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**SERIOUSLY
AWESOME**

As we enter our final week of remote learning, all of us at WDSS want to congratulate all of our families and students on how AMAZING you have all been over the past 9 weeks! When School Holidays were abruptly brought forward to 24th March, how remote learning would look for our school was still largely unknown - it was a scary

and worrying time but you all handled everything that came your way with positivity and conquered the challenge of Learning at Home.

Give yourselves a BIG pat on the back and see you next week !

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

Term 2 Issue 10, Tuesday 12th May 2020

To all our school community,

Welcome to the final Remote Learning newsletter before we return to school next TUESDAY 26th May!

It's been quite a journey for all staff, students and families over the past 6 weeks of Term 2. We have all learnt so much and I hope we all take time to reflect on this COVID -19 experience.

For families and carers there have certainly been many challenges in supporting students in their learning at home. Staff have been working above and beyond to ensure that families have been supported as much as possible over this time. Most students have worked well on their Learning from Home packs, weekly work sent home by teachers and an array of online links on our school website. Mondays and Thursdays have been busy days in the office where staff have added an interesting array of activities to be sent home via school buses.

It's been wonderful to see online learning happening too. Teachers have taught their students through daily You Tube clips. Colin has our BUZZ TV up and running, so keep a look out for our next episodes. WebEx meetings have been a hit over the past 2 weeks and has been a wonderful way for our students to reconnect.

It's been great to hear stories of students working hard on their daily living skills at home and developing independence in dressing and self-care, helping with housework and cooking meals. I loved the story of one of our senior students who ensures that all the wheelie bins in his street are brought in! That's showing great initiative!

But nothing really beats the experience of seeing each other face to face and we look forward to being back all together next week.

A few reminders:

1. WACKY WEDNESDAY is happening this week. Let's end our Remote Learning time with some fun!
2. The final Remote Learning drop off on buses will be Thursday 21st May
3. Monday 25th May will be a PUPIL FREE DAY.
4. Tuesday 26th May will be the first day at school for students.
5. Under the direction of DET there will be strict guidelines for returning to school next week to ensure the safety of ALL staff and students.
6. **An email will be sent to all families later in the week outlining procedures for school buses, dropping off and picking up students and social distancing guidelines.**

See you all next Tuesday!!

Sue



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BUZZ TV



TV Guide

Week beginning Tuesday 19th May



Independent Living Skills *with WDSS Staff*

Check out the Staff at WDSS as they get super busy practising their '*Independent Living Skills*'. What jobs can you help do at home on your own or with help?

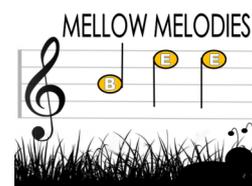
Click here to watch: [Independent Living Skills at WDSS](#)



Mellow Melodies *with Colin*

Join Colin for the launch of Mellow Melodies! Have a break and help keep yourself in the Green Zone by relaxing and listening to some calming tunes.

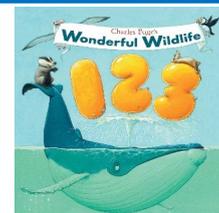
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Wonderful Wildlife 1 2 3 *with Kylie*

"1 lonely badger, 2 helpful whales, 3 friendly seabirds singing songs and telling tales!" Join Kylie as she counts along with animals from all corners of the world.

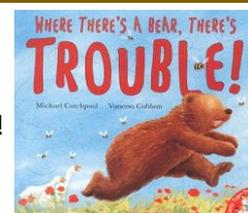
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Where There's a Bear, There's Trouble! *with Alesha*

Where there's a bee, there's honey. But, where there's a bear, there's trouble! So the bee buzzes off as fast as it can... and so the chase begins! Join Alesha for this beary busy book!

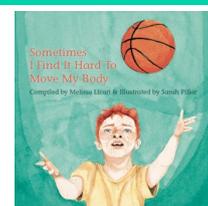
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Sometimes I Find it Hard to Move My Body *with Meredith*

Join Meredith as she shares a book about how some things in life can be tricky to learn. A great read about trying our best even when it is tough.

