This will be a great time for families to meet with teachers to discuss the partnership of remote and flexible learning.

Interview times will be made available to book through Compass, before the end of this week.

WELLBEING

All of the staff at Baxter Primary School recognise and acknowledge the enormous challenge remote learning presents to parents, carers and the students themselves. Along with teaching and learning challenges, the current lock down and the process of remote learning presents significant mental health and wellbeing challenges.

We encourage you (both students and carers) to be kind to yourselves, support each other, work through challenges together and seek help from us here at school or through outside services, if and when needed.

Online programs including:

Smilingmind—<https://www.smilingmind.com.au/>

Cosmic Yoga—<https://www.cosmickids.com/category/watch/>

Kidzbop—<https://kidzbop.com/>

The Resilience Project—<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/>

These all offer free and user friendly escapes from the stresses and challenges home learning may present. Alternatively, a comprehensive list of support services was posted on Compass last week. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office should you require any additional information.

2021 ENROLMENTS & VIRTUAL TOUR

A reminder to all families that we are currently accepting Foundation enrolments for next year. We are very excited to launch our virtual tour via our website in coming weeks and will share it with the school community as soon as it is available.

Nick Schneider
Principal



Be Kind to Your Mind

Tips to cope with stress during COVID-19

- 1 **PAUSE.** Breathe. Notice how you feel
- 2 **TAKE BREAKS** from COVID-19 content
- 3 **MAKE TIME** to sleep and exercise
- 4 **REACH OUT** and stay connected
- 5 **SEEK HELP** if overwhelmed or unsafe

TERM DATES

Term 3

Monday 20th July—Friday 18th September

Wednesday 26th August—Parent/Teacher Interviews

Sunday 6th September—Father's Day

Friday 18th September—Last day of Term 3



To our students who have recently celebrated their birthday, or who are celebrating a birthday over the next two weeks, we hope you were/are made to feel super special:

Abigail H

Jed P

Hugo H

Jax K

Ayla S

Matilda K

Makayla-Jane K



REMOTE LEARNING HUB

LEARNING FROM HOME INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Advice, tips and resources to support children as they learn from home.

ABOUT LEARNING FROM HOME

When you start to think about helping your child to learn from home, remember that no one expects you to be a teacher or subject matter expert. The most important thing you can do is continue to provide routine, support and encouragement to your child. You can support your child to learn from home by keeping up to date with your child's school communications.

Your child's school will:

- clearly communicate the responsibilities of your child's teacher as well as what students and parents and carers need to do
- provide learning activities for your child to undertake
- communicate with parents and students through their normal channels, for example via the school website, newsletters and email
- advise parents and students about the online tools your child can use to support their learning from home.

If you do not have a computer device or internet at home, your school will be in contact with you to discuss whether your child needs to borrow one and how your child can receive materials.

SETTING UP A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Every home is different. Where possible, extended learning should take place in a space your family shares. For example, a lounge room or dining room. These spaces are preferable over a bedroom, where your child can feel isolated and supervision can be more challenging.

It should be a place:

- that can be quiet at times
- where you or another adult is present.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES DURING REMOTE LEARNING

Depending on the age and stage of your child, they may be expected to:

- regularly monitor digital platforms for announcements and feedback from teachers
- do their best work when completing tasks
- do their best to meet timelines and due dates
- communicate openly with their teachers and raise any concerns or issues
- continue to abide by their school's behaviour guidelines.

ESTABLISHING ROUTINES AND EXPECTATIONS

It is important to develop a routine to support your child as they learn from home. This is important for them and for family members, to provide an environment that encourages learning.

Start and end each day with a check in to help your child:

- clarify and fully understand the instructions they get from their teachers
- help them organise themselves and set priorities for their learning at home.
- Encourage regular exercise breaks. Your school is likely to provide some suggested activities.
- Encourage healthy eating habits and make sure they drink enough water.
- Try to keep normal bedtime routines for all children, especially for younger ones.

MANAGING SCREEN TIME AND ONLINE SAFETY

As your child is likely to be spending time online, it is important that you talk to them about online safety. This will help them to make good digital choices and use information and communication technologies responsibly.

You may wish to speak to your children about ensuring they:

- use only the online tools recommended by their school or the Department of Education and Training (DET)
- are respectful when communicating online, just as they would be when speaking face-to-face
- use digital devices in open areas of the home

For more online safety advice for parents and carers go to: www.esafety.gov.au

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING CHECK IN

Just as you set aside time for physical exercise, it is important to make time each day to check in on your child's mental health and wellbeing. It may take your child some time to adjust to their new routine for learning and key changes such as not seeing classmates in person. Every child will react differently to new circumstances – feelings of sadness, frustration, anxiousness and even anger are entirely normal.

