Merewether Public School

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Term 3 Week 8	Wednesday September 1 2021		Relieving Principal John Prigg	
Thursday 2/9	Friday 3/9	Monday 6/9 Zoom Cooking	Tuesday 7/9	Wednesday 8/9

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From the Principal's Desk

Hello again from the Principal's desk. Just to let everyone know that for the next couple of weeks, Mr Culhane will be on leave and I (Mr Prigg) will be the Relieving Principal. While I am the Relieving Principal, Miss Miller will be teaching and having fun with 4/5P. Miss Miller has been teaching with me and working with 4/5P over the past 4 weeks and is very familiar with the routines of 4/5P.

I would like to say a big thank you to every family for your efforts to support learning from home for your children. We acknowledge the experience for every family will be different. The connection between the school, teacher, you and our students is vital to ensure that everyone feels supported. Even in a learning from home environment these connections can have a profound impact on the learning that continues to take place. Please ensure you are keeping in contact with school. Each class has scheduled Zoom meetings as well as lots of opportunities to post learning activities on Seesaw and Google Classroom.

Important to remember, if you are collecting learning packs or booklets from school please make sure that you pick up a new one each Monday morning.

The department is working very closely with NSW Health as the restrictions and the stay at home orders change. The clear messaging from Health, at this current time, is that families should be keeping children at home unless it is absolutely necessary they need to attend school. We will be in communication with you as soon as there are any changes to these health orders.

We understand the pressures of parents both supervising learning from home as well as completing their own work. Parents are the best judge of what is appropriate for your child to be doing at home. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or your child's teacher if you need further guidance or something is not working for you.

As always, student and staff safety are our number one priority. The Premier has strongly indicated that restrictions may ease but will not be fully lifted for some time and the department will be directed by the NSW Health and the Government advice. We will continue to work on the best way to support the safe return of students to schools.

I have included below a picture that I came across on the Internet that has some words of wisdom which is relevant during learning from home. I don't know who the original author is, so I can't take credit for it.

Remember to have a great week learning from home.

John Prigg – Relieving Principal

During school closures, if you're having difficulty and feeling stressed with the added pressure of now being teacher to your child/children, please remember:

You don't need to replicate the school experience. Don't try to be your child's classroom teacher. Just keep being the teacher you ALREADY are. We trained for years to teach the way we do, just as you trained for years to teach the way you do. We couldn't take over your job overnight, you won't be able to do ours. Read with your child. Cook with your child. Garden with your child. Enjoy nature with your child. Make and create things with your child. Sing and dance with your child. PLAY with your child. And above all, keep being the kind, calm role-model your child needs through this challenging time. This is how you teach. Keep doing you. Your child is learning from you every single day.

Book Fair Update

A **big thank you** to the many families who have gone online and purchased books from our fair. All orders placed up to Monday this week have been filled and can be collected from the office during school hours. Orders can still be placed through the Google Form on Facebook, Skoolbag or through the school website.

An invitation is extended to all members of the community if they wish to purchase a book fair title and **donate** it to the Library, it will be gratefully received. Many thanks to the Butler family for beginning this initiative. A special donated label will be affixed to the inside the front of the book in recognition of such generosity. Please indicate your intentions in brackets after the book title.

Please note, we are keeping orders open for 1 more week. If you have been too busy, then make some time before **Sunday September 5** as this will be the **last day** for orders to be accepted. Don't forget this is a positive way you can support the school as Scholastic Book Fairs allow us to take a percentage of sales towards keeping our Library up to date with new and interesting titles.

Mrs Creasey

Teacher Librarian







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Dates for your Diary TBC Trivia Night Monday 11th October Next P&C meting



To purchase a membership, please use the web address below. Note this was posted on Skoolbag as a direct clickable link.

https://au.entdigital.net/orderbooks/347a81