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Juniors

ROOM 4

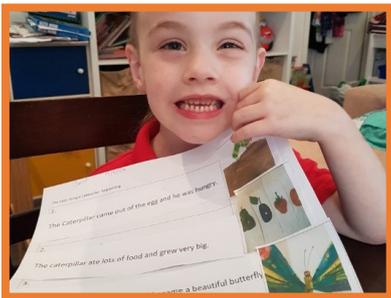
Students in Room 4 have been working really well during remote learning. Big congratulations to all our students, and their fabulous families for achieving so much success during this difficult time.

Callum

Callum enjoys his learning, especially when he gets to do something a little bit more hands on. He particularly enjoyed making his own guitar and making his own songs to sing. Callum is a great counter and enjoys counting games and making lego rockets to share with his class online. We can't wait to see you back next week Callum!



Jacob



Jacob likes to get up early and get started on his school work. He often works at home with his brother, Hunter. Jacob loves learning about letters and numbers. He also loves cutting and pasting at the moment, and has made some great picture collages. Jacob is really excited about coming back to school on Tuesday.



Jordan

Jordan has been busy working on his school work. He loves to have a break and get out for a bike ride, having fun racing around the yard. Jordan particularly likes it when he has some company in his learning, just like we can see with him snuggled up to his friend whilst watching a clip on the computer. Jordan is looking seeing his classmates when we all return to school.



ROOM 4 CONTINUED.....

Maddy

Maddy has been hard at work during remote learning. She loves drawing and singing songs about letters and numbers. Maddy has been doing a great job learning about beginning sounds and reading through lots and lots of books. She really enjoyed our story about "Edward the Emu". We can't wait to see Maddy back at school next week.

Stevie

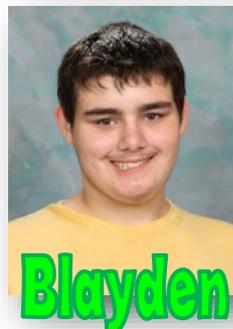
Stevie has enjoyed being at home surrounded by her family. She loves watching clips with music and singing, and will dance along to her favourites. Stevie has been working hard using a new communication device at home. We can't wait to see you back at school Stevie, so that we can try it out with you in class!



Sumedha

Sumedha is a hard worker, she loves doing her worksheet activities and learning about words and sentences and numbers. She has looked forward to doing her schoolwork each day. Sumedha enjoys drawing beautiful pictures of her family too. We can't wait to see you back at school next

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



This week we have Blayden celebrating his 17th Birthday! Happy Birthday Blayden, we hope you have a great celebration. Blayden has been busy at home and built this fantastic veggie garden - AMAZING work !





Learning at Home

Learning from Home is '**different strokes for different folks**'. What works for some does not work for others - what is important is that it works for YOU ! Maths, Literacy and Science can be learnt by playing board games, doing puzzles, cooking, gardening or doing a 'scavenger hunt' while out walking.

Here is a look at what some of our students have been doing at home.....



Tyler has been enjoying his time at home probably a little too much! He is loving the relaxed routine he has created for himself and as we've said before - Learning at Home is all about doing what suits you best! Last week

Tyler did some cooking with his stepsister, he was very engaged in the whole process, which is awesome!

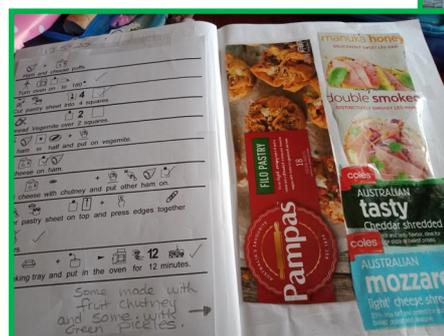
Mum Amy said that Tyler is also "helping" to look after his baby brother which Tyler thinks is fine, so long as he doesn't make too much noise!

Last week Tyler also went on a BIG walk up Mt Cannibal! Well done Tyler - we miss you can't wait to see your big smile next week!



