



## **PRINCIPAL REPORT – WEEK 4 TERM 2 2020**

With the state of emergency in Victoria expiring on Monday 11 May, it will be fascinating to see how the coming week(s) will evolve. Various states and territories across the country are beginning to scale back COVID-19 restrictions, perhaps providing a test case for our Premier and Chief Health Officer to monitor and potentially follow. From my perspective, until we are informed otherwise, for the remainder of Term 2 we will continue to deliver our teaching and learning program remotely.

As alluded to in previous Principal reports, we are aware that our current model of delivery is not necessarily going to be sustainable for an 11-week term of remote learning, and to be frank, no other model is going to be perfect either. We continue to receive an enormous amount of positive feedback for our efforts to date, and for this we are truly humbled. Nevertheless, we believe it is time for us to take the next step in our approach, and beginning next week, we are going to introduce 'live' lessons for each grade. This will undoubtedly have teething issues, and for some families, access limitations, so we ask for your patience as we trial, reflect and adapt as we go. This will be a significant evolution in our practices associated with remote learning, and I would like to publicly acknowledge the growth in our staff team after only 15 days of teaching this term. Further information pertaining to this approach will be made available tomorrow morning (Thursday 7 May) and will be posted on Class Dojo.

Looking ahead to when a sense of normality resumes in our lives, we have rebooked our school photos for early in Term 3 (Tuesday 28 July). This comes with a small amount of risk as there may be a need to postpone these for a second time, or perhaps look to have photos taken in an alternative manner given potential social distancing requirements that could still exist, but we will cross our fingers and hope for the best! Additionally, while it seems the list of events affected by COVID-19 is never ending, I wish to take this opportunity to highlight the Cluster Camp program for Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 students may yet unfortunately be impacted. Organising schools in the Traralgon Small Schools Cluster will continue their investigations into various options available to us, noting a decision needs to be made well ahead of time in order to avoid significant cancellation fees.

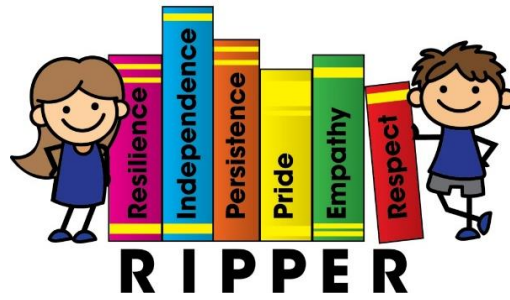
Finally, I forgot to highlight the fascinating and courageous (or crazy?!) work of one of our parents in last week's newsletter. On her day off, Mrs Game and her daughter Danielle were visiting the Traralgon South Hall to complete Mrs Travers' chalk walk challenge and came across a red belly black snake with the same idea! Thinking quickly, Mrs Game contacted Rob Harkess, our local snake catcher, and after searching through a small shrub, he quickly caught the snake and took it away for relocation. A huge thanks to Rob for his prompt support and expertise – you're a much braver man than I!

Take care

Joel Blythman



## RIPPER Student Awards - Week Ending 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020



Prep/1	Harry Wilhelm	For showing great persistence when reading his common words.
1/2	Grace Hadfield	For her ongoing persistence with Maths and writing tasks.
2/3	Cody Hare	For showing persistence in "RIPPING" through his magic words.
3/4	Blayke Bates	For displaying persistence with his remote learning.
5/6	Roman Sturre	For his independence and pride in all of the tasks completed this week.
Art/Music	Kai Lumley	For an interesting way of exploring primary and secondary colours through coloured ice blocks.
PE	Amy Jewson	For showing persistence to complete at home P.E. tasks.



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