



OLW NEWS 2021

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Dear Parents & Families,

Thank you to everyone for your support of your children over the past week. We have seen some great engagement in learning and activities from our students as shown in this week's video compilation. Some of the photos are also included in this week's newsletter.

BOOK WEEK 2021

Book Week will be celebrated across Australia on August 21 - 27 this year. This year's theme is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'. As part of our celebration of Book Week, we are inviting all students to get dressed up as their favourite book character for this Friday's Google Meet sessions with their class. We would also love to have every family send in a photo of their child dressed up in their outfit to compile into our weekly video. Mrs H. will be joining the class meetings on Friday to present awards or prizes for each class in a range of categories such as 'Originality', 'Best Dressed', or 'Most Creative'. So get your thinking caps on be as creative as you like!



PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

As previously advised, Parent – Teacher Interviews will now be held online from today, Monday August 23, until Thursday, September 2.

The interviews are spread over a 2-week period so that staff can still conduct their daily online class sessions, as well as provide onsite supervision of students, attend to school meetings, plan and correct student work, and provide online classroom support. It is our usual custom to have the parents and the student attend the interview, but we are aware that some parents may be at work or away from their home or caring for others and may not be able to have their child with them for the interview. We understand the many complexities that families are currently working with, but would ask that if your child can't be part of the interview, that you share your child's successes with them once you are back at home.

Instructions for login are again attached to this newsletter and bookings are now open. The easiest way to register for interviews will be through our school app which takes you directly to the login page. Interviews will be held online using the platform Whereby platform. When you access our regular booking form, please ensure that you include an active and current email address. Depending on whether you use a smartphone or PC, you may receive a prompt after booking an interview to email your booking to yourself as shown below:

Parent bookings confirmed.

EMAIL BOOKINGS

Please select 'EMAIL BOOKINGS' as this will send you the video link for the interview in calendar form so that you can add this to your personal calendar. If you are using a smartphone, it will usually email you directly, without the prompt.

DAILY MEETINGS HAVE MOVED TO GOOGLE MEETS

As the Interview platform uses Whereby, we have now moved our classroom online daily sessions to the

Google Meet platform. Instructions on how to login to the Google Meet platform were forwarded to families on Friday and a video link has been included for those who would prefer to follow the video instructions.

We are now encouraging students to log into both the morning and the afternoon session to meet with their teacher and classmates to discuss their learning, as well as to prepare for our Book Week celebration on Friday.

MENTAL HEALTH SESSIONS FOR FAMILIES

From today, our School Counsellor Matthew Jones will be running two online sessions each Monday to support families during this time. These sessions are group sessions for parents to join in dialogue with Matthew as he presents strategies around some particular aspects that may be affecting families at the moment. These sessions are not structured as individual counselling sessions or group therapy, the sessions are designed to provide strategies, advice to support the great work of our families.

Session Times are:

10.30am – Year 3 – 6 Parents

11.30am – Year Prep – 2 Parents

August 23 Topic:

Strategies to assist with managing the household during lockdown

Sessions will be about 30 minutes in duration with time split between a presentation of information and discussion. We have structured the sessions around the junior school and the senior school as the content and discussion may be slightly different between the two levels. You are welcome to attend one or both sessions, and no pre-registration is required. Login details for the Sessions with Matthew are included in

this newsletter and are the same for each session, each week.

Families who are not able to make either of the session times due to work commitments will be able to access a pre-recorded version of the content from our OLW Learning Channel which will be uploaded each Wednesday. A link to access the video will be forwarded through SkoolBag once the video is uploaded.

WEEKLY PHOTOS

Don't forget that we are inviting families to send through some photos of their children engaging in their learning or activities over the week to be compiled into a weekly video. These are a great source of inspiration for other students, families and the staff. The video will be compiled each Friday morning, so if you can send your pictures through to either the classroom teacher or directly to me before Thursday evening, then they will appear in the that week's video compilation. Otherwise, they will be held over to the following week. Thank you to those who sent through some photos last week, we hope you enjoyed the video.

Stay safe and don't forget the Book Week dress up day on Friday!

Kevin Burke

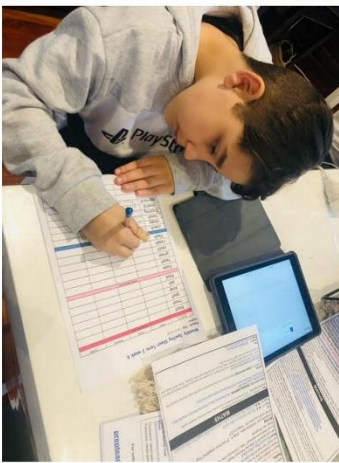
WORD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that elusive means 'difficult to find, catch, or achieve'.

Our word for this week is:

MYSTICAL

Find out it's meaning and origin and see if you can add this word to your vocabulary over the next week!



Week 6 Photos



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents,

Due to the lockdown extension, Parent-Teacher interviews will now be held over 2 weeks from **Monday August 23 until Thursday September 2** rather than holding a School Closure Day as previously planned for in September. **The interview will be conducted online using Whereby, with instructions and video link in your booking confirmation email.** The interview times available are designed around online Meet sessions, staff onsite supervision and online intervention programs.

Bookings can be made through the School Interviews tab on the SkoolBag main page, or you can go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au to enter the School Event code shown below.



Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code>

Enter THIS school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



Before you click finish, make sure that you select '**email booking information**' so that the link will be emailed to you automatically - *check your junk mail folder* if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited on each day. If a teacher feels that the interview requires further discussion, they will make alternative arrangements with you.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking.

Where possible, we would prefer that the student also be involved in the discussion. However, we are aware that some parents may not be at home at the time of the interview, so having their child with them may not always be possible. If you are in this situation, please make sure that you speak with your child when you are at home and celebrate their successes.



Google Meet

Sessions with Matthew

Meeting link: meet.google.com/jib-yhyo-hbt

Meeting code for iPad & tablet users: **jibyhyohbt**

Years 3 - 6	10:30am - 11:00am
Years P - 2	11:30am - 12:00pm