



**ISSUE 19**  
**June 26<sup>th</sup> , 2020**

**Office Hours - 8:30am to 4:00pm - Monday to Thursday**  
**9:00am to 3.30pm – Friday**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** *Mon July 13<sup>th</sup> – Term 3 commences*

## *Dear Parents and Caregivers,*

What a Term 2 it has been! Today we have celebrated the last day of term with dress in your favourite colour day, electronics day and whole school tiggly. Everyone has worked so hard and been very adaptable this term and it is nice to finish in this positive way.

Yesterday student reports were sent home with the students. Please take the time to reflect on your child's achievements and celebrations with them, and to discuss areas for them to focus on for the second semester. If your child did not attend school yesterday, then their student report will be sent home via post.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Please enjoy time with your family and have a well earned rest. I have included a message to parents at the end of this newsletter from the Victorian Chief Health Officer with guidance and advice in relation to recent outbreaks.

## *Lunch Orders*

Lunch orders will continue to be available on Tuesdays next term. Ian will put a new winter menu up on the Facebook page so please look out for this.



## State Schools Relief Grants

State Schools Relief Grants are still available to our families as we are an area that has been impacted by bushfires. We have already advertised this grant but wanted to again, as we know many of our families have experienced loss of livelihood, loss of income/financial hardship caused by the bushfires. It has been a very difficult year for many and particularly those who work in hospitality or a tourism linked industry.

Families have 3 options for receiving the support package including uniform and school items. I would like to draw your attention to option 3 which is a contribution towards the purchase of a device to the value of \$500. This is a new option to support learning from home. There would need to be a parent co-contribution if the device costs more than \$500 but in some cases we will also be able to use some funds from the Camps and Excursions funds that are currently sitting in your school account.

If you are interested in applying, please contact the school office as there is a form to fill out. The school must purchase the device and then pass it on to your family. We may consider doing a bulk purchase if there are enough interested families. We will see who is interested and then go from there to see what families technology preferences are.

## Parenting Website

**Triple P online is now available for free to all Victorian families**

This online Positive Parenting Program is available via the link below.

<https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/vic-uken/triple-p/>



## Grade 5/6 Poetry

This week the Grade 5/6 students have been working on acrostic and shape poems. I have shared some of this amazing work below.

