

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3 AND REMOTE LEARNING

Welcome back to term 3! Not quite the start we had all hoped for as I know that students, staff and parents had all hoped that school would return to some normality for term 3. Many of us anxiously watched the Covid figures over the holidays hoping the numbers would fall. Unfortunately the increase in Covid cases has forced the State Government to reimpose stage 3 restrictions for the Melbourne Metropolitan area, including Tyabb Primary School. This forced Daniel Andrews to announce that “For six weeks, and if you live in these areas, there’ll be only four reasons to leave your home: Shopping for food and essential items. Care and caregiving. Exercise. Work and study – if you can’t do it from home. Otherwise: Stay home. We are fighting a global and deadly pandemic.”

Unfortunately this has resulted in a return to remote teaching and learning with attendance at school limited to students when:

- Both parents are **at** work at the same time and are unable to make any other arrangements with family, friends or neighbours.
- You do not work from home. If you work from home, your children are to **stay at home**.
- You have no other alternatives to sending your child to school.

We thank parents for following these guidelines and supporting us with this, as the more students that are at school the more challenging it is for our teachers to support home learning. The more students and parents that are out and about travelling to and from school the harder it will be to contain the spread of the virus. The safest option is to stay at home unless you have absolutely no alternative. It is important that we reserve places at school for families that are still going to work often in professions that are essential to us in these challenging times. We thank you in anticipation of this ongoing support!

We appreciate that this news and the thought of going back to remote learning would have caused significant stress to many families. In many cases the thought of doing this again and reverting back to remote learning would have caused anxiety and frustration. Please know that we will help in any way possible. Do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or us at school if you or your child/children need help or you want to talk through your situation. It is important that we work together to support our children and get through this once again.

THANK YOU TO OUR TEACHERS AND ES TEAM

Last week, our teachers and aides spent the week planning and preparing for remote learning. They worked hard to put together work packs and planners to get our students started for the first two weeks. I thank our staff for putting these together at short notice and for organising and distributing the majority of them in one day. A huge effort. Special thanks to Cobi Davies and our ES staff—Kimberly, Jaye, Miriam, Narelle, Belinda, Kerry and Yas for manning the drive through and delivering to students and parents in cars—your were a ‘well oiled machine’.



DIGITAL DEVICES

We have been extremely fortunate to have received enough laptops from the Department of Education to provide a laptop to every child in years 3 – 6. I am sure there were many excited students when they opened their blue bags to discover a laptop. This will hopefully make remote learning much easier for both students and parents. The majority of these devices have been picked up but we still have a small number of spare ones available. First in best dressed! Please email the school at tyabb.ps@education.vic.gov.au if your child still does not have a device to use during remote learning.

Thank you to our computer tech Rohan Beckett for a huge effort in getting 240 devices ready with short notice. On behalf of our year 3-6 students—thank you!—we are extremely grateful for your support.

Please remember that these laptops are on loan from the Department of Education and must be looked after as they will be returned when our students come back to school.



With the sudden closure of the Flexibuzz App, our school has now introduced a new app called Flexischools. Owned by the same company, this App is easy to use and has the same features. We highly recommend that all parents download this APP as this will gradually become our main **communication platform**. Please refer to the flyer in the following pages for instructions on how to download.

MASKS

In line with advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has announced that those in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire must wear a face covering when they leave home from 11.59pm on Wednesday 22 July 2020. Face coverings will be mandatory for people aged 12 and over. These measures will slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) and help protect the community.

The Victorian Chief Health Officer has advised that any face covering will be acceptable – it does not need to be a surgical mask. For schools in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire all school-based staff must wear face coverings at school, and when travelling to and from school.

Teachers and education support staff will not be required to wear face coverings while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can. Teachers should wear face coverings in other areas of the school when not teaching and when travelling to and from school.

Students who attend primary school for on-site supervision will not be required to wear a face covering unless they choose to do so. Students who are aged 12 by Year 6 will not be required to wear face coverings as per government guidelines.

All adults coming on to the school grounds will be required to wear a mask this includes parents waiting to pick up their child outside of their car.

**THE STAFF AT TYABB PS
ROCK A FACE MASK!
YOU CAN EVEN SEE A
SMILE!**







We would like to congratulate our Assistant Principal Mikaela Earl, husband Dan and son Sol on the safe arrival of your daughter Gala Jade. Wishing you all the very best from all at Tyabb Primary.



School Communication through Flexischools App

With the sudden closure of the Flexibuzz App, our school has now introduced a new app called Flexischools. Owned by the same company, this App is easy to use and has the same features. This will become our **main communication platform** and will be used to send notifications. To keep up to date with the latest at school we highly recommend that all parents download this App.

Flexischools allows you to get information from the school in a matter of seconds, at any time of the day.

1. Download the Flexischools App

Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notifications.



