



### Message from Jacqui

What a busy fortnight it has been. The enthusiasm for learning around the school has been amazing. Every day there is a buzz of excitement about what is happening in the classrooms. It has been terrific to see and hear all of the children taking such pride in their learning and sharing their journeys and achievements with each other.

In particular this fortnight has provided us with a number of very special community learning experiences.

Thank you to all of the parents who have been involved in supporting the learning in both our sewing session as well as our participation in International Read to Me Day. Both of these experience really provided us all with a chance to step back and reflect on how very lucky we are to be part of the Christmas Hills Primary School community which works together in partnership to support the learning journeys of each and every child and in a truly special environment as well. So again thank you to everyone.

The world is experiencing a very challenging time at the moment and it is pretty magical to see how our community is pulling together to support the learning of our children.

As you are aware the school has been preparing contingency plans for if the DET advises schools to restructure learning to be from home due to the coronavirus. All students have been given information about this today to bring home. Please be reassured that this is a just in case plan and at this stage the school is safe and is continuing as usual. If remote learning does come into fruition we will be continuing our commitment to providing each child with a quality and individualised learning program.



## Important Dates for 2020

### Curriculum Days

Monday 17th August

Monday 30th November

### Term Dates

Term 1 28th January —27th March

Term 2 14th April—26th June

Term 3 13th July—18th September

Term 4 5th October—18th December

### Coming up:

Sunday 22nd March

**Warrandyte Festival Kids Market has been cancelled.**

### CHIRPS ALERTS

CHIRPS alerts are going out to ...

Vardy —For showing Respect and good leadership

Mickey — For showing Honesty





## Learning under the spotlight

In Quip Quip we have been focusing on developing our understanding of sounds through letter sound experiences which enrich our reading and writing. Last week was 'l' which allowed us to combine our literacy and inquiry programs as students explored the sounds made by the letter 'l' whilst also learning about the states of matter as used liquid nitrogen to make ice cream.

In Bunjil they have been continuing their Inquiry unit on Cosmetic Chemistry. This week they made lip balm and explored the use of natural products as well as the chemistry involved in combining different products together



## School Council News

Thank you to our new School Council members for 2020; Bronwyn, Brenda, Andy, Annie, Sophie, LaLuna and Angelene. Congratulations to Annie has been elected as the School Council President.

## Staffing News

Welcome to Victoria who is our new Business Manager, Victoria brings a wealth of experience with her. She will be working each Wednesday so please make her feel welcome and pop in to say hi.

## STEM

In week 8 of S.T.E.M. we delved into the wonderful world of pneumatic pressure. We explored how air pressure can be used to lift things and checked out a video on how jackhammers use pneumatic pressure to work. We then had a go at a more structured S.T.E.M. lesson where the younger students created pneumatic lift designs based on a plan. We had a go at different building styles and learned to use cut notches to create our designs. The older students had a go at making a pneumatic design that was a little less structured and were not given instructions, testing their ability to invent and alter their designs to a plan.

<http://sugarloafstem.global2.vic.edu.au/category/weekly-s-t-e-m-summary/>

