



Important Dates 2020:

TERM 2

May

Mon 25

School Council 4pm

Fri 29th

Application for Yr 7 placement 2021 forms DUE to Elphinstone Primary School

June

Mon 8th

Queens Birthday Holiday

Mon 22

School Council 4pm

Fri 26

End of Term 2

July

Mon 13 Term 3 begins

September

Fri 18 Term 3 ends

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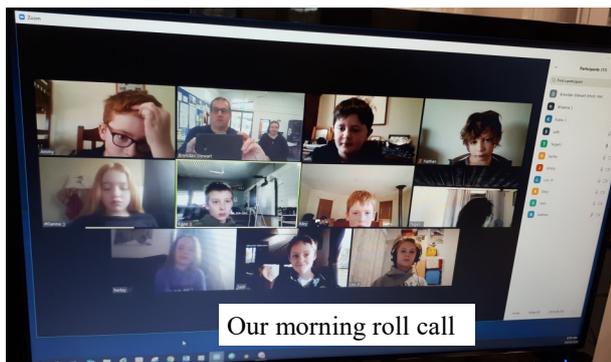
Dear parents, carers and our greater school community,

We have almost passed 4 weeks of our self isolated—home based learning experience and so far so good! After a few teething problems everything seems to be running smoothly and most students have settled into a rhythm and learning and working at their own pace. It is pleasing to see many students voluntarily jump back on our conference site and ask for help or assistance. It is also pleasing to see several students creating their own work schedule and timetable, which is what flexible learning is all about. We have had almost 100% 'attendance' as we begin our day with a whole class meeting, setting out the day's work and then catching up with individual students or small groups which are rotated throughout the week.

Contrary to what is written in the media, particularly from the federal government, our state premier is insisting that schools will remain this way until the end of term 2, which is still 7 full weeks away. How our students and parents will cope towards the end of the term is anyone's guess but I'd imagine that would have to be the limit! I have two boys at home, years 9 and 11, even though they are coping, and doing reasonably well, they, along with my wife working full time, cannot wait for things to get back to some sort of normality—what ever that may look like.

There is some light reading in this edition, several students submitted a creative piece around the them of a mystery mountain. I hope you enjoy!

Brendan



Our morning roll call



Seth doing some 'hands on maths'!



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Isabella made a wreath for ANZAC Day



Lisa and Adele taking on a Lego Maths challenge

Playing with Lego

Playing with lego is fun. Making houses is fun. I watch ElliV toys on Youtube. Shes an awesome Lego maker and she helps me get my ideas on what to make.

Eating fruit is fun, it makes you healthy and i like mandarins and cheese too

Flowers are beautiful and so are unicorns. Birds are beautiful too

By Lisa



Riley made a wreath for ANZAC Day



Greta's autumn leaf lion and Aiden's egg carton



FREE PINE READY TO COLLECT

If you want some pre-cut pine , call in with your trailer and collect from the pine forest. Just enter the back of the school! Take as much as you like.

The Jungle

As I walked through the mud I thought “there has to be a better way” Just then a monkey jumped down and stole my hat. The monkey jumped on the rocks that lead to a tree and climbed on these cut in steps. Then it hit me. Why don't I use these steps? So I started walking towards the tree but the monkey started screaming at me like it was a warning, then when I started climbing the monkey threw sticks at me. Soon I lost grip and fell down into the mud. When I got up I saw a banana bunch that the monkey was trying to get, so when I got up I picked the banana bunch and gave it to the monkey then I climbed up the tree without the monkey on my back.

I was at the top of the tree and when I pop my head through the leaves it was breath taking. It was a stream pool and waterfall. It was probably streamy because of the lava from the volcano. It was like paradise. Then I reach into my bag and pull out a gold skull. I looked around for a slot to put the skull on, but there was none so I decided to sit down and clear my mind. As I sat down I look through the waterfall only to see the slot to put the skull on so I swam over to the waterfall and put the skull on the slot and as I did the Earthquake begun.

To be continued...
Riley Girvan Grade 6



Into the jungle

There was a girl Gwen. She always dreamed of being a jungle explorer just like her grandpa. She said when she was fourteen she would be the first person at the top of the great mountain and get the treasure.

