



May 13, 2020

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### OUR SINCERE THANKS

Firstly, I want to make an important acknowledgement to our parents and carers. We know that every family faces similar challenges when it comes to learning at home, even if we all have a different set of circumstances. It's very hard to juggle working from home whilst also trying to support a child in learning, so if you are feeling a little exhausted, then this is understandable.

We often talk about schools being most successful when teachers and parents build a strong partnership, and the current circumstances has brought this into sharp focus. In order for our teaching and support staff to successfully help students learn at home we have heavily relied upon our parents and carers to be our partners in supporting their children to navigate and understand the learning tasks. This supporting role continues to be absolutely vital, and without it many students would have simply not been able to participate as well as they have. In short, we need you as much as you need us, and we are partners together in this challenging time. So from us to you....We think what you are doing as parents is incredible! Stop for a moment and think about it. You have been put in a position that none of us ever expected, and yet you are working so hard to make a go of it every day. Your children continue to learn and grow, despite everything. Don't underestimate the importance of every small thing you are doing, it's making a difference, and in the long term we will hopefully be able to look back and see this.

On behalf of all of our teaching and support staff I would like to say a heartfelt thanks to all of our parents and carers for all the support, encouragement, help and time you have putting into remote learning at home. We appreciate it more than you may realise, and hope that you find comfort in knowing how valued your contribution has been and continues to be, in helping your child with learning at home. It's certainly going to be a moment in time we won't forget.

### RETURN TO SCHOOL

Following advice from the Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has advised that schools can begin a phased return to on-site schooling.

In the first stage, students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 will return to school from Tuesday 26 May.

To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, Monday 25 May will be a pupil-free day.

In the second stage of our return to on-site schooling, Grades 3—6 will return to school from Tuesday 9 June.



All other students in these grades and year levels will continue learning from home until Tuesday 9 June.

Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/children home after their year level has returned to on-site schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home.

This same approach is being taken by all government schools in Victoria.

To support the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent hand washing.

**If you child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.**

While the Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of important changes to our school operations, consistent with health advice. This will apply until further notice. I will provide more detail about our local school context as soon as possible, but it is important to note that changes will include:

- adjusted arrangements for drop off and pick up, including staggered school start and finish times;
- restrictions on access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff and students;
- the way we conduct parent-teacher meetings and interviews

We understand that some families may feel anxious about this move back to classroom teaching and learning. I can assure you that this decision has been taken on the basis of the best health advice available to our state.

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We are still awaiting further detail and once we are provided with it we will communicate this with our families but we look forward to welcoming our students back to the classroom.

### **MOTHERS DAY HAMPERS**

A massive thank you to the hard working members of the PFA who organised the brilliant Mothers Day Hampers. Your efforts ensured that the kids were able to spoil mum on Sunday morning with a hamper full of wonderful treats. I know that the hampers were well received in my house.



## PREP ENROLMENTS 2021

Term 2 always gets very busy for tours of prospective parents for Prep. Whilst the current situation affects this we have already started taking enrolments for 2021 and if anyone has a child starting next year please make a point of picking up an enrolment form ASAP. There is no doubt that word-of-mouth is by far the best promotional tool and I always feel proud of our school when people tell me of the wonderful things they have been hearing about the school. Please continue to encourage friends and family to have a look at Selby. It's a great way to see first hand what our students are doing on a daily basis.

It would be greatly appreciated if all current families who have a child due to commence Prep in 2021 could please collect an enrolment form from the office and complete this process as soon as possible; this allows us to commence planning for the 2021 school year in advance. Thank you for your assistance with this.



## TRANSITIONING FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Recently our Year 6 students received their enrolment packs for Year 7 via Compass. Please ensure you read all information very carefully and return by the revised due date of Friday, May 29. Choosing a school that is the best fit for your child is not necessarily an easy task. Finding the 'right' school often causes a great deal of angst in parents, particularly if it is their first child beginning their secondary education.

The following DET website also has a range of relevant information for you to consider when selecting a secondary college for your child:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/choose-enrol-school.aspx>

### And finally...

I want to state for the record how proud I feel of our teaching and support staff. The manner in which they approach each day shows how dedicated they are to our students. We are all spending many hours each day focusing on wellbeing, and providing support to students and families. Our staff have quickly adapted to and embraced this way of working, which in many ways is more difficult than being at school. Teaching is always a very demanding job, but working, and especially communicating remotely, has made it more complicated than ever. However, in true Selby PS style, our teachers and support staff have embraced this work with dedication and commitment and I feel very proud of them.

