



MY 2020 COVID JOURNAL

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Henry Oliver Rumsby School Photo 2020

This school photo was taken about 6 weeks prior to Covid disrupting our lives.



NEED TOILET PAPER

This photo was taken on 6 March 2020, everyone had gone crazy and were stockpiling toilet paper, hand sanitiser, wipes, anything antibacterial cleaning stuff. It got worse before it got better. We were lucky we didn't run out but did have to get some from our Nan to keep us going until the shops could keep up with the demand. I think there must be some people out there with lots of toilet paper.



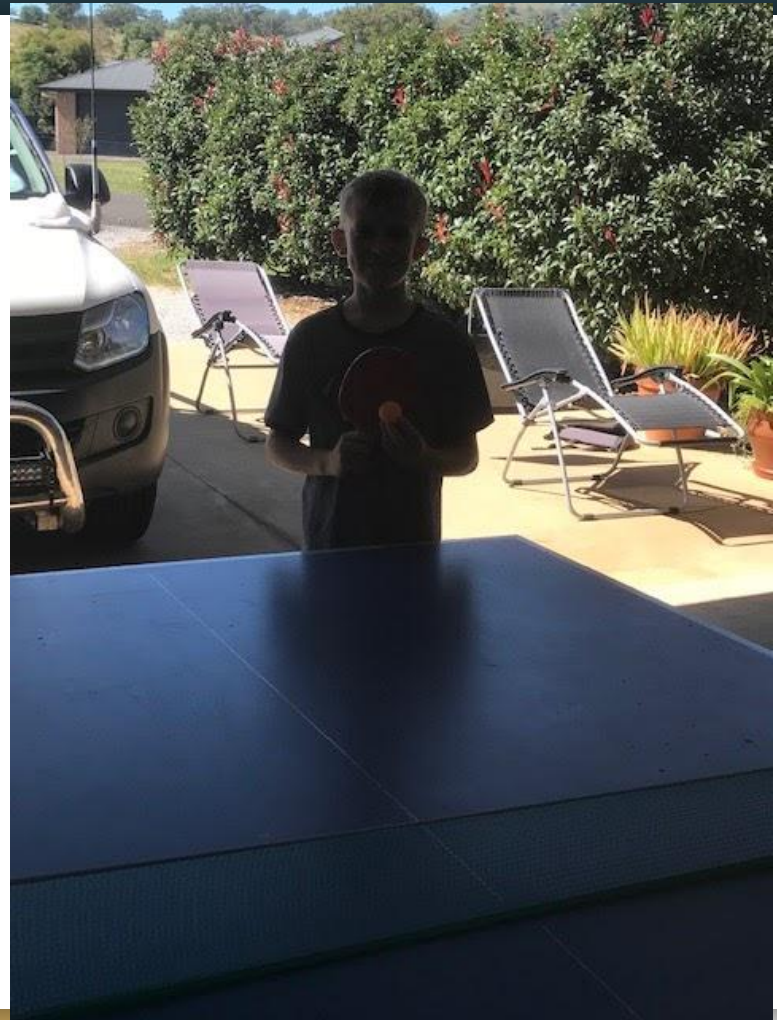
Day one of isolation began on Monday 23rd March 2020

This was the day that my mum decided to keep me home from actual school. It was still up to parents whether we attend school or not. The government couldn't make their mind up on their advice making it hard to know what to do. My family all continued to work throughout the covid pandemic. My mum works in an office for my Uncle and can work from home. My Dad is a train driver and still can go to work, he did start holidays in April though which was good. My brother is a barber in Newcastle and we can't see him. My sister is a vet nurse and dog groomer who continues to work. Petrol prices were at record lows under 90 cents. All pubs, clubs, restaurants and cafes were no longer allowed to trade as normal. We couldn't go to the park or movies, even the beach/national parks were off limits for some time. We couldn't play with the neighbours or go see our family and friends.

Isolation Games

6/4/2020

I was very sad because they cancelled all my sports. I was lucky we have a table tennis table and to overcome the early days of boredom I would play my mum and dad.



Campfire dinner 7/4/2020

We enjoyed making our dinner on the campfire. I loved spending time with my family outdoors.



My birthday 8th April 2020

I had fun on my birthday even without a party. My Mum made a awesome cake and it was a footy field.



Monopoly

10/4/2020

I had fun playing monopoly with my Dad even though he beat me.



Camping Forest Hills 11/4/2020

We were going to South West Rocks for Easter Camping, due to Covid 19 it was illegal to go on holidays. Luckily my Mum was able to transfer the money she paid to next Easter. I can't wait to go camping at SWR next year.



Our alternate campsite 11/4/2020

We decided to camp in our
backyard seeing we were
unable to go to South West
Rocks.



Easter sunday 12/4/2020

I got lots of chocolates from the Easter bunny and i got a onesie.



Bike injury

12/4/2020

I was doing sick jumps on my bmx when disaster struck and I hurt my leg. Lucky my sister is a vet nurse and she put me back together.



Afternoon walk 17/4/2020

To get some exercise we
walked around the
neighborhood.



Bike riding 22/4/2020

My dad and I like to go to the mountain bike park on our bikes.



Anzac Day 25/4/20

This Anzac Day was like no other. We were unable to march down Peel St with our school and pay our respects to all the diggers. We commemorated in our own way by standing at the front of our houses with our Australian Flag, our poppy remembrance that we made, listened to the Last Post and reflected on what those brave men and woman did for us and our country and still do now.



Ava Grace Simpson born 25/4/2020

My first girl cousin ever was born on Anzac Day. My Mum went and looked after Ava's brothers while she was in the hospital.



Nanny Sue Rumsby's birthday was on 28/4/2020

My Nanny Sue was born 28th April 1948 in Barraba. She now lives in Manilla and we had afternoon tea with her and her dog Omo. We still need to social distance especially with older people as it can be much worse for them if they get Covid 19.



Pop turns 75 - 4/5/2020

My Pop was born 4th May 1945 in Burwood NSW. My sister was born on his 50th birthday. We had lunch with him and my Nan at their place and had a yummy sponge cake.



Georgia my sister turns 25 - 4/5/2020

My sister Georgia was born on 4th May 1995. She is a vet nurse and dog groomer. She still has to go to work as it is an essential service. Mum, Dad & I had dinner (take away from the Longyard) with her and her two dogs Link & Gus. She made a cheesecake for dessert.



Dinner for Georgia's Birthday 4/5/2020

I had chicken nuggets and
chips for my tea, it was yum!