“Today is the day. It will be just like my den when I was four.” she was off. When she entered the jungle she said to herself “it's quiet, too quiet” she was rich for the first terror was coming. As Gwen stopped for a break she heard things in the trees and there it was, the first terror was here. A giant black cat thin with wings a dark blood red with scars and bloody tattoos all over. At first Gwen wasn't scared of this thing until it picked her up and dropped it at the top of the mountain still shocked and trying to figure out what just happened she did not see what was behind her. “Help, help” she said as she noticed the wolf made out of blood and bone with a unusual pig nose it was the second terror the wolf came at her.. She woke up and she heard her mum calling her for breakfast and she realised it was a dream and the only treasure was family.

Tegan Barry Grade 5



THE BIG MOUNTAIN

"Should we get going?" asked Blake, Blake was the one with the buggy, he had brown hair and a moustache, just as you would imagine. "hold on" said Seth, the smart one when it came to motor-bikes, who had a motorbike and was neat at handwriting

"Then let's" go said Dad in the MIGHTY TRITON. it has been through every track ON THE PLANET, with Mum in the passenger seat. 'off we go" we all said, "this is going to be awesome" thought Seth to himself. we where on our way to the mountain. Seth filled the secondary tank and away they went. "bit rough" whispered Dad to Seth "nah this bit is the easy bit apparently", "no it is not" interrupted Dad, " ok then its not the easy bit" Seth said. "time to go through" Blake said impatiently. "ok" said everyone else in a annoyed voice. "3 2 1 START the engines and just go" said Seth, "and try not to get bogged this time" added Blake to Dad. "Ok, Seth goes first, then dad AND MUM???, then Blake. IS that ok" said Seth. "Yes" said Dad "then lets do it and plough through there". So off we all went to plough through some muddy tracks. Seth got through, then Dad and Blake got bogged and also blew a tire "oh no" said Seth "the engine will stop working if we don't get him out soon" Seth thought aloud "and it is DEEP water too, get the winch out "interrupted Dad ok said Seth "dominator winches rule" yelled Blake in the distance. After we got Blake out of the water/mud it was the 2nd trial and it was getting late, "should we camp here for the night" asked Blake "lets just smash this one down and then we will find somewhere to camp" said Dad. They had to skip all the small ruts and they got bigger as they went the last one was so deep the trees went over the top of it AND YOU COULD DRIVE UNDER THE TREES and it went darker the deeper we went but not to dark you could easily see, after that we where surprisingly halfway up the mountain already but it was about 5pm!, "we should find camp" said Seth, "yes we should" added Mum (the scaredy cat). So we set up camp found some kindling for the fire and found a *spring! Blake and Seth found a spring while looking for kindling they can explore that tomorrow. we got back to camp with some kindling Mum set up dinner in the bush cooker roast pork sandwich yum, damper on sticks and last but not least toasted marshmallow the true Aussie way for desert. We woke up and had bacon and eggs for breakfast then we told Mum and Dad to follow us we did not tell them what we where leading them ,when we got there they where shocked by what they saw they never thought something like that would be there "A SPRING" yelled Mum and Dad "why did you not tell us about this do you want a swim" asked Dad "YES yelled everybody else then go on, hop in". 1 or 2 hours later we saw a storm that was coming we packed up and headed to the top of the mountain where somewhere there should be a farmers hut "i cant wait to get to the top" said Blake and Seth excitedly "ok well we are at the track" said Dad when he turned off the car and walked up to it, "this is going to be tough" said Seth sadly and turned away, "Seth DO NOT give up at we are more than halfway up the mountain so don't give up please" said Dad " ok fine Seth said but on one condition if I lead the way" said Seth annoyed "ok" said Dad in a unfortunate voice "so here we go rip best motorbike i ever owned," and off we went flying across the rocks, ruts, mud and water same with the buggy but not the triton oh no not the triton the side of that go smashed against a tree, the tree just toppled over into the river. "Lucky it was the tub" thought Seth "and lucky they are ok". We recovered the triton and before you know we are at the top, we got the fire ready in the hut and the stove warm for dinner we cleaned it with the secondary tank that has water in it we had dinner, woke up the next morning felling great and went out exploring, before heading home.*

The end (FOR NOW)

By Seth Johnson grade 4.

Come back next time for another adventure.