**Mine iron**

Iron for tools and armour

No rules in creative

Explore map

Create houses

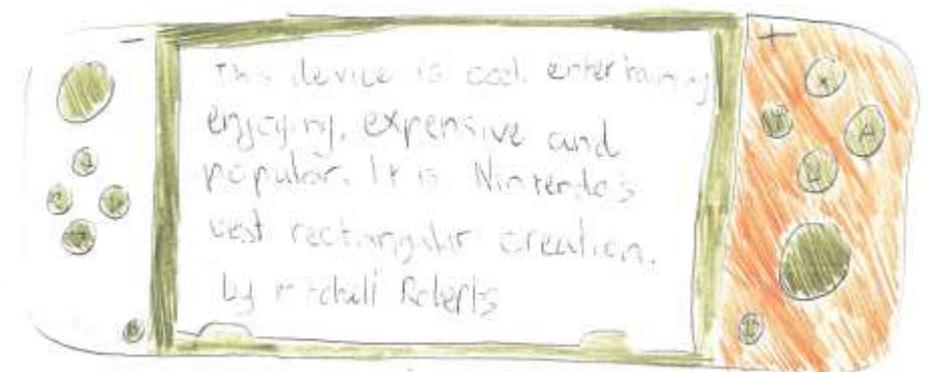
Redstone powers pistons and dispensers

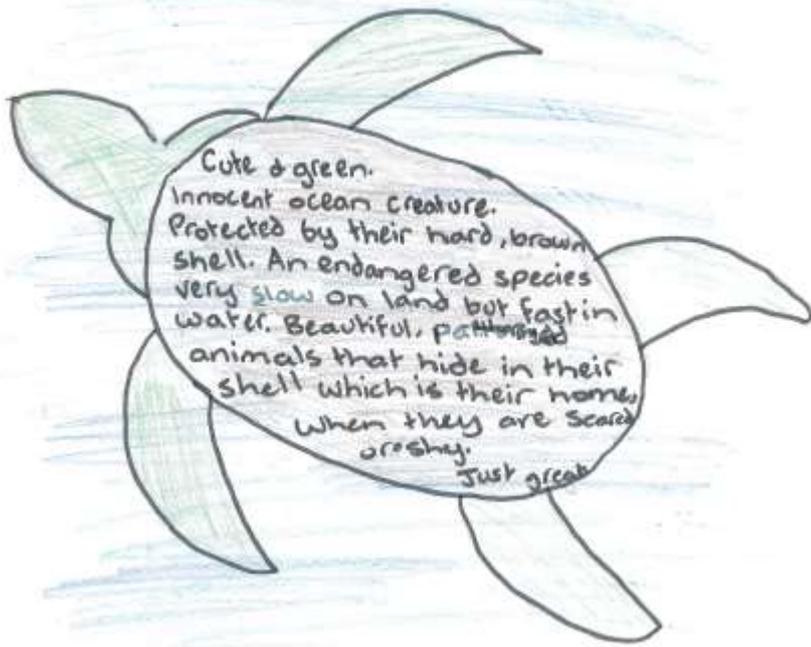
After death respawn

Fight mobs

TNT explosions

By Thomas





By Tom R

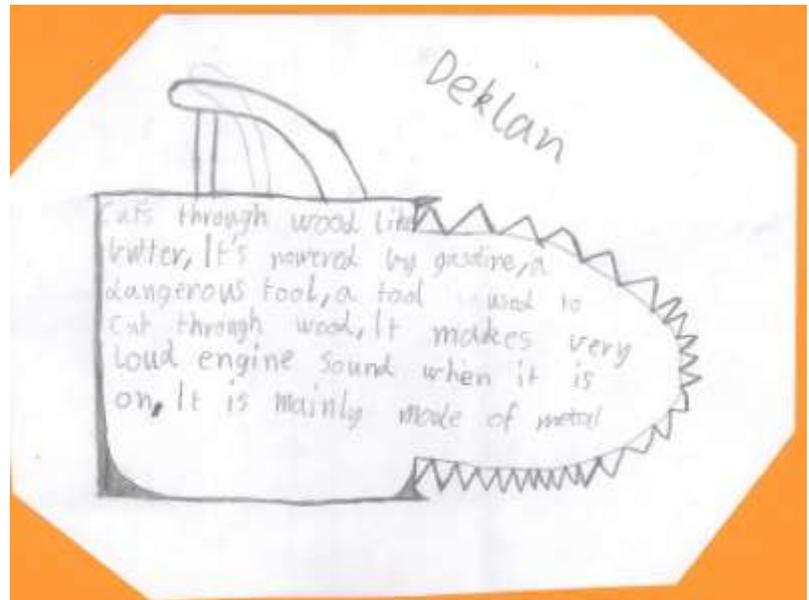
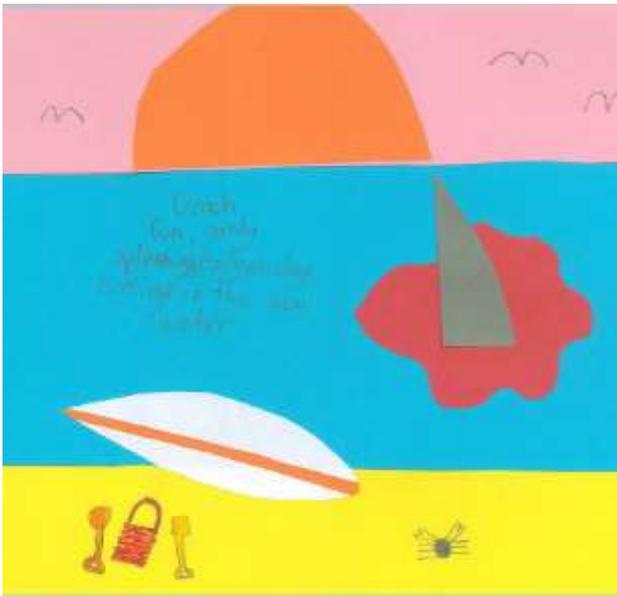
Bouncing the ball  
 Always trying to score  
 Shooting the ball  
 Keeping the intensity  
 Everyone playing basketball  
 Teamwork  
 Barking in the points  
 Actually the smallest  
 Living to play basketball  
 Love to play basketball

