



OLW NEWS 2021

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Dear Parents & Families,

Thank you to everyone who helped their child to get dressed up as their favourite book character for last Friday's Google Meet sessions with their class to celebrate Book Week. Many families went to a great deal of effort to ensure that their child looked fantastic on Friday, and Mrs H. had a wonderful time joining in on the sessions and seeing the amazing creativity of our students and families.

SCHOOL FEES

School Fee Accounts are normally due to be settled by September. Please note that the due date has been extended again this year until November for families that may require additional time to settle their account. We are aware that some activities may not be able to go ahead when onsite schooling resumes and therefore accounts will need to be adjusted. We will have to wait for government guidelines on what activities schools can undertake once onsite schooling resumes, based on the level of restrictions for activities. For families that have already settled their account, they will receive a credit or refund for any activities not undertaken, depending on their year level.

NAPLAN 2021 RESULTS

Last week, ACARA and the Federal and State Governments released some preliminary NAPLAN results looking at the performance of each State and Territory. Some of the key findings were:

- The global COVID-19 pandemic has had no significant impact on students' literacy and numeracy achievement at the national or state/territory level.
- Victorian primary school students achieved the best NAPLAN results in the country this year, despite many spending more than 120 days learning from home since the pandemic started.
- Victorian Primary & Secondary Schools ranked 1st in all 5 assessment areas (*Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation, &*

Mathematics) in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9, with the only exception being Year 9 Writing, where the state was ranked 2nd.

These results are an unprecedented and outstanding achievement for all Victorian students, and show an amazing resilience amongst our students. They are also a testament to the hard work and dedication of teachers and parents who supported the students during learning from home. Well done to everyone on this amazing achievement!

The next phase of the process will involve the releasing of results digitally to schools later this week, and then the distribution of student NAPLAN reports to schools in September.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent – Teacher Interviews continue 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.

MENTAL HEALTH SESSIONS FOR FAMILIES

Matthew Jones, our School Counsellor, 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, they 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 30 Topic:

Keeping things 'normal' for children during lockdown

Meeting Link:

<https://meet.google.com/jib-yhyo-hbt>

We are aware that some devices had difficulty using this live link last week. We have reinstated the live link so you should be able to just click on it and go directly the meeting, however if you have any difficulty this week, just go directly to google Meet in your browser and enter the meeting code jib-yhyo-hbt and this will give you access to the session.

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, but you are welcome to attend either of the 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 make either of the session times due to work commitments will be able to access a pre-recorded version of the content from our OLV Learning Channel each Wednesday, by following the link which will be forwarded through SkoolBag.

WEEKLY PHOTOS

Don't forget to keep sending through some photos of your children engaging in their learning or activities over the week to be compiled into our 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 videos!

Happy Father's Day to all our dads!

Kevin Burke

WORD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that mystical means 'inspiring a sense of spiritual mystery, awe, and fascination'.

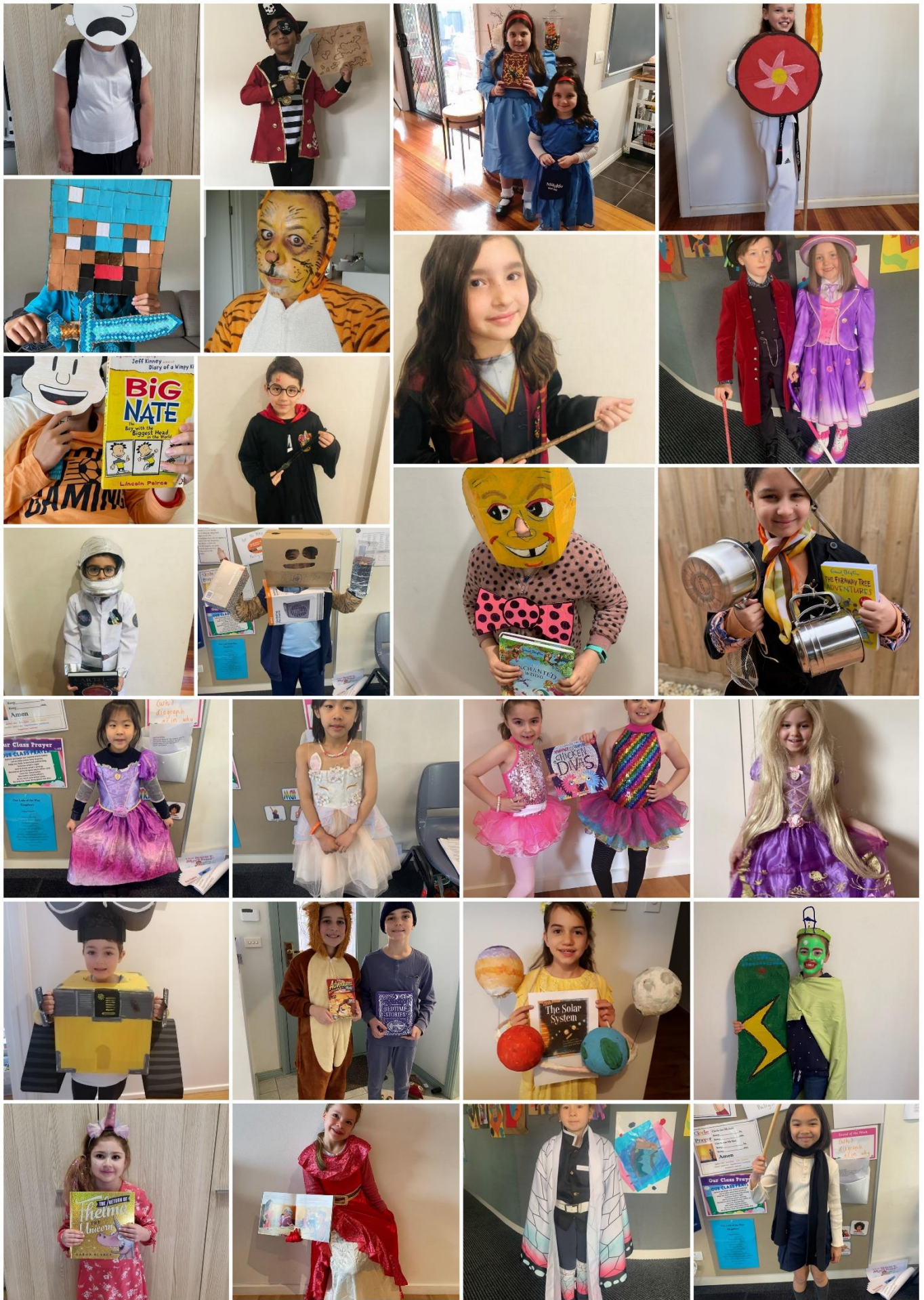
Our word for this week is:

GRATITUDE

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



Week 7 – Students @ Work & Play



Book Week Character Dress Up Day



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: <https://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

DAREBIN BASKETBALL

HOLIDAY CAMPS

From beginners to elite level players, the Darebin Basketball Association has camps suited to your needs.

- Professionally designed programs
- Fun learning environment
- Free T-Shirt and tones of prizes
- Guest coaches

DOMESTIC REGOS

Want to get started in the game of basketball. Register you and your mates into the Darebin Domestic teams and get playing.

- Local games every Saturday
- Free uniform (this season only)
- Getting active and learning the game
- Coach and player development
- Term 4 start



For more information please visit the
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