



"Learning Together"



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Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers

HALF-WAY THERE!!

We are now what appears to be past the "half-way" mark of Remote and Flexible Learning. Hopefully Premier Daniel Andrews will include some news about what we can look forward to in Term 4 when he outlines his "road-map" for the economy on Sunday.



At this stage we know we are to continue to follow Stage 3 restrictions within West Gippsland and this means remote learning until the last day of Term on 18th September.

Once again I commend everybody in our school community for your perseverance and patience in these trying times. I have been enjoying the submitted work on Dojo and have enjoyed hearing from the teachers about some of the great home learning being done.

SPOONVILLE CHALLENGE

Some schools in our network have decided to work together with their school communities to build their own "Spoonville". This involves decorating wooden spoons to represent little people and characters. I would love our Drouin South Primary School community to become involved and see how many Spoon characters we place in our entry garden.



Over the next 2 weeks I invite all families/students to make a **special spoon character** and come and place it in the garden area. The Warragul Gazette is also keen to take photos of the Spoonville created by each school.

It will be a great way to celebrate our community spirit and connectedness during this time. (See last page of this newsletter for more details)

Michael Smith (Principal) - "Learning Together"

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 18th September is the final day of **Term 3**. We are awaiting news from Premier Andrews and Minister Merlino about the return to onsite schooling in Term 4.

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GETTING TO KNOW DSPTS STAFF

Name: Sally Willig – Office assistant

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Family / Pets: Rolf (husband), Luke (son), Amelia (DIL), Rachael (daughter) & Buzz (psychotic Galah that has a broken wing, who, like Buzz Light Year, when we first got him as a juvenile, also thought he could fly). Do wild Southern Brown Bandicoots count?

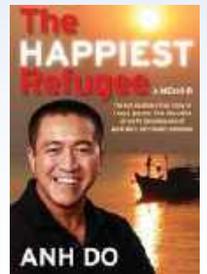


How long have you been at DSPTS? 8 and a half years.



What does a perfect weekend look like for you? Sunny and warm, and a mixture of getting things done, spending time with family and friends, church, and going for a walk in the bush.

What's a great book you've read recently? *The Happiest Refugee* – Anh Do's autobiography. Anh Do immigrated from Vietnam as a child. I love his humour, determination and creativity, especially despite his poor and difficult childhood. He is an inspiration! A great read for both older children and adults.



Do you have a favourite movie? I have many favourites depending on the genre. An old favourite is *Groundhog Day* starring Bill Murray & Andie MacDowell.

If you could visit anywhere in the world you've never been, where would you go? New Zealand and Machu Picchu in Peru.



What's your secret talent that no one knows about? It's dubious whether it's a talent, but I enjoy singing.

What's your favourite season and why? Autumn – I love the warmth and the changing colours of the leaves.



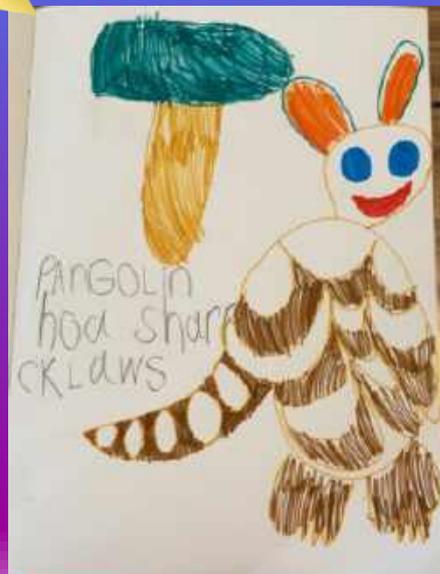
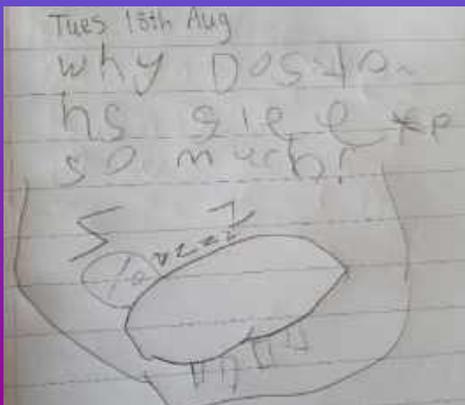
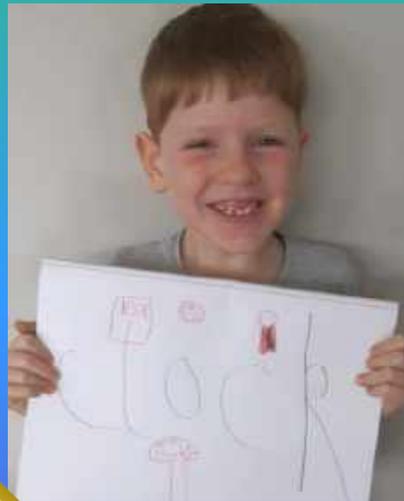
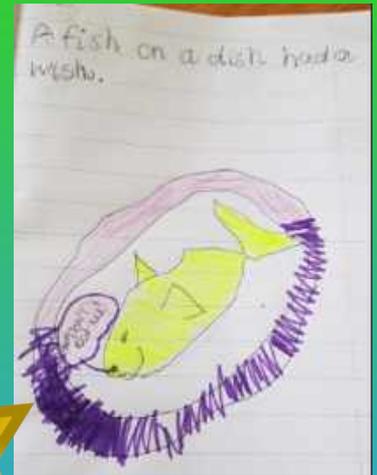
What's your guilty pleasure? Dark chocolate.