Individually practicing  
 Seeing the final score

Coming to guard the ball  
 On the ball  
 Once I scored 20 points  
 Lines can improve your performance

It's  
 fun to  
 build you  
 You  
 can only  
 build them  
 out of  
 snow  
 stick  
 arms

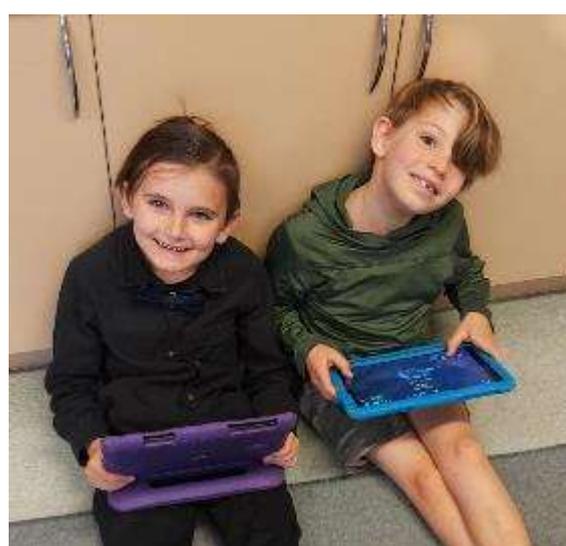




### *Beanie*

We are pleased to inform our School Community that a Paynesville PS beanie has been approved by our School Council. We have spoken with our supplier Nicks Bairnsdale and they are aiming to have these available for purchase from the second week of the school holidays. (July 6<sup>th</sup> onwards). They will be \$11.95 and are identified as part of the school uniform.





## *Electronics Day*

Our end of term 'Electronics Day' was well received by our students. Students worked exceptionally hard throughout the day to be able to have some time on their devices. Students were engaged in many different activities. We also saw students using the remote control cars in the courtyard during their 'Electronic Device time'. Thank you to families for enabling students to bring a device to school and participate in this activity.



## Victorian Chief Health Officer message to parents

I am writing to Victorian parents, carers and students today to seek every family's support in slowing the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Victoria.

As the school holidays approach, we can't ease up on looking after ourselves and our families. The only thing between us and a second wave is what we do next.

Wherever you go, please be mindful of the risks. Be aware others may be carrying the virus and practice physical distancing.

We are currently experiencing the highest case numbers we've seen in more than two months. Current evidence suggests that the rise in case numbers in Victoria is being driven by families having get-togethers and not following advice around physical distancing and hygiene.

Unfortunately, we are still in a pandemic and people's lives are still at risk. As we've seen across the world, this virus has the ability to turn a small number of cases into hundreds in a matter of days.

This is not where we want to be and we must all act now – while we can.

This is why we've had to implement a number of revised restrictions. The number of visitors you can have at your home is now reduced to five. Outside the home, families and friends can meet in groups up to ten.

### **This is how each and every member of the community can help:**

- **Stay safe while out in the community.**
- **Stay safe at home. And that means only seeing those you need to. Don't have big family gatherings and remember to keep your distance and maintain good hygiene.**
- **Don't share food or drinks.**
- **If you, or anyone in your family is feeling unwell – stay at home. Don't visit friends and family. Don't go on holiday if you are unwell and don't go to work. Don't send your kids to school, childcare or kindergarten if they are unwell - stay home.**
- **And if you have symptoms, get tested.**

The vast majority of Victorians are doing the right thing, but this is a wake-up call and we cannot be complacent.

It's up to all of us to keep our friends and families safe.

For current information and updates on coronavirus (COVID-19) visit the [Victorian Government's coronavirus website](#).

If anyone in your family has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, they should stay at home, seek advice and get tested. These symptoms include fever, chills or sweats, a cough, a sore throat, shortness of breath or runny nose, or loss of sense of smell or taste. For more information about where to get tested visit the [getting tested for coronavirus web page](#).

If you're concerned yourself or a family member has contracted the virus and need more information, please call the 24-hour coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398.

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Victorian Chief Health Officer