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## DIARY DATES

### May

Friday 22nd

Year 7/8 Transition due

### June

Friday 5th

9:00am Assembly

Live Streamed on Facebook

Science and Art



## SCHOOL VALUES

Respect Innovation Courage Excellence Responsibility

### *From the Principal*

Dear Paradise Families,

Welcome back to Term 2 2020. I am very happy to say that we have 98% of our students back on site and it's wonderful to see all their smiling faces in our classrooms again. It has now been cleared by The Department to allow essential visitors back on site. Visitors such as Occupational Therapists and Speech Therapist will return to carry on their invaluable work with our students at the end of this month. We will keep you informed as other restrictions are gradually lifted.

I would like to use this forum to say how very proud I am of our whole school staff in the way they have soldiered on during these extremely unusual circumstances. There is not one staff member who has not been put out of their comfort zone to learn something new or face an unexpected challenge. Everyone should be immensely proud of their achievements. A special mention goes to Daniel our cleaner. He is in our school more frequently this term as he carries out a mid-day clean including toilets and sanitising playground equipment. We are extremely lucky to have Daniel as our cleaner as he is very familiar with our site and he ensures everything is kept clean to keep us healthy. I would also like to thank the whole school community for working with us during this time. It has made our job so much easier to have everyone following all the new rules and regulations that have been put upon us. I look forward to getting back to our parent morning teas, special lunch days and all the other things we had planned as soon as we can.

Our learning program has now returned to normal with all lessons now face to face. Read Write Inc. our whole school literacy program has returned to lesson 2 daily and is showing some fantastic results in our literacy data. We are currently planning for our Friday afternoon program to start again this term with some different learning opportunities for our students on a weekly rotation. Watch this space for pictures of this in action. At the end of the term teachers will be writing mid-year reports as usual.

Our OSHC is still open and we are in the process of planning our Vacation Care for July school holidays. Unfortunately, at this stage incursions and excursions is looking highly unlikely due to COVID-19 restrictions. We will plan as many exciting in house activities as we can. Could you please call Cherie in the front office if you would like to book in for any Vac Care days.

Although our final week of the term was extremely busy getting prepared for home learning, staff did have a bit of fun putting together an Easter greeting video. If you did not get to see it have a look on our school Facebook page. This video inspired us to create a virtual tour video of our school. Staff and our senior students have been working collaboratively on this project and it will premier soon. We will send you the link as soon as it is available.

If you have any questions or concerns during these unprecedented times, please do not hesitate to call.

Regards Karyn

**STAFF  
CAR PARK**



The front George St car park is for staff only. The only exception to this rule is:

- families requiring a disabled car park
- a family from the annex special class
- a transport provider for Beafield
- requiring drop off after 9:15 and pick up before 3:00 due to sickness appointment or emergency.

If you are using the car park for any of the reasons above please adhere to the 5 km speed limit.

## Pick's Possums

### G5 are walking a Virtual Challenge of Route 66

As a school we are walking 3940km along the famous Route 66 in America. G5 are walking through Missouri 510 km. We have started walking/ running as part of the daily fitness program. In 8 fitness sessions we have completed 165.54Km. We walk on the track and count the laps completed for each session. Everyone is encouraging each other as we are all making up the class total in kms.



## Learning in B2

B2 has had a great start to Term 2. In Maths, we have been learning how to calculate percentages, learning the BODMAS rules (order of operations) and working with positive and negative numbers. We are continuing our weekly spelling units and reading groups. We have been looking at ways to improve our narrative text writing by including metaphors, similes, personification and onomatopoeia in our work. In History we are learning about the path to Federation in Australia. B2 is participating in our school virtual run along Route 66 in the USA and we have been going out running several times a week. In Chinese, the students are enthusiastically working on designing their scroll containing encouraging words.