Juniors make us Jump for Joy!

Jordan and **Levi** from Room 8 were very creative this week! They made these awesome leaf/gladwrap window art pieces and then cooked up a storm in the kitchen by making some yummy Ham and Cheese Puffs. Fantastic work Jordan and Levi!





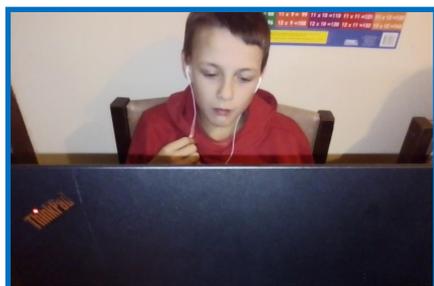
Learning at Home

MIDDLE SCHOOL MARIALS!



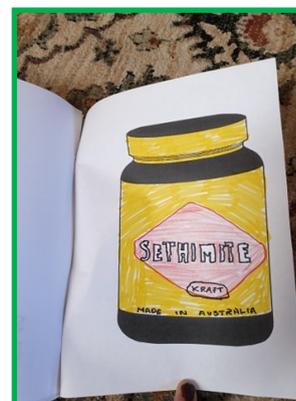
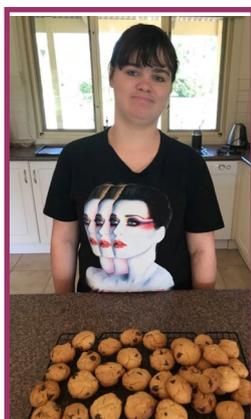
Alex from Room 21 absolutely loves getting his packages from Ange - especially his sensory items! Alex also really enjoyed seeing everyone and catching up on WebEx last week! We miss you Alex, see you next week!

Arabella from Room 20 has a new bike and is making the most of her time at home by doing lots of practising! Arabella is also doing an awesome job on her worksheets - well done Arabella, see you next week!



Everyone knows that **Michael** from Room 21 loves a chat, so he was thrilled to catch up with teachers and students from Rooms 18 and 21 last week on WebEx! Great to see our students making the most of technology during restrictions. We can't wait to have a chat in person next week Michael!

SENIOR SUPERSTARS!



We might have to have cook-off in Seniors! We have a lot of great cooks - **Paige** and **Seth** made cookies. Yum....! wonder how long they will last!

Seth also made this fantastic book 'I'm Australian Too'. Well done Seth we love your creativity!

STUDENT WORK

Jack F from Room 17 is also working really well in his Learning from Home and provided this great work on The Endeavour. Well done Jack!

ENDEAVOUR HISTORY

What date did the Endeavour set sail from England?

August 26 1768.

What year did the Endeavour arrive at Botany Bay?

1770

What was the original name of Botany Bay?

Stingray Bay.

What sort of Vessel was the Endeavour?

A Bark vessel.

Which member of the Endeavour's crew used to be on Australia's 5 dollar note? Joseph Banks

What astronomical event was the crew of the Endeavour sent to observe?

Venus gliding across the sun.

What was named after Captain Cook?

Cook Islands.

What causes the disease Scurvy?

Lack of Vitamin C.

What happened to the original Endeavour?

Ship was sunk during a blockade in 1778.

Where was Captain Cook killed?

He was killed in Hawaii.



What does the term 'Terra nullius' mean?

Land that is legally uninhabited. It meant no one's land.

How do you think the indigenous people felt during Captain Cook's arrival?

I think they felt scared because strangers just turned up. They didn't like the white people. They threw stones and spears at the whites. They thought the whites were spirits and told them to go away.

- Jack



Student Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



TYLER

Being a **LEARNER** and keeping fit by walking up Mt Cannibal with his family



KEITH

Being a remarkable remote **LEARNER** - Independently working and contacting his teacher when needed



BLAYDEN

Being a resilient and remarkable remote **LEARNER**



JAMES

Being a **RESPECTFUL LEARNER** by modelling good communication skills during Webex meetings.



