

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2 Thursday, 23 April 2020

Principal's Message principal@olmcsunbury.catholic.edu.au

School Address

53 Macedon St Sunbury 3429 9740 7344

2020 Term Dates

Tue 14th April -

Mon 13th July -

Fri 18th September

Mon 5th October -

Fri 16th December

Fri 26th June

Term 3:

Term 4:

Term 2:

Dear Parents,

Here we are in week 2, another week down in this ever changing, unknown world. It has been lovely hearing from many of the families and I would like to remind you to send through remote learning tips and family projects for me to share with other families. No doubt you will have seen many posts and articles online and there are some really good ones that I will share with you throughout the term.

There is still a fair amount of stress while we are all trying to get our heads around everything. My advice is to take a deep breath and do what is manageable for your family. I know many parents are working from home and caring for their children as many of our staff are also trying to do. Classroom teachers are working all day with students and families and many of them have their own children at home that they are trying to help as well.

I found this great article by Professor John Hattie, who shares outcomes of school aged children following the Christchurch Earthquakes and the fact that missing months of school didn't affect results. Children embraced the organic learning environment around them and simply learned in 'different ways'. I encourage you to take the time to read it and I hope it helps.

https://mobile.abc.net.au/news/2020-04-17/will-missing-school-due-to-covid-19-matter-for-school-students/12154266?pfmredir=sm&fbclid=lwAR1nJyz2F8TlaF-m4F09lxhIZbTofRGVve_plnyB91LQikJ-OpoNC7vpKnc

This Saturday is ANZAC Day, a day we remember those who have risked their lives to serve our country. ANZAC Day will also look different this year. No RSL ceremonies, no marches and no footy. The teachers will be asking students to complete activities that may require your input.

Here are some other ways you can participate in ANZAC Day and honour those who have served.

Anzac Day

Sat. 25th April



School Closure

Day

Term 2

Thur June 4th

ANZAC tribute

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q20DUalzYJg

☐ You can participate in the <u>RSL Victoria</u> #StandTo #standatdawn campaign with a minutes silence in your driveway (or lounge room, back yard or balcony)

☐ You can live stream the service from Shrine of Remembrance, or read the ode at https://www.awm.gov.au/commemora.../customs-and-ceremony/poems

☐ You can download some fantastic educational resources or fun activities at https://
https://
nttps://https://https://">https://https://">https://">https://https

□You can also make ANZAC cookies or a poppy wreath from egg cartons like I've done with my kids https://www.brightstarkids.com.au/.../8-anzac-day-craft-and-.../ or https://www.brightstarkids.com/ anzac-day-crafts-for-kids/

☐ You can send a message of support to those currently serving https://www.defence.gov.au/ MessageToTroops/

☐ You can contribute to the ANZAC Appeal at www.anzacappeal.com.au

The OLMC primary school community are invited to take part in a minutes silence on Friday 24th April at 12 noon to honour and reflect on the sacrifice of all the service men and women both past and present. Lest We Forget.

If you are a **Hume Library member** you may be able to have books delivered to your home:

https://www.humelibraries.vic.gov.au/Using Your Library/Library Services/ Home Library Service

Scholastic have contacted us and are happy to send out a digital edition of Bookclub for this term. We would need some help for this to go ahead. Is there anyone who would be willing to come into school when the books arrive and sort them into individual orders? This would take a couple of hours, one day later in the term. Please let me know if you can help out.

Reminder: Cyber Safety Webinar available until the 26th April To watch the replay, as well as access to all of the slides, links and resources, visit:www.informandempower.com.au/april16webinar

Password: parents 2020

This Sunday we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Easter.

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all members of Victoria Police for the tireless work they do keeping us safe and upholding law in our community.

Mighty God,

As our police officers protect and serve our community we pray for them today. Keep them safe in times of trouble. Give them strength in times of weariness. Give them joy in times of sorrow. Give them hope in times of despair. May they know their identity as people created in your image and give them encouragement as they serve day after day. Lift them up with all your people in purity, righteousness and hope.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

Please stay well

Julie

COVID-19 has rattled many nations with over 2 million people affected worldwide. During these unprecedented times, the **Mental Health Foundation Australia** (MHFA) understands that tensions are running high within the Australian community and has noticed a significant increase in use of our services.

Mental Health Foundation Australia runs a successful **National Mental Health Helpline** to provide mental health information, support, referral and professional counselling for people in distress. It is a **FREE** and **CONFIDENTIAL** service. Call 1300 643 287

16 Everyday Activities That Count as Learning





16. Cleaning & Doing Chores



to Podcasts or

Audiobooks

Saturday 25th April will mark ANZAC Day 2020, a significant day as we pause and reflect on the service and sacrifice of all those who have served and are currently serving.

ANZAC Day 2020 will not look like the ANZAC Day that so many of us are used to participating in. There will be a Dawn Service, wreaths will be laid, the last post will be played, a minute of silence in memory of the fallen will be observed, but the service community and the public will be asked to stay at home.

This does not mean that ANZAC Day is cancelled. It just means that ANZAC Day will be different.

14. Writing Letters or

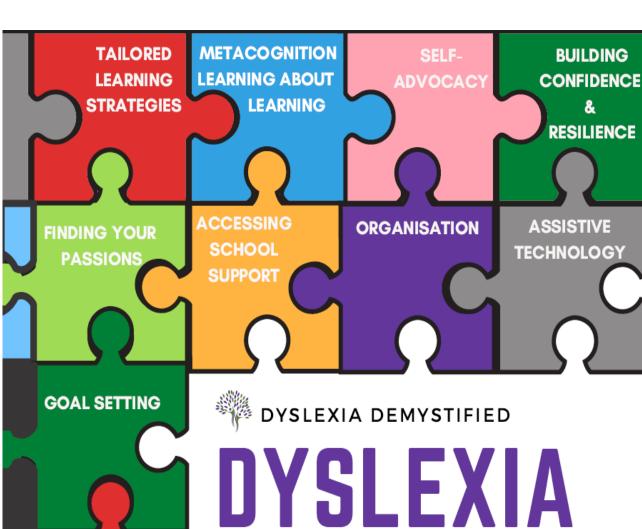
Emails

In 2020, on April 25, while you can't go to the Shrine of Remembrance or a local Dawn Service, the RSL is asking that instead you #STANDTO.

As the Last Post is played during the ANZAC Day Dawn Service walk outside, stand in your yard, driveway, or on your balcony and observe a minute of silence in respect of our veterans. Make sure that you snap a quick picture and share it right here on our Facebook page using the hashtag #STANDTO.

Together, let's amplify our commitment to the ANZAC spirit. Lest We Forget.

For more information please visit the official RSL Victoria Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/rslvic/



DYSLEXIA MENTORING

HELPING STUDENTS SOLVE THE 10-PIECE EMPOWERMENT PUZZLE

Dyslexia Demystified's mentoring program has been developed to provide flexible sessions (via telephone or zoom) for students and/or parents.

You will be assisted along your journey by dyslexic individuals who have survived and thrived in the current education system. We provide support for students in year 4 & above.

• FREE 15 MINUTE CONSULTATION

PLANNING

FUTURE

FOR YOUR

- FIRST SESSION:
 \$80 PER HOUR
- ALL SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS: \$60 PER HOUR



