



# OLW NEWS 2020

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Dear Parents & Families,

Thank you to everyone for your support and for the kind messages we have received over the past week. The purpose of this special newsletter is to reassure and inform families about what procedures will be in place should schools not reopen for students on Wednesday April 15, or if your child is remaining at home due to a medical condition, required isolation, or parent choice.

As you would be aware, that although Victorian Schools closed on Monday, the staff have been working at school preparing work for Term 2. At this point in time, the staff have now prepared schoolwork for the first 8 weeks of Term 2 in the event that some, or all students, may need to continue Learning from Home. So, what does Learning from Home look like?

A sample daily schedule for Prep is shown overleaf, however a similar structure is used right through to Year 6 so that families that have more than one child can set up their day and know what the school expectation is, and how the structure works. Children like routine and consistency so this has been built into our programs.

All work will be posted weekly on our School app (FlexiBuzz), and also on our School website under the Learning from Home tab at:

<https://www.olwkingsbury.catholic.edu.au/news-events/learning-from-home/>

The English and Maths activities will have website links to resources and activities. Each week there will be multiple activities from the IXL program. The school has registered your child to use this program for English and Maths and a text message with your child's login and password details will be forwarded to you on Tuesday April 14. Initially, we are requiring the child to revise activities from the previous year in order to reinforce their skills as we know that repeated

practice will lead to mastery. This will also allow them to become accustomed to using the program and should require limited adult assistance.

Staff will have access to their class IXL dashboard and will be monitoring the work undertaken daily. Through the dashboard they can see a 'Live' view of what activities the child is undertaking at any moment throughout the school day.

Students in attendance earlier this week were sent home with their stamina reading books (Years 1 – 6) and up to 5 additional books or novels, depending on the grade level. For students on Lexile (Years 3 – 6), they are now able to access additional books online. Login at:

<https://slz04.scholasticlearningzone.com/slz-portal/#/> then select Australia as the country, the school code remains the same – YXHF, then enter your usual Lexile username and password. You will then have access to the Literacy Pro Library and the Literacy Pro Quiz to complete at the end of reading the book. Students will also have a range of Religion, Inquiry, Specialist Program and Personal Interest Activities to complete throughout the week.

Each day, your child's class teacher will be available through online support from 9.00am – 3.30pm. Contact details will be included in each week's Learning from Home activities.





Classroom teachers will also be marking the role daily based on the English and Maths activities completed, and for Years 3-6, how frequently your child is completing the Literacy Pro Quiz. Please be aware that this 'attendance' and work completed will also form part of your child's Mid Year Report.

Currently, the planned first day of Term 2 for students is Wednesday April 15. Stay tuned to our app for updates.

Please keep safe and have a great Easter!

*Kevin Burke*

# PREP Learning from Home Schedule

Time	Activity	Expectations
Before 9:00 a.m.	<b>Wake Up Morning Chores</b> 	Wake up, make your bed, brush teeth, eat breakfast, pick up laundry and/or toys, tidy up your room, feed pets
	<b>Morning Exercise</b>	Yoga, Exercise video e.g. <i>GoNoodle</i> <a href="https://family.gonoodle.com/">https://family.gonoodle.com/</a>
9:00am - 10:30am	<b>ENGLISH Learning Time</b> 	Reading and Writing Activities: e.g. word flashcards, spelling practice, comprehension choiceboards, creative writing, English section in Year 3 – 6 Homework Contract books.
10:30am – 11:15am	<b>Creativity Time</b>	Crafts, Lego, drawing, play music, bake, cook
11:15am – 12:00pm	<b>Snack</b>	Eat snack and clean up afterwards
12:00pm - 1:00pm	<b>MATHS Learning Time</b> 	Practice automatic recall of basic number facts Complete today's Maths activity in from <b>Home Learning Activities</b>
1:00pm– 1:30pm	<b>Lunch</b>	Eat Lunch and clean up afterwards
1:30pm – 3:30pm	<b>Afternoon Learning Time</b> 	Online educational activities suggested on the OLV school website in 'New & Events' tab and 'Learning From Home', Inquiry learning, Choice Boards for Maths/English, Art, Futurescapes (Coding)
3:30pm – 4:30pm	<b>Peaceful Activity</b>	Physical Puzzles, Read, Nap, Play with pets/toys
4:30pm – 6:00pm	<b>Dinner</b>	Help set the table, eat dinner and clean up afterwards
6:00pm – 7:00pm	<b>TV</b>	Family time: TV shows, YouTube shows, Netflix, etc.
7:00 p.m.	<b>Ready for Bed</b>	Take a bath/shower, wash face, brush teeth, etc.