# **Primary Post**

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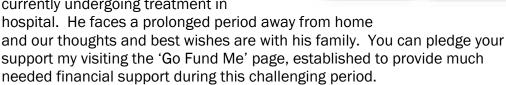


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#### PRINCIPAL TEAM REPORT

Hello everyone,

To commence this week we would like to raise our communities attention to the health battle one of our Year 1 students is currently facing. Zachary Lackovic has been diagnosed with Leukemia and is currently undergoing treatment in



Our before and after school care provider – TheirCare have generously donated \$500 toward the fund. Thank you to Steve, Luisa, Hayley and the rest of the management team and staff for such a generous donation. Their business has been negatively impacted upon like many others due to COVID-19 and this financial donation will be greatly appreciated by the family.

Thank you to our parent community for your prompt response to our request for information in relation to onsite programs. The flow of information throughout the early stages of the week has been slow and we've been doing our best to adapt with recent changes. The application process for onsite programs is more thorough than before and the eligibility criteria requires all students to be formally approved before attending school. Please remember to complete the online form weekly to indicate required days onsite.





#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Office opening hours 8.30am – 4.00pm

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

6<sup>th</sup> August Noah 01P Isaac 06G

**7<sup>th</sup> August** Lachlan 00S Cayden 05R

**9<sup>th</sup> August** Jessica 03W

11<sup>th</sup> August Sophie 05P

12th August Alexia 00S Danny 00V Shannon 06M Harry 06S Liliana 06S

13<sup>th</sup> August Kallam 05L



<u>Fun At Home</u> has loads of activity ideas, they are also mostly self-directed too. There are also heaps of books that have been made available for <u>FREE streaming by Audible</u>.

While schools are closed, Audible are offering FREE access to a collection of books. You can instantly stream an incredible collection of stories, including titles across eight different languages. All stories are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet.

GetEpic! Continues to be very popular with our students so if you haven't explored GetEpic! yet, follow this link <u>GetEpic!</u> and use the class code below to access your class page and get reading!

Class	Code	Class	Code
FC	ike9521	4M	rcz2247
FV	cql6021	40	sls4354
FS	zrl6191	4P	vkj0185
1P	rih8596	5RM	Ktt8891
1D	wnc4730	5P	pmh9462
1FD	asp2323	5L	wja1473
2S	utj5338	6S	swx3235
2M	lvb8702	6G	wla7679
2F	kzb2083	6M	tcw7501
3W	krw3474		
3M	bvv9170		
3CP	xrd6541		

Don't forget, the Premiers Reading Challenge only runs for another 4 weeks. To record the books your child is reading logon to the app (using your eduPass account) by following these instructions:

- 1. Go to the Challenge application.
- 2. Select the School/Student button.
- 3. Select the eduPass login option. This will redirect you to the eduPass authentication page.
- 4. Enter your username and password. This will redirect you back to the Challenge application.

Student usernames and passwords for the app will be the same credentials used to log into Microsoft Teams and our school's remote learning.

Until next week

Ty Hoggins and Rae Gittos

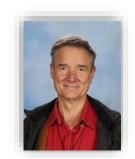
Principal Team

#### **SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT**

Peter Ackland - school chaplain

#### School History 1969-1970

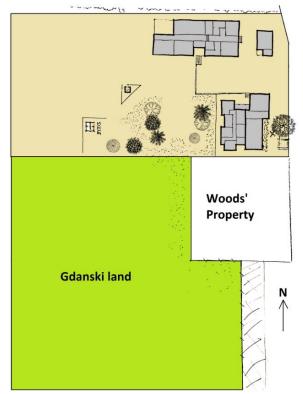
Ronald Cooper (1969-1970) became the new head teacher at the start of 1969. He was the first to be called by the new word "Principal". With the future of the school clarified by the minister's decision, the two additional classrooms were finished and occupied on 20 May that year. The rooms were needed with enrolments now up to 207 children. The school was reclassified to a class II.



Mr Cooper was a progressively minded principal willing to try new ways. He instituted a house system for sports and requested from the Mother's Club \$150 for sporting equipment. He changed the learning in the afternoons having children regrouped and taught by different teachers offering a specialist subject. This sounds like our modern day 'electives' but every day! Some children found it difficult to concentrate responsibly in the new format [J. W. Payne, p32].

In 1970, over one hectare (Gdanski land) was purchased (2.75 acres). This was an irregular shape adjoining the south side, rear part of the school, and around behind the property of Mr & Mrs Woods who lived beside the school on Plenty Road. The Wood's property was not purchased until the early 1990's.

Mr Cooper wanted a new library built for the school and to include this service to the whole township in a greater vision for its use. He calculated that the cost of such a building would be \$13,500 and he assumed a Government subsidy of \$9,000 would come and the remainder raised by the school and town community. At that time, the school Grants account had a credit of \$478 and the Plantation account had \$159. This calculation was based on a school with an enrolment of over 320 pupils so the money was never granted. In the meantime Mr Cooper focused on improving the school with additional shrubs and new play equipment. Working bees were arranged to plant the shrubs and erect the playground.