2. Add your School and Group

Click on the search icon, enter your school name, select your school and year group, or groups relevant to you.

3. Login/Register

Click the '**Order now**' button located in the bottom right-hand corner of the app, this will open a login screen.

- **Already a Flexischools user** - Enter your details and login. To save your login details select 'remember me'.
- **New Flexischools user** - Click 'Register', enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email to set up your account. Once your account is set up, add new student; search for your school, enter student details and select their class.

Once registered, you can start getting communications immediately. If you have any questions, please contact the Flexischools Customer Service Team on **1300 361 769**, or you can contact them via their website. Or alternatively call the school office.

Remote Learning + Online platforms = Cyber Safety Awareness

With so many more of our students being able to access a device for their online learning, I thought it was important to remind families of ways they can protect their children when using the Internet. It is really good practise to remind your children that if they see anything on the screen that makes them feel uncomfortable to close the computer/turn the screen off and find an adult to help them. This is the process we encourage at school.

Here are 10 top tips to help protect your children online:

Build an open trusting relationship around technology by keeping communication open and supportive so your child knows they can come to you if something goes wrong or does not feel right online.

Co-view and co-play with your child online. This will help you better understand what they are doing and why they enjoy an app, game or website, as well as providing a great opportunity to start conversations about online safety.

Build good habits and help your child to develop digital intelligence and social and emotional skills — such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience — and practice being good online citizens.

Empower your child wherever possible, help them make wise decisions for themselves, rather than telling them what to do. Try to provide them with strategies for dealing with negative online experiences that will build their confidence and resilience.

Use devices in open areas of the home this can help you manage and be aware of who your child interacts with online through phones, tablets, smart TVs, gaming consoles and other connected devices.

Set time limits that balance time spent in front of screens with offline activities — a **family technology plan** can help you to manage expectations around where and when technology use is allowed — you could even fill in an Early Years **Family Tech Agreement**

Know the apps, games and social media sites your kids are using, making sure they are age-appropriate, and learn how to limit **messaging or online chat** and **location-sharing** functions within apps or games, as these can expose your child to unwanted contact and disclose their physical location.

For more advice **The eSafety Guide** includes information to help parents and carers choose safer apps and report and block unwanted contact and sexual approaches.

Check the privacy settings on the games and apps your child is using and make sure their profiles are turned on to the strictest privacy setting. Restrict who can contact your child or ask them to check in with you before accepting new friends.

Use available technologies to set up parental controls on devices that can filter harmful content, monitor your child's use and limit or block their time on connected devices or functions (e.g. cameras, in-app purchases).

Be alert to signs of distress and know where to go for more **advice and support**. Report harmful online content to eSafety at **[esafety.gov.au/report](https://www.esafety.gov.au/report)**.

Contact a free parent helpline or one of
the other many great online counselling
and support services for help. Kids,
teens and young adults can contact **Kids
Helpline** online or by phone on 1800 551
800 and the service also provides
guidance for parents.

Important Links:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/time-online>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/children-under-5/family-tech-agreement>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/good-habits-start-young>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/taming-technology>

<http://www.esafety.gov.au/report>

Art and artists at home

Senior and middle years' students were given the work of Mitchel Wu to view. He photographs toys in different setting and situations. If you do this activity, or any of the others I have set, I would absolutely love to see your photos. Let me know if you are happy to have your photo in the newsletter in your email.

Email me at

sharon.wright@education.vic.gov.au

Will created this amazing photo.





Rosie created some amazing single line drawings.

Harriet made some great faces.



Mae created some cool single line faces.



Blow out the candles,
wish away,
you are the
superstar of the day.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



July

PREP

Zachary
Mason
Jackson
Harry
Leah
Noah

GRADE ONE

Ellie
Jack
Hallie
Simone
Charlie
Will
Lachlan
Oliver
Mason

GRADE TWO

Dylan
Edward
Maisie
Lylah
Harrison
Harlee
Bryce

GRADE THREE

Tahlia
Lilly
Willow-Rose
Bailee
Kade
Alana

GRADE FOUR

Xander
Winter

GRADE FIVE

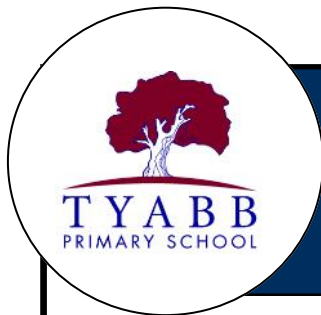
Chelsea
Tilly
Eliza

GRADE SIX

Georgia
Ryder
Charlie
Sharnie
Tom
Rohan
Ashlyn
Zahlei
Shaya

Week beginning 22nd June

PA	<i>Noah</i>	3A	<i>Murphy</i>
PB	<i>Oliver</i>	3B	<i>Harvey</i>
PC	<i>Jett</i>	4A	<i>Amelia</i>
1A	<i>Emeline</i>	4B	<i>Max</i>
1B	<i>Rinoa</i>	5A	<i>Aylah</i>
1C	<i>Ellie</i>	5B	<i>Lara</i>
2A	<i>Jack</i>	6A	<i>Lily</i>
2B	<i>George</i>	6B	<i>Matilda</i>
2C	<i>Heidi- Lee</i>	6C	<i>Taylah</i>



