

# Toolamba PS

## “Striving for Excellence”

**Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive**



### PARENTS & STUDENTS,

I hope that week two has been a bit easier than Week 1 for all families. Thank you to those families who completed the Remote Learning Survey sent out last week. Staff certainly valued your feedback.

Thankfully, some of our technology issues have been rectified and we now have the capacity to use Google Meet. It has been wonderful to see and hear the children. It is something we have really missed.

Now that students have the capacity to email each other, I ask parents to be aware of this and monitor the emails. The Google Meet application is only to be initiated by teachers.

I must commend our truly dedicated staff who have been transitioning to a new teaching style over the past two weeks. I keep reassuring them that we had four years at university and several years' experience to learning how to teach remotely, so do not stress if there are a few challenges on the way. We have all been learning new skills, which we believe, will only improve how we teach in the future.

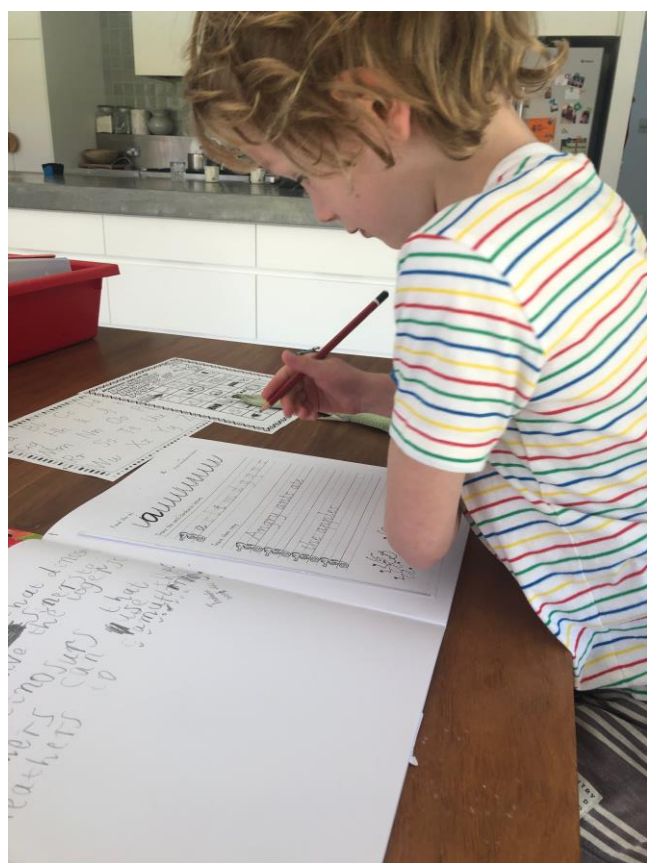
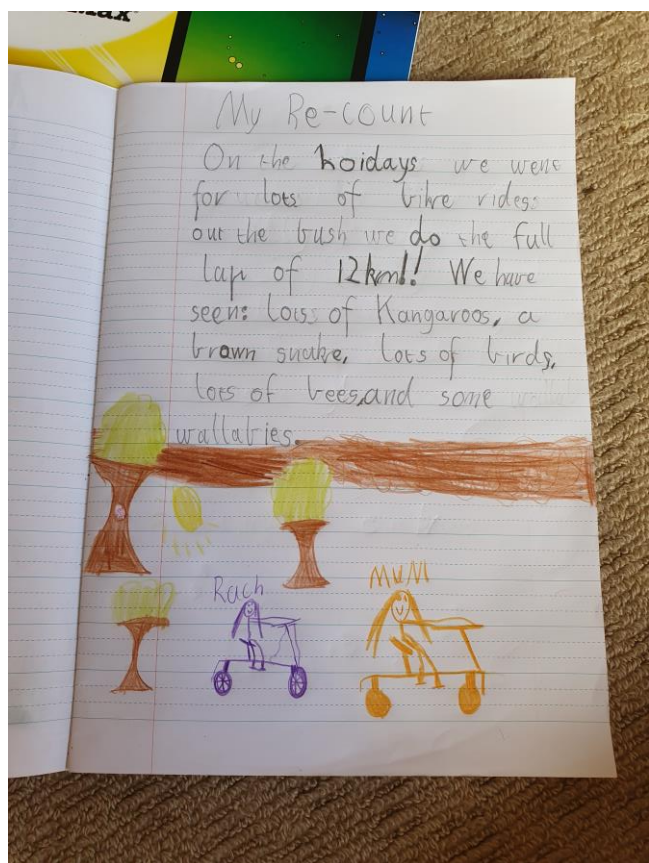
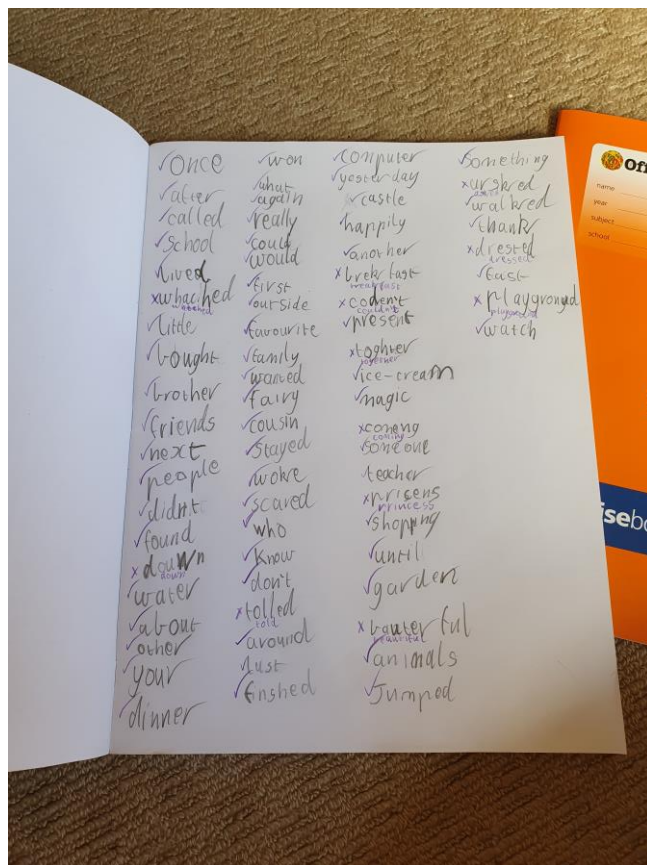
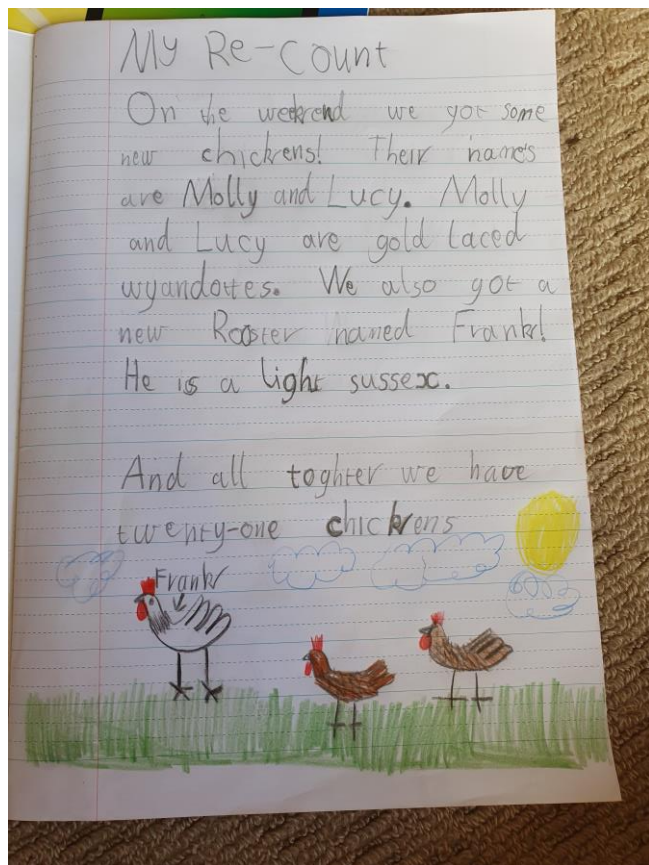
The next three week Learning Pack will be, ready available for picked from next Thursday morning. It will be the same process as before, packs outside the classroom door. Please place your change over readers in the folders provided so that they can be checked off. If teachers require any work returned we will notify you