The Mothers' Club was active during 1970. This was the year it honoured Mrs L. Murray for her 19 years' of service. The Club provided new classroom clocks and a copying machine (Gestetner) from their funds. At the end of the year it arranged for their Mothers' Club Fete, an important annual fundraising initiative. Also during this year volunteers from the Lions Club were going to the school to recover library books.

To be continued...

#### **WEEKLY WELLBEING CHECK IN #3**

Mindfulness has been practised for centuries and in many different cultures around the world. Academic research shows that when we pay attention to what is happening in the present moment, with openness and curiosity, and without judgement, we activate many wellbeing benefits including higher self-awareness, higher emotional regulation and reduced stress. It can also be a very useful tool that allows us to focus on the positive elements of life as they happen.



This week, we are focusing on 'gratitude' and 'savouring the good'. Gratitude is being thankful for the good things in our lives. When we appreciate people, places and experiences, we begin to pay more attention to what brings us joy. Savouring is all about deliberately focusing on enjoyable experiences by tuning into them mindfully and with appreciation. We can savour looking forward to a special experience, as it is unfolding in the moment, or later as we recall it in our minds.

### The Savouring Jar

When something happens that brings you positive emotion and joy, write and draw it on a heart shape. Cut out the hearts and find a small jar with a lid. Decorate your jar with art/craft materials and label it. Each completed heart can be folded and popped inside. Later, when you are wanting to savour, just get your jar out and enjoy a second boost of positive emotion as you read each little heart.

#### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**





Foundation V	Awarded to: Evie Spyropoulos
Vitale	For: being so positive in our class meetings and doing her best learning during this
	week. You superstar, Evie! :)
Foundation S	Awarded to: Hamish Neilsen-Thomas
Scoberg	For: his amazing effort in his remote learning. Keep it up superstar!
Foundation C	Awarded to: Dunja Doric
Capito	For: stretching out her words using her letter-sound knowledge when writing her
	sentences. Well Done!
Year 1P	Awarded to: Harry Winter
Perry	For: always participating in our class meetings and completing his remote learning diligently.
Year 1D	Awarded to: Zara Dakis Fisicaro
De Luca	For: engaging beautifully with her new class and getting straight into her remote
	learning!
Year 1FD	Awarded to: Paige Frappa
Fontana/Dunstone	For: independently sharing all of her lessons on our Class Notebook. You are a
	superstar!
Year 2F	Awarded to: Will Bassett
Fawcett	For: demonstrating pride and excellence in all of his learning tasks this week. Keep
	up the great work Will!
Year 2S	Awarded to: Mackenzie Dow
McCormick	For: being a helpful and caring class member during remote learning. Well done
	Mackenzie!
Year 2M	Awarded to: Tygue Donis-Llewelyn
Merritt	For: challenging himself when completing his inquiring learning. Keep it up!
Year	Awarded to: Charlee Morley
3CPCook/Pearce	For: Engaging in the On-line learning doing and doing her best! Well done, Charlee!
Year 3M	Awarded to: Chloe Young
Mason	For: trying her best when completing learning tasks and always wanting to
	challenge herself.
Year 3W	Awarded to: Olive Charity
Wright	For: making an excellent start to term 3 remote learning.
Year 4P	Awarded to: Blake Allshorn
Powell	For: doing his best during remote learning and asking questions to clarify his
	understandings.
Year 40	Awarded to: Ben Von Blanckensee
Overton	For: displaying determination , focus and drive to complete all set learning tasks
	to a high standard
Year 4M	Awarded to: Michael Rode
Mondon	For: continuing to extend himself when completing the shopping investigation
	tasks. Well done Michael!
Year 5P	Awarded to: Noah Kringle
Panahinejad	For: his improved participation in remote learning.

Year 5L	Awarded to: Kallam Morris
Leslie	For: amazing effort and increased concentration on his learning tasks.
Year 5RM	Awarded to: Harrison Leeson
Reid/McAlley	For: fantastic self-management of your learning online both at school and at
	home. Keep up the great work!
Year 6G	Awarded to: Bellah Bambridge
Gorski	For: showing resilience and dedication when completing her remote learning
	assignments.
Year 6M	Awarded to: Connor Hamilton
Maxfield	For: completing all of his remote learning lessons to a top grade level with
	enthusiasm and confidence.
Year 6S	Awarded to: Lincoln Sutherland
Smith	For: using his problem solving skills well when figuring out a backwards problem in
	Maths.
The Arts	Awarded to: Fiona Polifroni
Miss Walsh	For: making a great start to her Street Art presentation. Keep up the great work!

#### **UNIFORM SHOP**



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WE ARE SORRY FOR AN INCONVIENCE THIS HAS CAUSED. YOU CAN CONTACT US VIA PHONE: 9436 4005

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OR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.

Kind Regards,

JAYNE O'BRIEN MANAGER