Community News



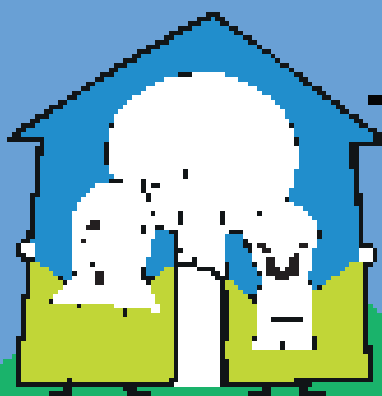
BLACKS CAMP PRESCHOOL, SOMERVILLE

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLD KINDER IN 2021

Register via Kindergarten Central Registrations, Mornington Peninsula Shire
Applications close August 2nd
For further information please call 5977 5050 or email blackscamp.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

Baxter Kindergarten and Children's Centre



Community run and minded, our kinder welcomes your enrolment enquiries for our 2021 three and four year old programs

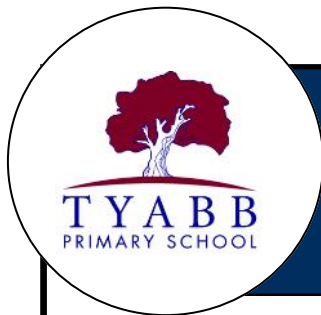
Contact us at:
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or phone 5971 1868

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www.baxterkindergarten.com.au

Find us on





Community News

OUR LIBRARY

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Schools Newsletter

Welcome back to term 3. As with schools we are operating differently yet again but still have so much to offer. Our doors may be closed but we have many ways to support and engage with young learners. Remember it is **FREE** to connect with us and if you are not a current member you can easily join here: <https://ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Join-Our-Library>

Every student deserves anytime, anywhere help

Studyosity is 24/7 on demand study help

You can connect to expert tutors from from home using your own device. All you need is a library card.

<https://ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Kids/Studyosity>

FREE 24/7

The Writing Feedback Service

This service offers constructive feedback on written work in less than 24 hours.

The 'Connect Live' Service

This service offers one-to-one personal help in real time. Students formulate a question, then work with a Subject Specialist in the interactive classroom.

Thoughtful Entertainment

Your library card gives you access to a huge range of movies, TV shows and documentaries for children. With unlimited streaming children are free to explore enriching, educational and entertaining content.

<https://mornpen.kanopy.com/>

kanopy kids

Competition time

Science Week Bookmark Design

To celebrate Science week this year we would like you all to get involved by designing a book mark with this years theme in mind ...

'Deep Blue: innovations for the future of our oceans'

For template and details visit: <https://ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Kids/BookmarkDesign>

Borrow, download and enjoy here

Your library phone app

What should I read next?

You can download and read or listen to a great range of books on your device. All you need is your library card. Our Top Picks are...

ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Kids/LibraryPicks

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You can submit your design by scanning and emailing it to us at: askalibrarian@mornpen.vic.gov.au

Please include name, age, school and contact details with your submission

Visit us at:

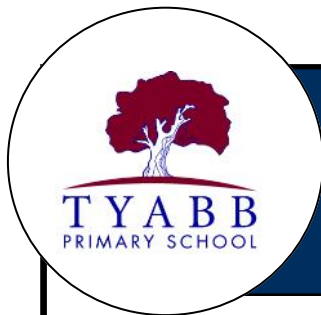
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ONLINE MANAGING EMOTIONS PROGRAMS FOR KIDS 4 - 12 YEARS

STARTS NEXT WEEK!

GO TO www.trinitykids.com.au FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND ENROLMENT.



Community News



Bendigo PiggySaver. Big features for little savers.

It's the perfect account to start your kids saving for the latest computer game, a new bike or for a rainy day.

Bendigo PiggySaver from Hastings & District **Community Bank**® Branch comes with a range of big benefits just for kids.

Drop into your nearest branch at 88 High Street, Hastings or phone 5979 2075 and start your big savings now with as little as one dollar.



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**School Banking - every Tuesday
(Bendigo Bank Piggy Saver)**

**Please remember to bring your
school banking into school on
Tuesdays.**

**Parents wanting to open up an
account for their child can attend
the Bendigo Bank Hastings branch
at 88 High St Hastings .**

**Please bring you child's Birth
Certificate and Medicare Card
along with you.**

Thank you

Hastings Bendigo Bank Team



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