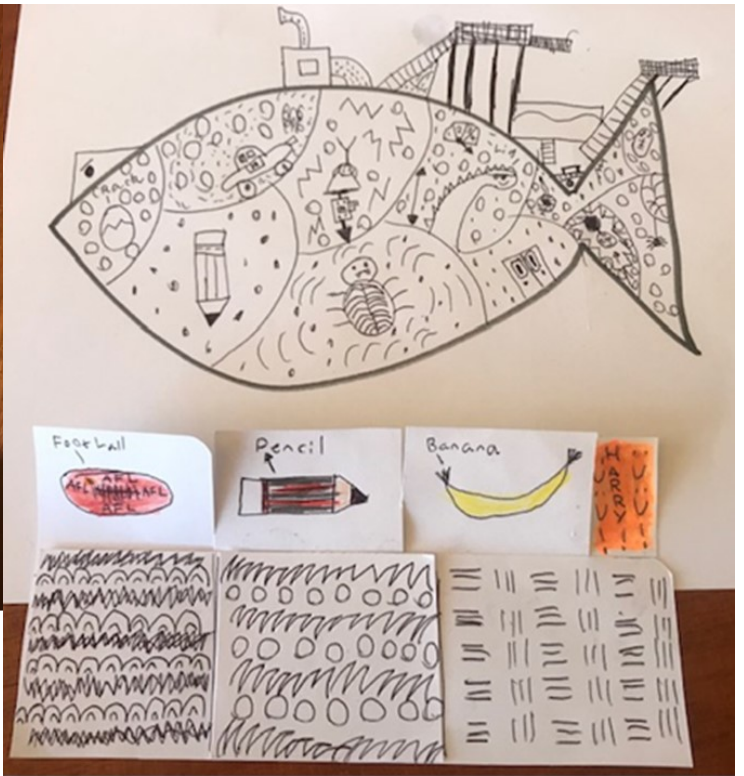
Stay safe

David Orlandi

Principal

If you have any concerns or questions throughout the term please contact the school office. The office will be open everyday from 8:45am to 3:45pm.





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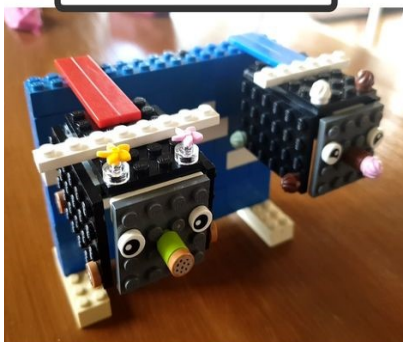
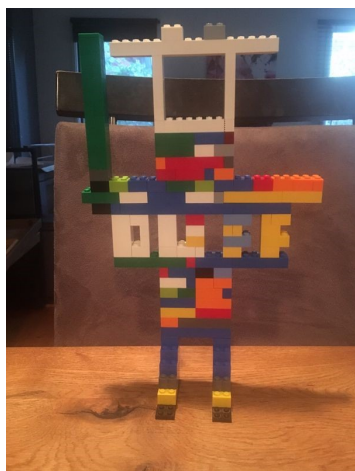
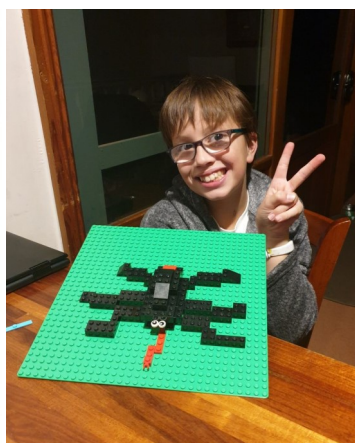
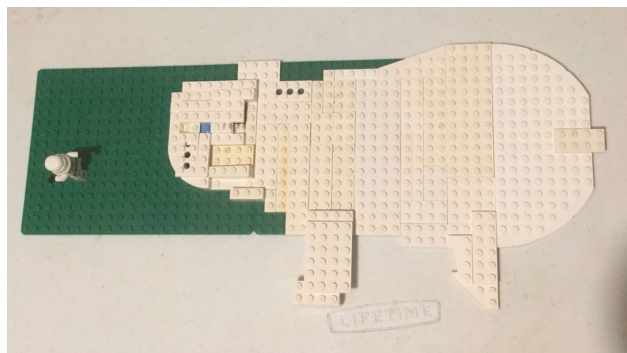




