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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we complete our second week of Remote Learning it is time to reflect on our new normal. There may be days we feel challenged and wish for things to be normal again. I would encourage families to focus on the positives of our isolation, these can be very special days, where we get to spend more time with our children than we usually do. I would like to reinforce the message that we welcome your feedback on how you are finding the remote learning resources we are providing. Teachers have already made changes to the packs at class level to cater for individual needs. The staff are very impressed with how well students are completing their packs, it is wonderful to see students sharing their learning at home with their class on WebEx meetings.



Cooking

ANZAC biscuits were a popular choice for our student bakers this week, very appropriate too! It has been lovely to see families sharing their cooking experiences on Facebook and via email. For next week's assembly I would like to show a video clip on cooking by our students. If you would like your child to feature please send me a short video clip of your child talking about what they have cooked. Please film with your phone in landscape and email the video clips to me. Thanks very much in advance.



Internet Access for families

I have received a few enquiries regarding internet access for students during the period of remote learning. Yesterday I learnt that NBN Co announced that they would be waiving access fees for internet service providers (ISPs) to enable the ISPs to provide disadvantaged families with internet access at significantly reduced or no cost.

The families need to meet certain criteria, including:

- they reside in an NBN serviced area
- they do not have an existing NBN service
- they have school aged children living at the residence
- they are in receipt of a Job Seeker Allowance or Family Tax Benefit

If you meet the criteria and are interested in finding out more, please email me and I will send you further information as I receive it.



Costume-Themed Bin Outings

Thanks to the McGaskill Family for sharing a picture of their costumed-themed bin outing during Corona Virus isolation. There is a Facebook group established for people to share their bin outing costumes, this group has attracted over 145 000 people across the world. I love your creativity and challenge other families to join in. Please share your pictures with our school community if you do.

Art with Dee

Congratulations to Lexie for producing this stunning piece after watching Dee's Facebook art class. Dee is currently looking for other platforms to share her lessons.



Ava's Challenge

By Olivia Pearson. Grade 6

It was a nice sunny day in Swifts Creek. Ava and her family are walking to the local supermarket to get some food for dinner.

"Ava what would you like for dinner?" Ava's dad asked her.

"Ummm, could I please have fish and chips?" Ava replied.

"Sure!" Her mum and dad said at the same time.

So the family of three went into the shop and got the food and lined up to pay. It was their turn to be served.

"Hello there" the man said from behind the counter.

"Hello" Ava's mum replied.

"Did you hear about the fires in Buchan?" The man asked.

"No!!" Ava's dad answered.

"Better get ready then, in case they come to us" the man said in a worried voice.

The family got home to get ready. Ava packed her favourite things and some clothes in a bag. While Ava was doing this, her parents were getting hoses, raking up leaves, wetting the house and moving the animals to a place of safety so they can try and stop the fires from getting to their house.

"Do you need any help?" Ava asked her parents.

"No thank you darling, but some people in town might!" Dad answered.

Ava walked around town asking people if they needed help and by the end of the day she was ready for her fish and chips. Ava walked home and had dinner. Ava was so tired she went straight to sleep.

Bang! The barn had just exploded! The loud noise woke everyone in their house up. Ava's parents rushed into her room to see if she was alright.

"Are you ok?" Her mum asked.

"Yes Mum I'm fine" Ava replied in a scared voice.

The three of them went out with three hoses to try and put the barn fire out. They did it but one of the embers landed on the roof of their house.

"AVA CALL THE FIRE BRIGADE!!!" Yelled Ava's dad at the top of his lungs.

Ava went to her mum to get her phone and called triple zero. Ava told them their address and what was wrong but it was too late. The house was gone and it couldn't be helped. The family was very sad but were glad that no one was hurt. The mum, dad and daughter had to stay at one of their friend's house. Ava's beautiful blue eyes were sore and her glossy blonde hair smelt of ash, but she didn't care. All Ava could think about was her house being gone.

"Do you think we can fix it?" Ava asked in an unhappy voice.

"Yes, but it will take quite a long time" her mum replied sounding even more upset than Ava.

The family went to sleep so they could get an early start in the morning.

The next day the family went to the ruins of their house.

"Nothing is here." Ava said disappointingly.

"Yes we know, but we need to get started on cleaning up" Ava's Dad replied.

So the family worked very hard that day and a few months went by and they had finally settled into their new home. From that day on Ava has learnt to value everything she has in life because some people don't even have a home.