The Fable of The Golden Crystal

“Legend has it that a golden crystal lies at the top of the mountain, just outside the village borders. Many folk have tried and tried to get to the top but all of them vanish mysteriously, halfway to the top. But I’m going to be the first one to the top!” Jamie Adams finished, excitedly. He looked around at his friends. “Jamie, you seriously think that you, a sixteen year old high school student, are going to best the tallest mountain in the world, Mt. Magnum?” Charlie Abbot said, smiling at Cloe Archer. Cloe looked disgusted and moved away. “I think Jamie can climb Mt. Magnum” Louis Farhan chimed in nervously. “Thank you Louis” Jamie said. Jamie looked around again. “I’ll come, as long as no one dies” Cloe said. Everyone looked at Charlie. “Fine,” he said. “But we’re going to die”.

Two days later, Jamie, Cloe, Louis and Charlie, were standing at the edge of the mountain, taking, possibly their last look at the small town of Leashed. Then, they turned and started walking. “I heard that there are terrible monsters on this mountain, waiting to ambush and eat anyone who crosses their territory” Charlie said, his eyes on Louis. Jamie looked over and saw that Louis was getting even more terrified the more Charlie spoke. “Shut your fat mouth Charlie” Cloe snapped at him. Charlie looked affronted and marched ahead. “Th-th-thank you, Cloe” Louis said. “He’s going to have to step up his game if he’s going to make it through” Charlie called from up ahead. “Ignore him” Jamie said. “He’s jealous because you beat him in Call of Duty” Cloe reassured him. A few minutes passed in silence and then odd things started happening. Jamie could hear noises in the snow and they found weird footprints in the snow. When they found these, Jamie looked over at Cloe as Louis started hyperventilating, as if they knew something was up. “We need to leave. Right now.” Jamie said to Cloe and Louis. “Cloe, Louis, you guys get all the stuff packed up. I’ll go find Charlie”. Jamie ploughed through the snow for at least half an hour, looking at all the strange footprints, yelling Charlie’s name. At last, Jamie found him, huddled under a rock ledge. He had a strange gash down his face and he was unconscious. Jamie grabbed Charlie and slung him over his shoulder. It was a slow way back as Charlie seemed to have gained weight when knocked unconscious.

Jamie had been gone for over an hour when he stumbled back to Cloe and Louis. He dropped Charlie in the snow, and fell over. Cloe and Louis were kneeling down next to Charlie. Cloe reached out for him, but Jamie yelled, “don’t touch him! This mountain has a deadly curse on whoever sleeps on its slopes. The curse is contagious, so if you touch him you, you, have the cur-”.

And he slumped over, out cold. “Jamie!” Cloe yelled, and ignoring Louis’s terrified squeak she ran over and shook him. Jamie didn’t stir. “Jamie!” she yelled again. “Cloe, keep it down” Louis said, nervously looking around at the snow covered mountain, the trees jutting out at them like angry giants, ready to pummel and hit them if they came any closer. Then, the noises started again. Soft low grunts coming from everywhere, the sound of something heavy moving around in the snow.

“Cloe. . .” Louis mouthed. “Cloe, behind you”.

Cloe spun round just in time to see a giant, hairy, spider. It’s eight eyes glistened with moisture from the snow and the air, it’s mouth frothing and foaming, looking down at Cloe and Louis, ready to bite, when, “Cloe! Louis get down!” Jamie yelled. Cloe and Louis both heeded his words without thinking, and dropped into the snow, as Jamie walked past. He stood his ground, resolutely staring up at the spider. It towered above him, like a human on an ant. The spider started to lower itself down to Jamie’s eye level. Then, it lunged. Cloe yelled, but Jamie was unfazed. As the spider rocketed towards him. He jumped. And midway through the jump, he vanished in a puff of smoke. The spider looked confused. It spun around. And without warning, a puff of smoke appeared above the spider and Jamie fell out of it. He landed running on the spider’s back and made his way up to the top. He pulled a silver dagger out of his pocket and plunged it deep into the spider’s head. It screamed and it rolled over, down the mountain, it’s legs curled up. There was a puff of smoke, and Jamie appeared next to them, his hands in his pocket like nothing happened. “Right. Onward” he said and marched away.