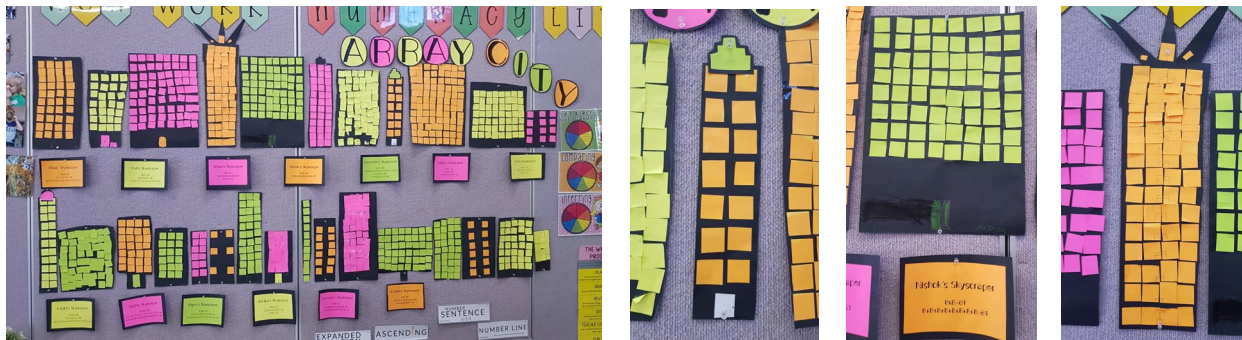
## Learning in B3

I am Mr. Burke and am thrilled to be working with B3 for the next six weeks on my final pre-service teaching placement! Last Wednesday, we investigated the size of our ecological footprint and began thinking of ways in which we could reduce our negative impact on the Earth.



## What's happening in B4 with Miss Emily

In B4 we have been learning about our times tables and how arrays can help us learn our times tables. Arrays are the visual representation of our times tables and can help us learn them easily. Each student got given different times tables, had to use arrays to figure them out and then chose 1 or 2 Arrays to create a skyscraper with. We used black paper with fluoro coloured squares to make it seem like a night skyline of a busy city. The students were then able to design how they wanted their building to look. Have a look at some pictures and the different designs that are in our 'Array City'.



## G6 with Miss Jaimee

We have been doing our own science experiment with the left over Mother's Day flowers. We are learning how flowers and other flora and fauna receive their nurturance. We trimmed our flowers and picked off the remaining leaves, put them in jars and coloured the water with old textas. We are monitoring their progress and we are hoping they will change colours. We hypothesised that the coloured water will get sucked up into the petals and change their colours.



## Science and Art with Mrs Ferris



**Week 2 in the Science room.** B4 have been studying soil and the different types of soil this week in their science topic of Rocks and Minerals. We went out in our yard and found some different examples of soil. We then had to describe the texture, colour and whether we thought our sample was porous or not.

**Week 2 in the Art room.** We worked with our handprints this week and made some cute pictures of sheep, cows and monkeys!

## Paradise Quokkas

We continue to have a lot of fun in our annex class at Paradise Primary School. We have settled back into routines successfully after having to relocate back to Modbury Special School for a short time due to covid-19 restrictions. All of the students handled this change really well, we are very proud of them. As of this term we have been playing with the mainstream students in the playground during recess and lunch. It has been a great success! Some of our favourite activities in the playground are the sandpit, using the mud kitchen and playing chasey.

We have been very lucky to have a Pre-Service teacher working with us this term. Her name is Sam and she will be with us until the end of week 6. Sam has successfully implemented a "Fine Motor Monday" session and "Finger Gym Friday" session into our timetable. The students absolutely love these sessions and are targeting their fine motor goals.

We are looking forward to Sports Day later in the year and have been busy practicing our gross motor skills for this.

It's always fun at Paradise!



## Paradise Primary School Term 2 Calendar 2020



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week</b>	18th May	19th May	20th May	21st May	22nd May
<b>4</b>					Year 7/8 Transition Forms Due
	25th May	26th May	27th May	28th May	29th May
<b>5</b>					
	1st June	2nd June	3rd June	4th June	5th June
<b>6</b>					9:00am Live Stream Assembly Mrs Ferris Science and Art
	8th June	9th June	10th June	11th June	12th June
<b>7</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>			
	15th June	16th June	17th June	18th June	19th June
<b>8</b>					
	22nd June	23rd June	24th June	25th June	26th June
<b>9</b>					
	29th June	30th June	1st July	2nd July	3rd July
<b>10</b>					1:40pm SVC Assembly 2:10pm Dismissal Reports