MADDY

Being a great **LEARNER** and working hard at home on her learning tasks.



SUMEDHA

Being a great **LEARNER** & looking forward to her learning and getting lots of fantastic work done at home.



CALLUM

Being a great **LEARNER** and sharing his beautiful work and butterfly impersonation on our weekly catch up.



TASH

Being a great **LEARNER** by organising items according to their weight, sorting from objects from heaviest to lightest.

ONE MORE WEEK!!!!



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Monday 25th May
Pupil Free Day
(Teachers not available)

Tuesday 26th May
Return to School

ANIMAL WALKING



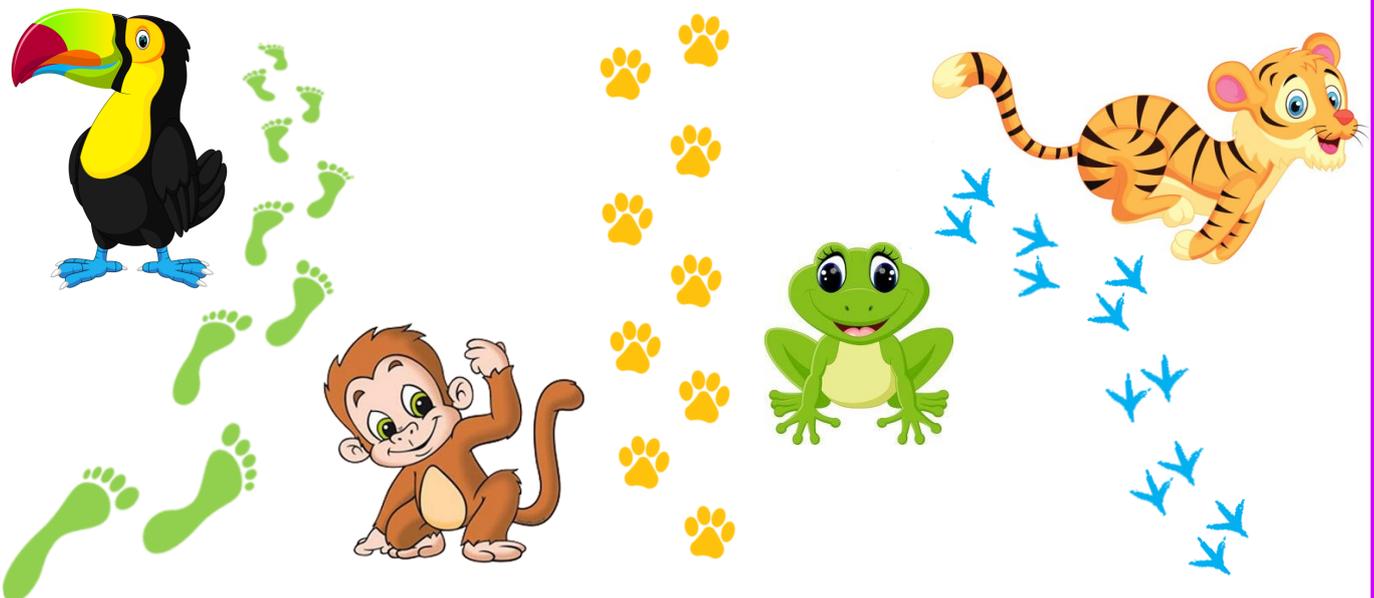
Animal walks are a great way to practise our coordination and body awareness as well as making loud sounds!

- ✓ **One animal per day - see the next page to learn how to 'walk'!**
- ✓ **Sing the song and pretend to be an animal**

*Walking in the jungle, walking in the jungle
We're not afraid, we're not afraid
Walking in the jungle, walking in the jungle
We're not afraid, we're not afraid
One step two steps three steps
One step two steps three steps*

Stop listen what that? It's a _____

- make the sound of the animal as you pretend to be it!!



