



Kirkton Public School

Newsletter

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Term 3, Weeks 8 & 9

Achieve With Pride

12th September 2021

Hello everyone!

Thank you for your continued support of our staff, student and community safety working from home and supporting children with home learning.

I will be contacting parents over the next week to collect valuable feedback as we all try to make the best of this situation for our children.

This will assist us with our planning and communication for the remainder of home learning. Questions will be around:

Your child's wellbeing;

Your child's level of engagement with home learning resources;

Ease of access to help from teachers;

Quality of home learning tasks;

Levels of support for your children;

Communication with your child's teacher;

Communication from the school about home learning

Your own wellbeing in relation to supporting home learning.

What you would like to see more of/less of?

Goldilocks points—What have we got 'just right'?

The Premier announced on 9 September that many parts of regional NSW that have seen zero COVID cases for 14 days will emerge from lockdown at 12:01am Saturday 11 September. These LGAs have been deemed low risk by NSW Health will move to [Level 3 restrictions](#) on Monday 13 September, welcoming students back to face-to-face learning and teaching with strict COVID-safe guidelines. As you know, we were not part of these LGAs.

Calendar of Events

Current Level 4 restrictions—learning from home until further notice

Talk Like a Pirate Day—Friday dress up for Zoom Book Week and Fair—Term 4, Week 1&2.

Family Trivia Night Zoom—Term 4, Week 1—Wednesday—5.30pm start

Local Government Areas (LGAs) still seeing COVID case numbers will continue to follow stay-at-home orders and will be monitored by NSW Health with updates provided as circumstances develop. We will keep our school communities informed as soon as we have advice from NSW Health of any change.

This is part of the [Government's Roadmap to Freedom](#).

The Department of Education continues to work closely with NSW Health on the latest advice for our schools and the communities we serve. Please continue to refer to the NSW Department of Education's Advice for Families page for the most up to date information, details and road map to return plans

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families#Roadmap0>

Attendance

We thank our families who are working closely with us to communicate about their child's learning and engagement with home learning material. Teachers are working very hard to keep in regular contact with each family every week. If teachers are working from home and trying to contact you, it will come through identifying as a private number.

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Please know we understand you are not teachers, we are asking that students have sat down to attempt the tasks—not that they work until every detail is completed if it is taking beyond the recommended time frames (see link for further information on this <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/learning-at-home/advice-to-parents-and-carers/sample-timetables.html>)

We hope you have been able to take advantage of some of the parenting wellbeing packages we have been able to offer you and would love to get some feedback on whether you found them helpful.

Stay happy and safe,
Claire Johnson
Principal

Home Learning Tips

Pack Away Your Learning Space.

Over the holidays, whilst it will take extra effort to set up again, pack away your child's home learning space—make it just your home again for the holidays. This will help them switch off, but also will help set up learning expectations and boundaries when they set up their space again for the beginning of next term as we are likely to be learning from home.

Submit all tasks by Friday

Do not carry any tasks over into the holidays (except for reading good books!)

Join the Friday Zoom lesson—

Decked out in your best/ or worst pirate gear—

Make it out of what you have and help us enjoy "Talk Like A Pirate Day"—Make an online donation if you can to support a great cause.

Come with your best pirate joke!



Naplan results returned.

We have had NAPLAN results returned. Well done to all Year 3 and 5 students who approached these assessments with resolve and positive learning attitudes. Parent result letters have been dropped to your letter boxes. Please ring the school if you would like any of the report explained.

Check In Assessment and Year 1 Phonics Assessment

There are a number of Department scheduled assessments which will take place shortly after children return to face to face learning across most grades. These are designed to be check-ins on student progress and will help us determine areas of improvement after home learning, areas of consolidation and areas of consistency. These will help us to inform some of our progress against student individual goals.

Book Week—Week 1, Book Fair Weeks 1 & 2

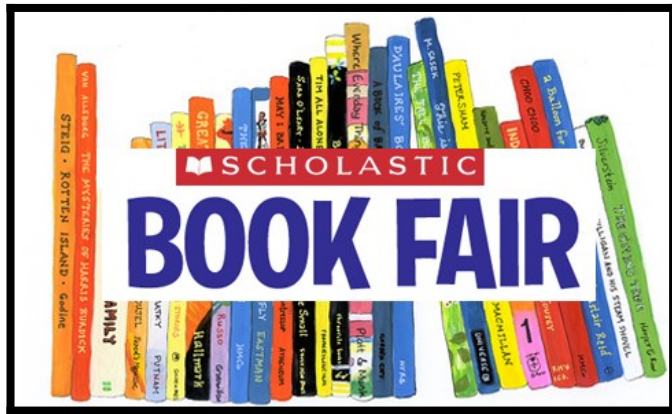
Start Planning Your costume.

Dress as your favourite book character or to the theme—Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds.

