



# NEWS



Friday 27 March 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers

This update coincides with the 'new' end to term 1. Thank you all for your cooperation and support during this unprecedented time that has been much appreciated. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the great efforts of teaching staff who have worked hard in a very collaborative manner to plan consistent on line programmes across all year levels so that student learning can continue. Their efforts have been impressive.

During this uncertain time we want children's learning to be a positive and fun experience. Just do what you can! Teachers are enjoying interacting with their students' efforts on a daily basis and it is pleasing that the vast majority have completed what has been asked of them. Please do not hesitate to connect with your child's teacher if you have any issues. Online learning will finish today at 3pm, **Friday 27 March**, but will recommence on the first official day of term 2, **Wednesday 15 April** and continue until we are physically back at school.

**Teachers will not be available during the holidays and we ask that children do not post messages or work to teachers during this time.** Staff will be communicating with students again once the new term starts between 9am and 3pm. Work will then continue to be posted daily and teachers will again be monitoring tasks completed by students. If teachers have concerns around work not being completed they will contact parents by email.

Modern technology is a wonderful thing or at least it can be, but it is a two-edged sword and we have been conscious of this when designing our online programmes. Students sitting on devices all day is not what we want.

As we all begin the school holidays in compulsory confinement, I hope that you are able to maximise the opportunity that presents by spending at least some quality time with your children. Sharing stories, following a Nano Girl science experiment, learning more about their family/identity by skimming through old photos, having them help carry our chores, recording a kind thing they've done each day, playing a board game or learning to do something new such as a craft or skill are just a few possibilities. Below are a few non-screen ideas and also when you scroll to the bottom of this link there are some interesting virtual tours. Just a few ideas that may be useful.

## KEY DATES

**Friday 27 March 3pm**  
**Term 1 ends**

**Wednesday 15 April**  
**Official start date for Term 2**  
**On line learning commences**

Below are examples of online learning



**Poppy Posa reading her story back to her teacher**



**Teacher, Mrs JaimeMcLeay has read the story and is now off on a bear hunt with her children**

[https://www.commonsemmedia.org/blog/free-online-events-activities-kids-at-home-coronavirus?j=7711684&sfmc\\_sub=183259636&l=2048712\\_HTML&u=143747070&mid=6409703&jb=2314&utm\\_source=covid19\\_freeactivities\\_20200323&utm\\_medium=email&fbclid=IwAR0iFrOJBibUdkiNvTu8colnRurgJAPIs1KFK75UYoAz\\_tavyuOKi7dcnVw](https://www.commonsemmedia.org/blog/free-online-events-activities-kids-at-home-coronavirus?j=7711684&sfmc_sub=183259636&l=2048712_HTML&u=143747070&mid=6409703&jb=2314&utm_source=covid19_freeactivities_20200323&utm_medium=email&fbclid=IwAR0iFrOJBibUdkiNvTu8colnRurgJAPIs1KFK75UYoAz_tavyuOKi7dcnVw)

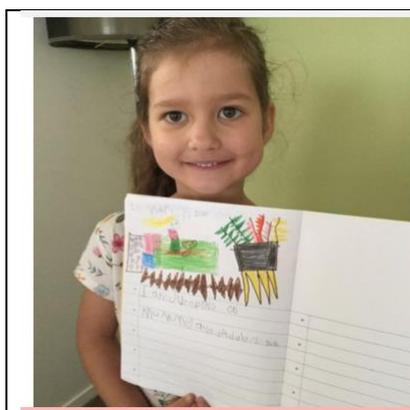
Meantime, and most importantly, let's all be vigilant about following the directives that are expected of us at this unusual time so we can stay safe and healthy.

I will be in touch again early next term.

