



Mount Pleasant Road Primary School & Kindergarten

(Nunawading)

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 2, 2020! We're sure this will be a term to remember and we teachers thank you in advance for all that you will do for your child/ren's education under these unprecedented circumstances. As teachers, we would much rather be face-to-face with your child(ren), teaching and learning in our familiar classroom environments; however, this isn't possible. So, we're ready to deliver the best remote teaching we can by providing the best home learning possibilities for your child(ren). Our first aim is to provide learning opportunities and support. Please note that the climate we are experiencing right now does not call for "home-schooling", but rather "Emergency Remote Learning". Wellbeing and personal growth are more important than ever. We are here to support you throughout the duration of these uncertain times.

This email contains quite a lot of information so it might be helpful to print or download it.

SEESAW

The Junior School at MPRPS will be using **Seesaw** to deliver lessons and learning content during Term 2 2020. Seesaw is a learning platform which can be accessed via a [website](#) and/or via Apple and Android mobile applications (apps). You may know Seesaw as a 'Digital Portfolio' of student work. It also has the capacity to deliver our lessons in the 'Activities' section of Seesaw.



You can access Seesaw via a computer or mobile device. There are two user-friendly mobile apps – **one for students (*Seesaw Class*)** and **one for families (*Seesaw Family*)**. The *Seesaw Class* app allows students to receive, complete, and submit work and receive teacher feedback. The *Seesaw Family* app allows parents/carers to view their child's work and teacher feedback, communicate with teachers, and comment on their child's submissions.

Students log in to the class app at home using '**Home Learning Codes**' – by scanning a QR Code or typing in a text code. Your child's Home Learning Code is attached as a PDF and will last for all of Term 2. If you have more than one child using Seesaw then it is best to print the codes and hang them in your learning space as each child will have to log in to their own class in order to complete their work.

The **Seesaw platform is secure** and students cannot see each other's work. Only you, your child and their teachers can see a student's work. If you have more than one child using Seesaw you can link them all to your family app to see all your children's work in one place.

Your child's teacher will have sent you an **invite to access Seesaw**. Download the Seesaw Class app on your child's device and the Seesaw Family app on your own device (which could be a mobile phone, a tablet, a laptop or a desktop computer). If you are sharing one device, both Seesaw Class and Seesaw family can be installed on one device. If you cannot download the app you can access Seesaw by visiting seesaw.com on a desktop or laptop computer.

If your device is set to a language other than English, then you will be able to see "**translate**" options once inside the Seesaw app. This will translate posts, notes, comments etc. into your native language.

WEEKLY STRUCTURE

Each morning (at 9:30am for 1/2 or at 10am for Foundation) a '**daily check-in**' will be posted by your child's teacher on their Seesaw Journal. Your child's teacher will ask all students to comment on the post with a typed message or recording of their voice (made easy by the app). This is a great way to keep up regular communication. Within the daily check-in teachers will check on the welfare of students and share things like stories, songs or jokes.

Each day your child's teacher will assign **three main lessons** which will appear in the class app under the "Activities" tab. One lesson will focus on literacy, one on numeracy and the other on either Guided Inquiry, STEM (Science /Technology/ Engineering/ Mathematics) or Wellbeing. One lesson from each Specialist area (Sport, Art, Performing Arts and Indonesian) will be allocated per week.

Each day's activities will become **available at 8am** on the day they are to be completed. They will remain open until 3:30pm on Friday afternoon of the corresponding week, in case your child needs a little extra time to complete the lessons. Some of the activities will be able to be completed independently by your child, however, most will require your collaboration. Our activities will not require you to do any explicit teaching.

You will receive a weekly **schedule of lessons through the school newsletter**.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding throughout this time. More information will be sent to you this week by our school principal Kim Streitberger. If you have any questions, teachers can be contacted between the hours of 9am and 3:30pm Monday to Friday via the Sentral Portal. We look forward to teaching your children from tomorrow.

Kind regards,

1/2 Team

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