



# “Learning Together”



*A community of active thinkers who can achieve their dreams.*

*Caring, Respectful, Learners*

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## *Principal's Report*

**Dear Parents and Carers**

### **CONGRATULATIONS! ONE WEEK ACHIEVED!**

Congratulations to our wonderful Drouin South PS students, parents and staff! You have survived the first official week of **Remote and Flexible Learning—2.0**. It certainly takes a bit of getting used to learning at home and online. Remember that your teachers are there to guide and support you through this time. Some of our teachers are also involved in home learning with their own children during this time so we definitely understand the challenges that are faced by parents who are guiding children's learning at home. Whether you have managed to compete all set tasks, some set tasks or maybe even achieved just a *small* amount of other learning this week, you are all to be congratulated on your efforts. We can make this work by working together!



### **CHALLENGING TIMES—WELL-BEING IS IMPORTANT!!**

Over the next 5 or 6 weeks of Term 3, I will try to find some relevant **well-being** information that we can share with families in our newsletter.

Sometimes being stuck at home together can be hard and stressful. This week's well-being article is a list of suggestions that **frazzled families** can try when you need a break from the hard slog! These come to us courtesy of Parent Zone, Gippsland. (See page 3)

### **CURRICULUM DAY—TEACHER DO LOTS OF THINKING!!**

Today our teachers were involved in a number of Web-Ex sessions during our pupil free day. The day allowed us as a whole team to look at aspects of teaching, learning and assessment that we do not always get time to do during a busy weekly meeting schedule. As part of the day, we delved into research about the use of *Learning Intentions and Success Criteria*. This is “What we want students to learn and how do we know (and they know) when they have learned it?” When asked “what they are learning about?”, most children will tell us what they are “doing” in a lesson, however, it is important that they are aware of what they are actually “learning”. By helping students to know the answer to what they are learning we start to unlock the notion of “active” thinkers and learners rather than students who passively complete tasks without knowledge of the learning value.

*Michael Smith (Principal) - “Learning Together”*

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Wed School Council—Web-Ex meeting  
7.30pm

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# GETTING TO KNOW DSPS STAFF

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Family / Pets: Dan (husband), Rio (6yo), Meg (2yo) and our dog Odie (18 month old Cavoodle).



*How long have you been at DSPS?* I started in 2007 so I am practically part of the furniture now! I worked full time until my son Rio was born in 2013 and have worked part time since then.

*What does a perfect weekend look like for you?* A day out with my family. We either head to the city for shopping, sightseeing and dinner at our favourite dumpling bar, go for a long drive and bush walk or enjoy fish and chips by the beach! Yum!



*What's a great book you've read recently?* Oh I am loving Australian author Jane Harper at the moment! My friend introduced me to her first book, 'The Dry', and I loved it. I am now trying to find the time to start her third book. I also LOVE picture story books. Jackie French's Cyclone, Flood and Fire are amazing!

*Do you have a favourite movie?* I have many favourites. I really love a good thriller so *Before I Go to Sleep* and *Secret in Their Eyes* are high on my list. For something a little lighter I love *Age of Adaline*.



*If you could visit anywhere in the world you've never been, where would you go?* Well



we have now missed two planned holidays due to travel restrictions, so at this point I would be happy to go anywhere! I hope to go back overseas when my children are older, but for now I would love to do a long trip around Australia.

*What's your secret talent that no one knows about?* Hmm, does raising two little people count? J

*What's your favourite season and why?* SUMMER! It's just a happy time of year. Lots of sunshine, barbecues and of course Christmas. What's not to love?



*What's your guilty pleasure?* Peppermint choc chip ice-cream!

*What is the best piece of advice you've ever received?* My dear Dad, who is no longer with us, used to say 'Try to learn something new every day'. He was an avid reader (often having multiple books on the go at once), and he was such a wealth of knowledge. I definitely get my passion for learning and reading from him. So, even if it is only something small, I try to learn something new each day...a new word, a new fact about something, or just listening to someone's ideas. Today my 6 year old informed me that snails have more teeth than sharks! That might be new learning for you today! J

# HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

## Family Fun Ideas

### Playful ideas

- Play charades
- Play a card game
- Watch old home videos
- Indoor scavenger hunt
- Have paper airplane races
- Play "20 questions"
- Play "Simon says"
- Play "I spy"
- Have an "egg and spoon" race
- Have a wacky photoshoot
- Play "Red light, green light"
- Play a board game
- Build a card tower
- Play dress up
- Put together a puzzle

### Other ideas

- Have a family story time
- Build a blanket fort
- Sing along to your favorite songs
- Create a family playlist
- Make a bird feeder
- Have a tea party
- Prepare a meal together
- Camp in the living room
- Watch a documentary
- Listen to an audiobook

### Active ideas

- Play musical statues
- Create a family dance
- Build an obstacle course
- Dance in the living room
- Have a "sock fight"
- Play freeze dance
- Play the "hot lava" game
- Have a pillow fight
- Play "basketball" with a laundry basket
- Play "hot potato"

### Creative ideas

- Draw a family portrait
- Make a collaborative drawing
- Design cards for your friends
- Make sock puppets
- Build playdough sculptures
- Create a collaborative story
- Paint a self-portrait
- Make a collage
- Make creative costumes from things you have at home
- Make your own music video
- Have a "talent show" at home
- Design bookmarks
- Invent a new recipe together