Seven days later, Jamie, Cloe, Louis and Charlie could see the top of the mountain. “Only a little farther and we’ll be at the top” Jamie said. “You guys are crazy,” Charlie said. Recovering from the curse had not been as easy for Charlie as it was for Jamie. It had left him in an extremely bad mood. “What’s up with you?” Cloe asked. “THIS TRIP!” Charlie yelled. “If you’ve got a problem with us, then leave!” Jamie said. “FINE!” Charlie yelled in their faces. And Charlie turned away and started to trudge down the mountain. Jamie looked after him. *Good Riddance He thought. Then, the ground started to shake and right underneath Charlie, massive jaws burst out of the ground and chewed him to bits. “The funny thing is, that we’re actually at the top and Charlie could have stayed. Whatever” Jamie said.*

A little while later, they found a small cave and inside was, “The golden crystal” Cloe said. Jamie walked up and reached out. “Careful” Louis said. Jamie nodded but cautiously lifted the jewel of the pedestal. Nothing happened. “Great. Everyone grab on to me” Jamie told Cloe and Louis. Cloe grabbed a hold of Jamie’s right arm and Louis grabbed the other. Jamie concentrated, and PAMF! They vanished into thin air.

Seconds later, they were falling through the air 100 kilometres above the earth. “I MAY HAVE MISCALCULATED A LITTLE” Jamie yelled over the roar of the wind. “A LITTLE!?” Cloe yelled. “HOLD ON!” Jamie yelled. And they vanished again. They reappeared only one metre above the earth this time and crumpled to the ground. “Not much better, but okay” Louis yelled. The town came to greet them and rejoiced that after such a long time, they had returned, minus Charlie of course. **THE END! Leo Eagle Grade 5**

What is one positive (good) thing and one negative (bad) thing about learning from home?

	Positive	Negative
Riley	I think it is great to have slow the spread of the word never to be mentioned	It's boring here and there is lots of computer work which it can get kind of boring as well and no friends to talk to.
Kane	I like that you can eat whenever you want. I love that you can have to go outside whenever you want.	When working from school you cant do whatever you want.
Leo	You get to eat while you're working and have lunch and recess whenever you like. I also have Dad at home and he's a teacher and he helps me understand concepts in maths that I don't understand	When working from home you can't go outside (well, you can) and play with your friends. You also can't just go to the teacher and hand your work that you did on paper in. We either have to drive or walk up to school and both have their downsides.
Tegan	You can do things in your own time you can eat, drink and play so it is more easier to do things and work in your space and time of the day!	You do not get to be with your friends and it is hard when your computer and internet is playing up.
Seth	The positive thing about working at home is you can work with your family and keep your pjs on. Mum and Dad helped me find out new strategies especially with maths. I also know that I am not spreading germs.	The negative thing about working at home is we can't see our friends at school all of the time. And you also can't sit down on comfy chairs.
Jim	A good thing about working from home is knowing we are bit safer	We can not play with our friends.
Nathan	You can do your work whenever you want.	There is a lot of work you have to do and it can get tiring.
Sam	Video conference's That I can always contact with Ebony.	There's no coding club. I am missing my friends.
Harley	Something good about school from home is I can be with everyone and I know where everyone is...At HOME. And I like the video calls because I can put emoji's on my screen.	I can't see ANY of my friends. and I cant see old people not trying to be rude.



Chicken Coop

Dear Parents,

With the help of students, we are planning on building a chicken coop at the school. Please let Brendan know if you are able to contribute any of the following materials:

Treated pine for framing: any of 90 x 45, 70 x 45, 90 x 35, 70 x 35, 42 x 35

Weatherboards

Treated pine or hardwood posts 2.4m or 3m

Treated pine decking

Chicken wire

Wire mesh 25mm x 25mm mesh size

Colourbond corrugated iron

Laserlite corrugated polycarbonate sheets

From Alan Isaacs



**Why did the boy throw a stick of butter out the window?
Because he wanted to see a butterfly!**



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Integrity - All members of the school community - students, staff, parents and carers - should strive to be of good **character**, to be **honest** and **truthful**, to **care** for each other and have **pride** in what we do.

Responsibility- Each and every member of our school community should be **accountable** for their actions, effort and behaviour.

Respect-We aim for inclusiveness and to show consideration, empathy, attentiveness and courtesy to others.