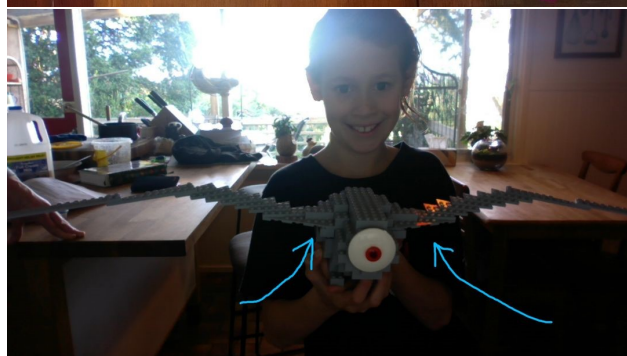
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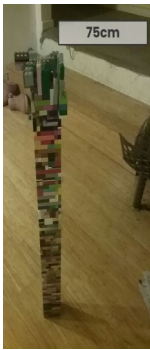
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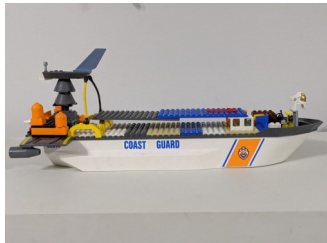
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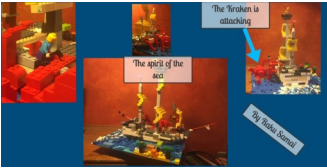
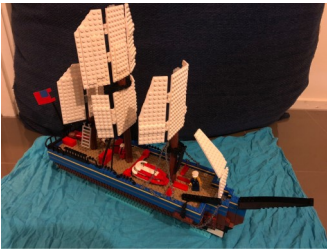




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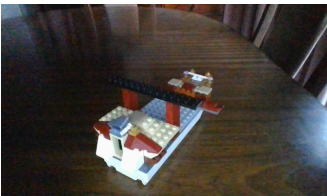
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The spirit of the sea

Dr. Robin Samuel



Jasmine's boat

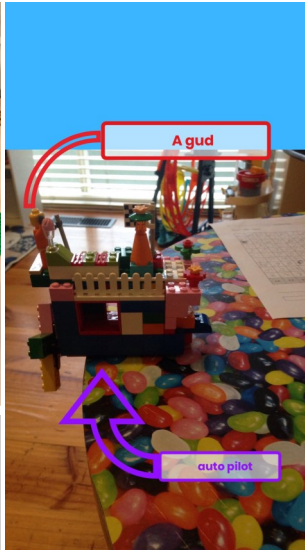


Lincoln's pirate ship for captain cook



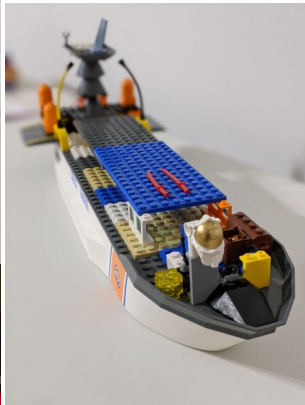
My LEGO creation.

It is a treasure chest that eats people.



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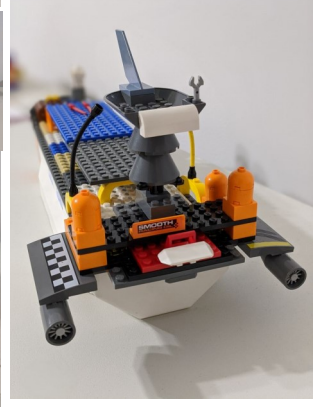
This is my lego boat



lego master



Mia's pirate ship







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13/05/2020

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While we are returning to regular hours, we will be continuing to operate with appropriate safety measures in place to ensure that social distancing guidelines are met. We would like to thank you for your patience and co-operation in response to the changes that have been made over the previous weeks, and look forward to helping students prepare for their return to school.

Thank you, and stay safe,

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