early next week. **The Foundation students will need to return their iPads as we are going to change them over to one that have them logged in to Google Classroom.** This will have to be done at the Office, as we require a swap

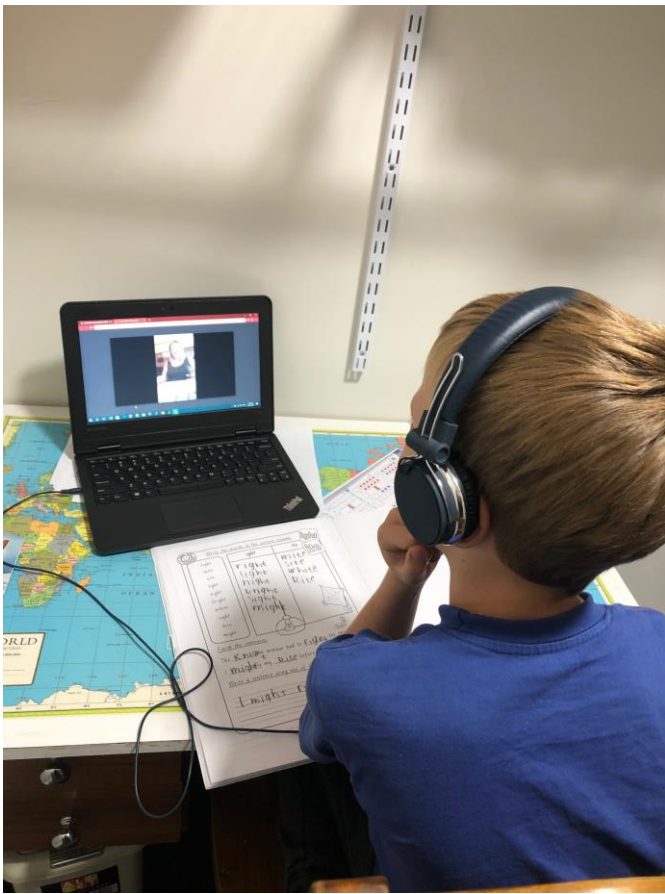
### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mel and Taylor Hall on the arrival of George Lewis, a brother for Tom and Matilda. Born 12.39pm, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April weighing 4550gms.









Some items from the Update last week.

#### COMMUNICATION:

- You can communicate with your child's teacher via email from **8.45-4pm** on their email.
- Outside these hours you can email the school [toolamba.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:toolamba.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)
- Students and parents can also communicate via Google Classroom.
- Students can communicate with their teacher using Gmail.
- It is very important for us to get feedback on how children are going with their remote learning so please use these channels.
- Whole school communication will be done via email or newsletter .

#### STAFFING

- Where possible the Department is recommending that **staff work remotely**.

- As Principal I have had to ask staff to volunteer to attend school and supervise children.
- Those not supervising will be working remotely.
- In line with Department guidelines, all meetings will happen remotely.
- Therefore, the Office will also operate remotely.
- This might mean your phone call may go to message bank.
- Emails are our preferred means of communication.

#### REMOTE LEARNING

- The following are the daily minimum guidelines schools are expected to meet:
  - **For students in Prep to Grade 2, schools will provide learning programs that include the following:**
    - literacy activities that take a total of about **45-60 minutes**
    - numeracy activities of about **30-45 minutes**
    - Additional learning areas, play-based learning and physical activity of about **30-45 minutes**.
  - **For students in Grades 3 to 6**
    - Literacy: 45-60 minutes
    - Numeracy: 30-45 minutes
    - Physical activities: 30 minutes
    - Additional curriculum areas: 45 minutes
- You may find this Department site a valuable resource, updates are added continually.
- <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/learning/Pages/home-learning.aspx#link82>

## ON SITE SUPERVISION

- On site supervision commences at 8.45am and ceases at 3.15pm.
- Students are required to go directly to the multipurpose room where they will use hand sanitiser on entry.
- They are not to play in the playground prior to supervision commencing.
- Students are required to bring their Learning Tubs.
- Students will require their own drink bottles and food for the day.
- The ratio of supervision is 1 to 10.
- Students at school will be following the same format as those at home.
- Classroom teachers are responsible for the learning of all of their students. The teacher at school is the person at school providing supervision only.
- **Forms for onsite supervision are required to be emailed to school prior to 3.15pm on a Thursday for the proceeding week.**
- In the interests of everyone's health and wellbeing please keep your child home if they are at all unwell.
- No other children are permitted in the school ground.

As mentioned last week. We encourage you to look at this as an opportunity to spend time with your children doing things like cooking, gardening, bike riding and craft. If things are stressful switch to something else.

We welcome feedback on the Learning Tubs and what we can do to tailor the experience to suit your child, the last thing we want is for students or parents to feel under unnecessary pressure.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Regards Heather

## WHAT CAN I DO TO SUPPORT MY CHILD DURING THIS PERIOD?

- Talk about the virus in a manner appropriate for their age. Find out what they know and correct any misinformation, teach them how to prevent germs spreading, or research it with them. Here is a great website <https://e-bug.eu/> to support this activity.
- Consider where your child might feel comfortable working without distractions.
- Create a "learning" space within your home that can be made their own.
- Familiarise yourself with your child's learning program so you can get a sense of how much they should be doing each day.
- **Take into account that your child will not see their friends. Negotiate appropriate ways in which they can maintain connections to their peers. You can do this by setting up virtual playdates with their friends through video chat.**
- Encourage a period of physical activity each day. This will help keep them active and reduce boredom.
- [Help at home means providing support, encouraging listening, praising, guiding and discussing.](#)
- Use the opportunity to do projects you have wanted to do with your child. Whether it is learning how to bake, doing an art project or starting a blog, there are many ways to be creative with your child.