Best wishes

Clarinda Franklin

Principal



**Scarlett Chauvineau sharing her writing of the day with her teachers**



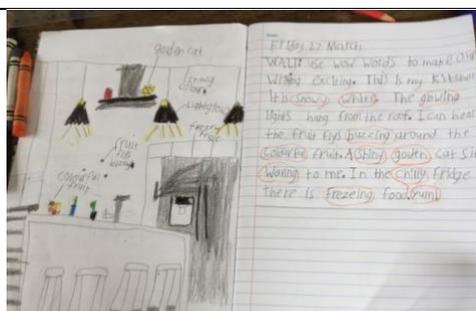
**Wilde Meredith shares a P.E session he has done at home**



**Mrs Saelmans reminding her class about their manners through song**



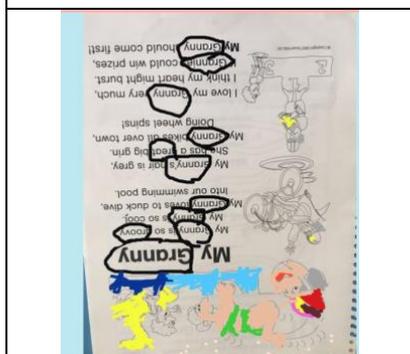
**Steve Zhang's food pyramid creation**



**Sacha Jones' description of a room**



**Keileot Zhuang's art sketch**



**Pippa Job found all the 'gr' words in this poem**



**Luca Gray's lego construction**



**Doris Yang reading a Sunshine On Line story**

# Non-screen activities you can do at home

Pobble

25 ideas!

What can you do when there's no school and you're stuck at home? Here are 25 fun ideas to choose from.



**1** How many different words can you make from the letters in this sentence, below?  
Grab a pencil and paper and write a list!

'Learning from home is fun'

**2** Thank a community hero.  
Think of someone that helps you in some way and write a short letter to thank them.

Thanks!

**3** Get building!  
You could build a Lego model, a tower of playing cards or something else!



**4** Can you create your own secret code? You could use letters, numbers, pictures or something else! Can you get someone else to try and crack it?

**5** Start a nature diary. Look out of the window each day and keep note of what you see. Birds, flowers, changes in the weather, what else?

**6** Hold a photo session. Use a camera or a mobile phone to take some snaps. What will you photograph? Your pets or toys perhaps?

**7** Build a reading den. Find somewhere cosy, snuggle up and read your favourite book!



**8** Use an old sock to create a puppet. Can you put on a puppet show for someone?



**9** Make a list of all the electrical items in each room of your home. Can you come up with any ideas to use less electricity?

**10** Design and make a homemade board game and play it with your family.

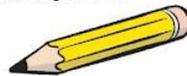


**11** Do something kind for someone. Can you pay them a compliment, make them something or help them with a task?



**12** Can you create a story bag? Find a bag and collect items to go in it that relate to a well known story. If you can't find an item, you could draw a picture to include.

**13** List making! Write a list of things that make you happy, things you're grateful for or things you are good at.



**14** Design and make an obstacle course at home or in the garden. How fast can you complete it?



**15** Can you invent something new? Perhaps a gadget or something to help people? Draw a picture or write a description.



**16** Keep moving! Make up a dance routine to your favourite song.



**17** Write a play script. Can you act it out to other people?



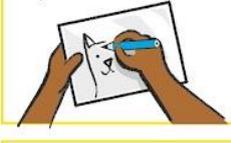
**18** Read out loud to someone. Remember to read with expression.



**19** Write a song or rap about your favourite subject.



**20** Get sketching! Find a photograph or picture of a person, place or object and sketch it.



**21** Junk modelling! Collect and recycle materials such as yoghurt pots, toilet rolls and boxes and see what you can create with them.

**22** Draw a map of your local area and highlight interesting landmarks.



**23** Write a postcard to your teacher. Can you tell them what you like most about their class?

**24** Draw a view. Look out of your window and draw what you see.



**25** Get reading! What would you most like to learn about? Can you find out more about it in books? Can you find a new hobby?

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