Take photos over this week and the holidays of unusual places you are reading your books and then send these to Mrs Johnson via Seesaw, Google Classroom, email or text to the school phone.



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We have conceded defeat to an in person book fair for the year, but we have not given up on the fun!

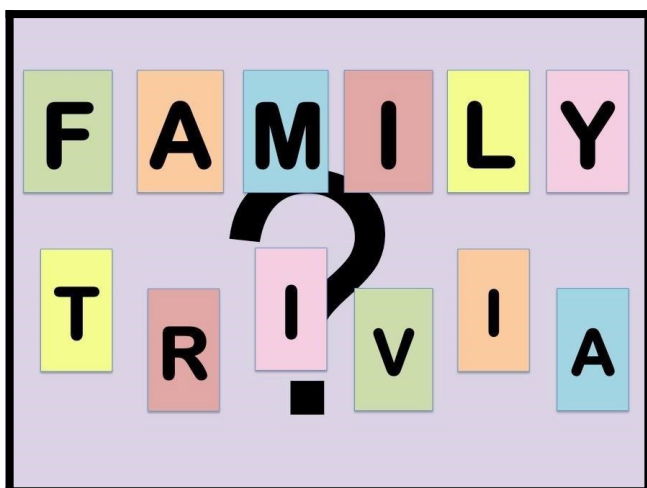
We are currently setting up our online book fair. More information on books and methods of purchase to come!

Join our Book Week Family trivia night—Thursday 5.30pm Week 1—6th October 2021

Have some family fun with our Kirkton Community! Don't worry, all the questions won't be about books! Look out for details so that you can register your family for the fun.

Come dressed as a book character or in this year's *Old World, New World, Other World* theme—Why not have the whole family come in matching theme?

Lockdown picnic pack for winning teams.



Assembly Awards

Week 8 Awards:

Principal award— Paige L—enthusiastic participation and can do attitude to home learning tasks.

Joeys—Aston— having an enthusiastic and positive approach to his learning.

Saige—Displaying her strengths of creativity and perseverance during learning from home.

Kangas— Isabella—great participation in Zoom lessons and working hard during home learning.

Paige C— demonstrating great work habits and submitting high quality work.

Week 9 Awards:

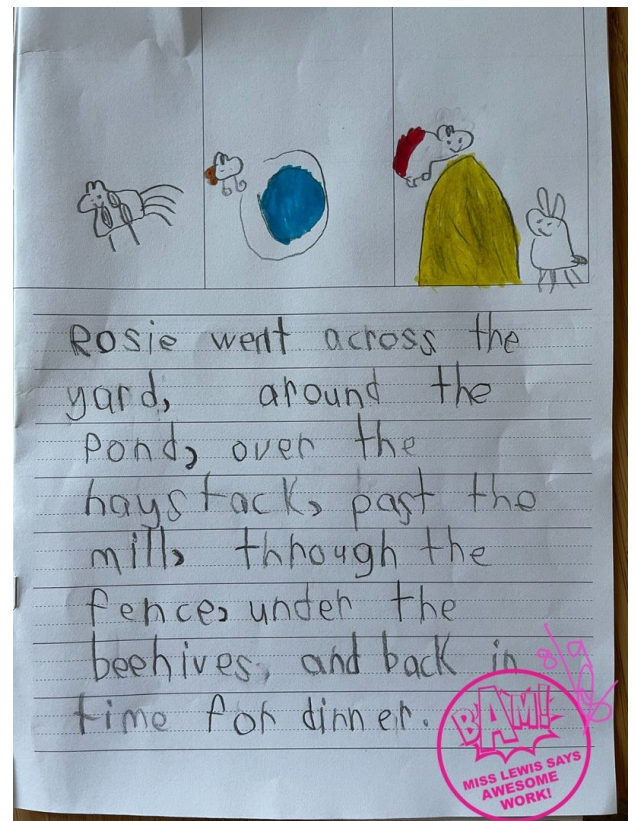
Principal award— Beau N—showing school spirit and approaching home learning with a positive attitude.

Joeys— Kaitlyn—displaying great enthusiasm towards learning from home tasks.

Mia— drawing on her strengths on love of learning and perseverance to learn.

Kangas— Frances—being an enthusiastic participant in Zoom lessons.

Oliver—Showing great self regulation during home learning.



Olive's writing



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Celebrating some of our students' learning from home

Solar purifier experiment

Emanuel Isola

I prepped my experiment and followed all the instructions and put my experiment out the front on my septic tank. It gets lots of sun there and the tank gets very hot.

I put the glass bowl out there at 10am and left it there all day. I checked it regularly throughout the day and finished my observations at 4.30pm.