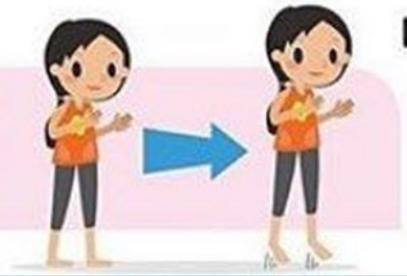
Monday



Key Points

- Squat down like a frog
- Jump as high as you can
- Repeat this across the room

Tuesday



Key Points

- Feet together
- Hands to chest
- Small jumps with both feet
- Jumps with hands stationary

Wednesday



Key Points

- Extend legs straight
- Head down

Thursday



Key Points

- Bottom up for level stomach as the child is able
- Feet under knees

Friday



Key Points

- Start in downward dog
- Walk hands out to plank
- Walk feet up to downward dog



More fun and easy tips from Anne and Yvonne.....

Top TIPS from OT

Kids in the Kitchen

It may not work on the average weeknight, but opportunities to share time in the kitchen with the kids is a wonderful learning experience for all !

Some of the many learning opportunities include:

- **Reading** a recipe and following instructions.
- **Measuring**, learning about weights, the difference of cups, teaspoons & tablespoons and how scales work.
- **Understanding** temperature, the safe use of ovens & microwaves and what it means as a timer counts backwards.
- **Building vocabulary** by talking about the ingredients, like golden syrup or cinnamon, and processes, such as creaming or whisking.
- **Predicting** what should happen next and learning the consequences of missing a step or misreading the instructions.
- **Exploring** the world of our senses, including taste, smell, and touch.
- **Role playing** as chefs, waiters, bakers, and shop keepers.
- **Cleaning** up after ourselves, recycling, and appropriate storage options.

7 great things to cook with the kids:

FRUIT SALAD – learn to cut on soft foods, such as banana, strawberries, kiwi, and melon. All of these can be cut with a butter or plastic knife.

VEGIE SOUP – prepare a great family meal together and practice cutting carrot or celery sticks into a dice, or help measure peas, barley, and pasta. Stirring a heavy pot of soup is a good way to introduce kids to working safely around a hot stove too. If they need some extra height try a small step stool.

MUFFINS AND CUPCAKES – measuring, stirring, and pouring are all tasks the kids can help with, as well as mashing bananas, grating apple, and mixing in a handful of choc chips!

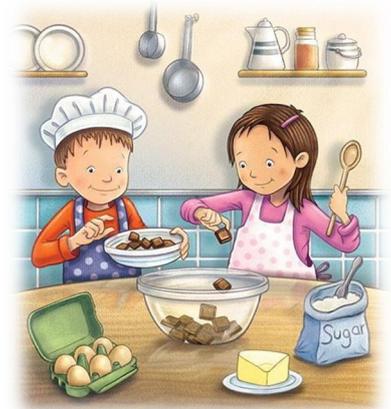
PIN WHEELS – spreading sheets of puff pastry with jam for a sweet treat or tomato paste & pizza topping is a winning way to practice 'buttering' skills.

CHOC TRUFFLES OR 'RUM-BALLS' – no alcohol needed, just 1 pkt crushed Marie biscuits, 1 tin condensed milk, 1 cup coconut and ¼ cup cocoa. Mix, squeeze into balls, then roll in coconut before refrigerating. **BINGO** – lots of hand strengthening work and lots of yum to look forward to!

