



## **TERM 2 WEEK 1 NEWSLETTER**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2020**

I hope this finds you and your family healthy and safe. Firstly I would like to send a big thank you to all parents, students and teachers who have proven to be resilient, resourceful and patient. The past few weeks have certainly presented challenges that we have had to adapt to. Thank you so much to the parents and students who have engaged in the remote learning platforms. We have had loads of positive feedback and it looks like it is all going well. A few glitches at the beginning with some technology issues which were expected, however so far today I have had no phone calls so it looks like you have all mastered it. Well done!

### **Mr King and Mr Murphy's Webpage**

Congratulations and well done to Mr King and Mr Murphy who this week released their amazing new website..... **Physical & Sport: With Mr. King & Mr. Murphy.** The website shares information about their PE, Sport & PMP programs at Aspendale Gardens Primary School. On the website is also students Remote Learning PE lessons for every Monday & Thursday. Thursday's sessions of Yoga (Foundation - Year 2) and PE with Joe (Years 3 - 6) were a massive hit. Well done to everyone who completed these sessions this week! Please visit the website which can be accessed on any device (iPads, mobile phones, computers)! The link to the website is:

<https://sites.google.com/education.vic.gov.au/kingandmurphye/home>

Mr. King & Mr. Murphy



### **Year 6 Applications to Government Secondary Schools.**

Year 6 parents were sent a Compass post on Thursday with details of the process to apply for Secondary School placements for 2021. The post included links to the Department of Education site which explains the process and has a useful 'frequently answered questions' section.

Please have a look through this information and visit the school websites for our local government schools.

Next week you will receive a pre populated application form in the post to complete and return to school by Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> May.

### **On-Site Supervision**

If you absolutely cannot work from home and are an essential services worker please fill in the form letting us know which days your child will be at school. This must be received by Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 4pm. Information regarding the following week only is to be sent. Application form is posted on Compass.

### **Instrumental Music Update**

Some of our instrumental music teachers are providing on-line lessons. If you would like to enquire about these please email the school's email box and I will forward your email on to the particular teachers. There will be some violin, keyboard and guitar lessons. Katani will be putting on a free singing lesson each week for all to enjoy. The first one is already on YouTube.

Link Lesson #1 Term 2 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3-dh8nngm0&t=894s>

### **Staff Video**

Over the holidays the staff sent a short snapshot to share with our school community. If you have not seen the video this is the link.

Thanks you to Mr Cracknell for putting it together and to Mrs Walker for organising it.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EXuv9wybJQxYwEb3AOiOGogRQllpMJWf/view?usp=sharing>

### **The Struggles of Our Life**

I shall end our newsletter today with a proverb that was sent to me that I really enjoyed.

*Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it.*

*She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.*

*Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire.*

*Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot and ground coffee beans in the third pot. He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter.*

*The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing. After twenty minutes he turned off the burners.*

*He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup.*

*Turning to her, he asked. "Daughter, what do you see?"*

*"Potatoes, eggs and coffee," she hastily replied.*

*"Look closer" he said, "and touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft.*

*He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg.*

*Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.*

*"Father, what does this mean?" she asked.*

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity-the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently. The potato went in strong, hard and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak.

The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard.

However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

**“Which one are you?”** he asked his daughter.

**“When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?”**

**Moral of the story:**

*In life, things happen around us, things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is how you choose to react to it, and what you make out of it.*

*Life is all about leaning, adopting and converting all the struggles that we experience into something positive.*

Thank you everyone. We hope life can get back to normal as soon as possible.

Take care.

Cheryle

**Library News from Glenys**

Welcome to a very different Term 2. I hope all families are well. If you are struggling with reading material for your children there are a number of websites available to you. Many libraries are streaming story time sessions. I will provide links to some of these over the next few weeks. Youtube also has available many storytellers reading books for all ages. ABC Kids also have stories and activities available :

<https://www.abc.net.au/tveducation/programs/primary/>.

Many of your classroom teachers are reading books on Dojo and you may even see me on there reading a couple of my favourites.

**Book Club**

Parents will still be able to order Book Club during this time. Book Club has an online catalogue available and books orders will be delivered to your home – this will include delivery costs. Here is the link to the online catalogue

[https://issuu.com/scholastic\\_australia/docs/aus\\_issue\\_3?fr=sMTQ2ZTEwOTgzNjE](https://issuu.com/scholastic_australia/docs/aus_issue_3?fr=sMTQ2ZTEwOTgzNjE)