## ONLINE HOME LEARNING RESPONSIBLE USER AGREEMENT

- I will only use technology for school purposes as directed by my teacher.
- I will only use technology when there is an adult in the house and they know I am using it.
- I will not reveal my passwords to anyone.
- I will be responsible for my behaviour and actions when using technology (google classroom, google

meets and other interactive applications), this includes the resources I access and the language I use.

- I will make sure that all my communication with students, teachers or others using technology is responsible and sensible.
- I will not deliberately browse, download, upload or forward material that could be considered offensive or illegal. If I accidentally come across any such material, I will report it immediately to my teacher or my parent.
- I will not record or take photos of my classmates or teachers during a face-to-face session.
- I understand that when using Google Classroom and other applications provided by the school that my use can be monitored and logged and can be made available to my teachers.
- I understand that these rules are designed to help keep me safe.

#### **GUIDELINES**

When using Google Classrooms, remember that this is an extension of the classroom and you should conduct yourself as you would in a classroom. This includes:

- Video conferencing from an environment that is quiet, safe and free from distractions (preferably not a bedroom)
- Be on time for your interactive session
- Be dressed appropriately for learning
- Remain attentive during sessions
- Interact patiently and respectfully with your teachers and peers
- Provide feedback to teachers about your experiences and any relevant suggestions

#### **TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GOULBURN VALLEY LIBRARIES**

25 March 2020

All Goulburn Valley Libraries, including the Mobile Library, are closed until further notice due to the COVID19 (Coronavirus) outbreak.

We will update our website at [www.gvlibraries.com.au](http://www.gvlibraries.com.au) as information comes to hand.

During the closure we have made some changes to assist:

- If you have items to return to the library, use the After Hours Return Chute.
- Loans will be extended on all items until 13th May or until libraries reopen.
- On hold items will be extended until 13th May or until libraries reopen.
- All library programs and events are cancelled/postponed until further notice. This includes regular children's and adult events and programs, Shepparton Art Festival events, author talks and the upcoming school holiday activities. Meeting rooms are unavailable while our libraries are closed to the public.
- Our free public Wi-Fi remains available 24/7 from outside our library branches, within a short range.
- We still have a wide range of online resources available. Using your membership number, you can access FREE eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines, or stream movies and documentaries via Kanopy. StoryBox Library, Busy Code and Kanopy Kids will help to keep the kids entertained at home. Give us a call and we will help you access these digital resources.

If you have any questions, email us at [gvrlc@gvrlc.vic.gov.au](mailto:gvrlc@gvrlc.vic.gov.au) or call 1300 374 765.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

##### **THE RESILIENCE PROJECT**

**By Hugh Van Cuylenburg**

**When:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
7.00pm to 8.30pm

**Where:** Riverlinks Eastbank-70 Welsford Street, Shepparton

**Cost:** Full \$37.00 Concession \$32.00

Helping Australians to be mentally happy, we deliver emotionally engaging programs and provide practical strategies' to build resilience.

The Resilience Project delivers emotionally engaging programs to schools, sports clubs and businesses and provide them with evidence based, practical strategies to build resilience and happiness. The Resilience Project has delivered programs to over 850 schools around the country and worked with many elite sporting teams including Australian cricket, netball, and soccer, NRL and AFL clubs.

Through presentations, wellbeing journals, schools curriculum, teaching diaries and the App, The Resilience Project seeks to help all Australians become mentally healthy. During the presentation, Hugh will share his experiences and combine them with practical strategies that can be implemented every day to improve our overall wellbeing.

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**First session free.**

Monday and Wednesday 7pm to 8pm

In the Toolamba Hall (next to the school)

All ages are welcome!

Contact: Stephen – 0428 021 169

### GUITAR AND KEYBOARD LESSONS

Cliff Doornkamp conducts 20-minute lessons for both guitar and keyboard every Tuesday. The cost is \$20.00 per lesson (payable at time of lesson).

For more information, please contact Cliff Doornkamp on 0474 769 963.

**GVSPORTSCARE**  
Physio & Podiatry

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Physiotherapist, Sophie Woodhouse enjoys treating a mix of sports and spinal injuries.

Tom Davey is a biomechanical and sports focused Podiatrist, who is also skilled in general nail and diabetic care.

Sophie and Tom are excited to move back to Shepparton and work in the Goulburn Valley!

### Calendar

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June** **Last Day Term 2**

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Jul** **Term 3 Starts**

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Sept** **Last Day Term 3**

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Oct** **First Day Term 4**

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Nov

Fri 13 Nov

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Nov

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