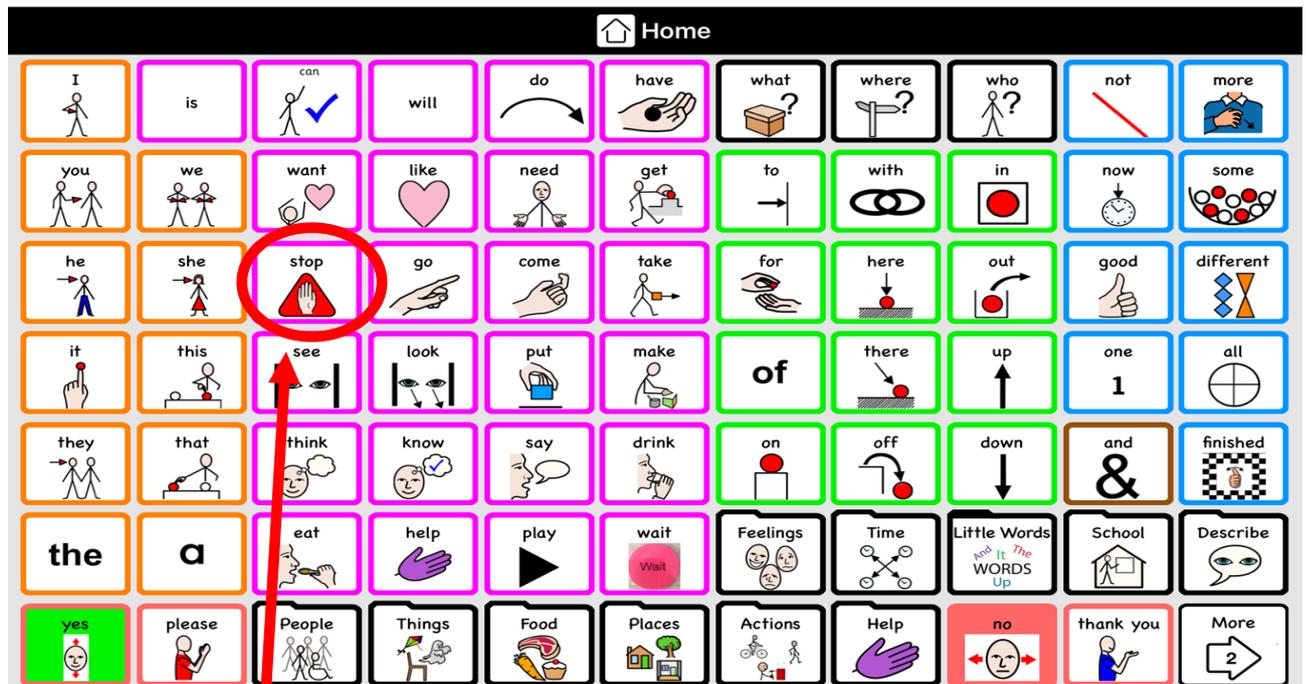


CHOCOLATE RIPPLE CAKE – spreading whipped cream between biscuits before sandwiching them together is another way to encourage kids with their 'buttering' skills.

VEGGIE KEBABS - cutting up veggies such as mushrooms, capsicum, and zucchini and then carefully threading them onto skewers really gets those 2 hands and eyes working closely

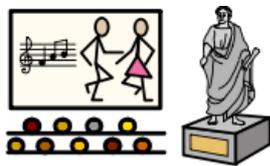


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Location of 'stop' on homepage of Proloquo2Go.

Common games/ activities to model the word 'stop':



Musical statues



Swings



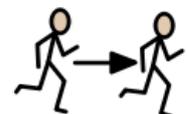
Toy cars



Trampoline



Toy trains



Chasey



CORE WORD 5 MINUTE FILLER

SONG OF THE DAY

Once a day, choose a good/bad/silly song to play for the class! Listen, sing, dance and say what you think!

CORE WORDS	<p>Verbs Describe Quantity Prepositions Questions Pronouns Time</p>	<p>want, go, like, help, stop, need, play, can, pick, look, turn not, all done/finished, different, good, bad, favourite, new more, some, all on, off, up, down what, who I, you, it, that now, again</p>	
	NEEDS & WANTS	GETTING & GIVING INFORMATION	SOCIAL INTERACTION
EXAMPLE WAYS TO USE THE WORDS	<p>want want more want different no more not that stop, stop that, need help do it again I want more ____. I/you need help now. I want to play it again. can you stop that song?</p>	<p>play it what like? who likes it? like that/ not like that turn it on/turn it off turn it up/ turn it down pick one look for it we can play that song again. I don't like that. you pick a song. can we look for it on YouTube?</p>	<p>what think? that good/bad what music do you like? what song is your favourite?</p>