What is the best piece of advice you've ever received? The old Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have done unto you", or in today's lingo, treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself.

Foundation superstar learners!

The preps have been working really hard at home. Here are some pictures of the amazing work they have done.

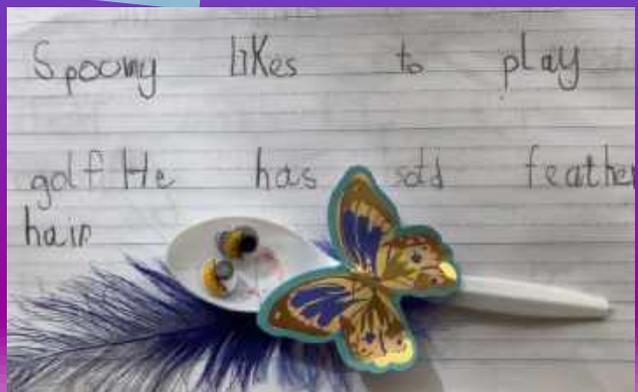
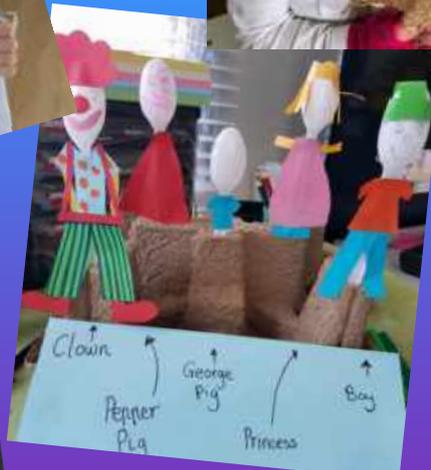




panadine at
cock ant nests.
ON THE WEEKEND
I LOST MY
FIRST TOOTH!
I GOT \$\$.
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Many of you may have seen Spoonville popping up in towns around Gippsland. We made our own Prep virtual Spoonville. Here are some of our Spoonville residents!



Spoony likes to play
golf. He has sold feather
hair.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Slime Time

Squish it



Shape it

Squeeze it

This is a fantastic activity with an easy recipe to match. Parents it is also a good stress reliever. Join the kids and let your mind drift as you play.



What you need:

2 cups of water

Food colouring

3 cups of Cornflour

A big bowl and trough

* have extra water and cornflour on hand to get the texture to your liking

What to do:

+ Add food colouring to the water - start with about 20 drops

+ Pour the coloured water and flour into the mixing bowl and stir

+ Experimentation is the key! If the mixture is too stiff, add more water. If the mixture is too sloppy, add more flour

+ When left in the bowl the slime will look and feel like a liquid. Rapid stirring will make the slime feel like a solid. When the stirring is stopped, the slime will revert to its liquid-like state.

DO NOT dispose of the slime down the drains as it can cause blockages. Allow it to dry out, wrap in newspaper and put it in the bin.

Tip!

Make an imaginative world for the kids to get lost in!

+ Add little animals. If you add cocoa powder you can play pig in the mud or create a land for dinosaurs exploring.

+ Add leaves, twigs and flowers from the garden to add different textures and create further talking points and ideas.



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'Spoonville' @ School

Attention SCHOOLS in West Gippsland

Can you help us create 'Spoonville at your school'?

'Spoonville' will be a representation of the sense of community coming together during the coronavirus restrictions. We are looking forward to engaging the community in a project which promotes connectedness, creativity and fun for the whole school!

During weeks 9 and 10 students (and parents), can create their own spoon character and when you have some ready please feel free to ring and drop your character to school so we can build our own Spoon Village!



We can't wait to see what you can do!

Your character can be representation of you..

An animal..

A Superhero...

A character from a book..

Anything you want...

You can use anything to paint and decorate your spoons with, upcycle an old spoon from home! What have you got at home that you can use? How can you be sustainable?

This is a call to all schools in West Gippsland too! We are over 'hump day' and to keep schools in West Gippsland connected and engaged, can we create a 'West Gippsland Spoonville' to share with all our school communities?

Place your completed Spoonville Characters in the school's front entry garden between now and 18th September (end of Term 3)!!