You can help your child by:

- providing an opportunity to talk about how they feel and listening to what they say
- identifying some specific actions they can take by themselves or with you to address any concerns they might have
- asking how they are finding learning remotely, and if there is anything they'd like your help with.

If you have any other concerns about the health and wellbeing of your child, please contact your school directly, which will have access to resources that can help.

P.E. & HEALTH

The children have been getting active at home to keep their bodies and minds fit and healthy. It has been rewarding to receive so many incredible photos and videos of the children working out. I have loved seeing younger siblings taking part too. Some children choose to write a comment instead and that is fine also. Keep up the fabulous work everyone. I am so very proud of each and every one of you. You are doing an amazing job. Thank you! —Mrs Baxter



FOUNDATION F



I completed sport on Friday. I enjoyed jumping for long jump. Triple jump was a little tricky but I finally got it. By Tayla S



Year 5/6 PROCEDURAL WRITING

Piper Anthony of 5/6S has been working extremely hard on her Procedural Writing skills. She has included an amazing introduction, lots of detailed steps and a conclusion to wrap it all up! You can definitely see Pipers personality in her writing. Well done, Piper.

How to Make Your Hair Glimmer and Shimmer

When cleaning your hair you need to make sure that you have the right products, with the right ingredients. If you put too much conditioner your hair will be really oily when you come out of the shower. And most importantly, make sure you have read the name on the products, because, lets just say if your hair is dry and has broken ends. There are many different types of hair... And the products for it so make a difference and give your hair some SHINE & LOVE.

It bothers me when my hair gets oily so if you don't want your hair oily and you want your hair super clean then follow the steps below.

- 1: Have access to a great shampoo and conditioner that's suited to your hair type.
- 2: Make sure the temperature of the water is at your liking.
- 3: Drown your hair with water so that it's really wet.
- 4: Have just the size of a 10 cent piece of shampoo on your hand.
- 5: When putting the shampoo in your hair scrub your scalp with your finger tips so that it is really bubbly, follow this step so your hair is cleaner the next shower, because the more bubbles the more cleaner it is.
- 6: Once you've finished putting in shampoo, rinse thoroughly so that all the bubbles are gone.
- 7: Once the bubbles are gone get some conditioner and put less then the size of a 10 cent piece and, if you have long hair just put it through the ends.
- 8: Rinse the conditioner thoroughly or your hair WILL be oily in the end.
- 9: Take a bit and focus on rinsing the conditioner.

Once you have rinsed and dried your hair, it should look as good as the sun does in summer with no clouds!!

Now that you have super clean shiny beautiful hair you should feel amazing, If you like my steps please follow them and see if they work :)

How to effectively wash your hands

This piece of writing will tell you how to wash your hands and keep safe during Covid nineteen. Germs spread diseases and it can make us very sick and it's important to wash our hands.

What you will need is antibacterial soap, paper towel, and hot water.

First step is to turn on the hot water and make sure it is not too hot so it doesn't burn you.

Second step is once you have your water ready, you want to grab your soap and put one squirt of soap in your hands.

Third step is to rub the soap around your hands for 2 minutes, make sure you get it in between your fingers and under your nails and on the back of your hands.

Fourth step is once you have rubbed your hands with soap you wash your hands under the water and make sure ALL the soap is gone off your hands.

Fifth step: turn the tap off then dry your hands using a paper towel, a clean towel or air dry them.

Step six: It is also a good idea to use hand sanitizer after you dry them

Step seven: now you are germ free and you can go along with your day.

You should always wash your hands before and after you prepare food, before you eat, when caring for someone sick and after using the toilet in addition to hand sanitizer. You also need to wash your hands after blowing your nose, sneezing, coughing, touching animals and their food and waste, and touching rubbish. Make sure you carry a little bottle of hand sanitizer in case you can't wash your hands.

William Hughes 56M

Community Notices

HALL FOR HIRE The Baxter Primary School Hall is available for hire on weeknights and weekends by community groups and associations. The hall comes complete with a kitchen, PA system, toilets and is fully heated. Rental contracts may be discussed by calling the office on 5971 1391. Public liability insurance is required by hirers.



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- 3yo Kinder 5 hours per week
- 4yo Kinder 15 hours per week
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Email: info@baxterkindergarten.com.au

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