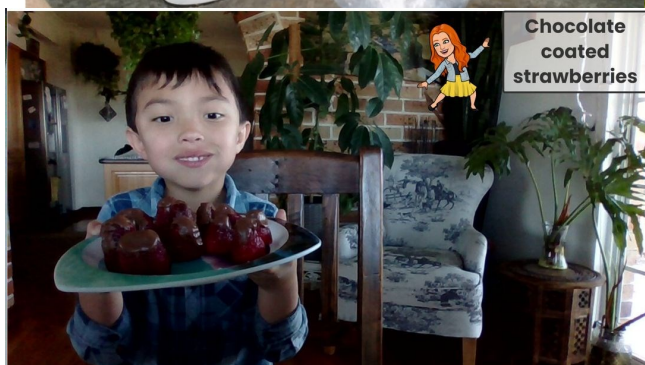
I discovered that the water evaporated to the top, on the plastic cling wrap and made droplets like rain clouds that landed in my cup. The salt did not evaporate with the water and was left at the bottom of the glass bowl.



Nils Udo inspired environmental art by Jakobe



Trinitee's experiment testing the sun's power.



Chocolate coated strawberries

Issue	Rhetorical Question
a) The school playground is always untidy.	Who doesn't mess up rubbish?
b) People are wasting water by taking long showers.	Why do they take long showers?
c) Children are not wearing helmets when they ride bikes.	Why don't they parents tell them to wear a helmet?
d) Children are not wearing their hats at playtime.	Why don't they wear them?

Paige C's work on persuasive writing tools.



I love catching bubbles!



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Healthy Lunch Box recipe

Japanese vegetable pancakes



Ingredients

½ small cabbage, very thinly sliced
 4 medium carrots, grated
 2 cups baby spinach, very thinly sliced
 4 spring onions, thinly sliced
 ½ cup wholemeal plain flour
 6 large eggs, lightly beaten
 Pinch of salt
 Olive oil spray

Method

Place the vegetables in a bowl and mix together. Toss with the flour, ensuring it coats all the vegetables. Stir in the eggs and pinch of salt.
 Lightly spray a large non-stick fry pan with olive oil spray and heat over medium-high heat. You may need to re-spray between batches.
 Add heaped tablespoons of the mixture to the fry pan in rounds. Gently press to flatten. Cook until golden, approximately 3 minutes, and then turn to cook the other side.

For more recipes visit:
healthy lunchbox.com.au


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Nutrition Snippet

SIMPLE SWAPS.



Try our easy beef and veg sausage rolls

- ✓ Takes only 15 mins to prep and 25 mins in oven
- ✓ 1 serve of veg per portion
- ✓ Less fat, sugar and salt than store bought rolls
- ✓ Tasty and nutritious

For this recipe and more visit:
healthy lunchbox.com.au


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HOW TO PAY THE KIRKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL INVOICES

1. Log into the school website: www.kirkton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



2. Click on **MAKE A PAYMENT** button

3. This will take you to the Westpac Site:

Payment Details

Fields marked with an asterisk (★) are mandatory.

The process for making a payment is as follows:

1. Fill out all the required fields on this page.
2. Fill out credit card payment details on the next page.
3. Review and confirm your payment details on the confirmation page.
4. Review your payment receipt and optionally print it, or send it as an email.

Student Details

Student Registration Number

If this 9 digit number is on the Statement issued by the school it will be to the left of the student's name.

★ Given Name

★ Surname

Class or Year

Ref. or Invoice Number

This number may be on the top of the invoice or statement issued by the school. It may have the heading Ref:

★ Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

e.g. 31/01/1995

Required if only one of 'Class or Year' or 'Invoice Number' are filled.

Payer Details

★ Full Name

★ Contact Phone Number

NOTE: Only the Fields marked with a GREEN ★ (asterisk) have to be completed.

Please complete the following fields:



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Given Name (students first name)
Surname (student's surname)
Class or Year (students class name)
Date of Birth (students DOB)
Payer Details – all the fields
Payment Options – please choose the relevant box

Click Next

You will then see the following:

Payment Options

Please select which items you would like to make a payment or donation for:

☐ Voluntary School Contributions

☐ Subject Contributions

☒ Excursions

★ Payment Description 1

Major Excursion

★ Payment Amount 1

\$ 50.00

Add Payment

☐ Sport

☐ Creative and Practical Arts

☐ Sales to Students

☐ Other

Total Payment Amount

\$ 50.00

Click **Next** to proceed to the payment page where you can enter credit card details for your payment.

Cancel

Next

THIS WILL BE THE AMOUNT YOU ARE PAYING.

- Please complete all the mandatory fields (fields with **GREEN ***)
- Continue by clicking "NEXT" till the payment is complete
- You should receive an Online Payment Receipt
- Please keep this receipt for further reference if required.
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PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- If you are using a MAC computer please use **FIREFOX** browser – Westpac does NOT function on the Safari browser.



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