

Stage 1 Learning from Home Update for Week 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank parents of Stage 1 children for their ongoing support and thank them for keeping their children and the community safe by assisting with Learning from Home.

Over the past few weeks the Stage 1 team has continued to modify learning programs to suit the needs of students and families. We have simplified some learning activities and provided tasks that can be more easily managed independently. An element of choice has been included in reading and spelling activities which enables students to select how to demonstrate their learning. We have also tried to provide fun activities (such as the junk construction challenge and Fitness with Mr Cox) that gets children away from screens, encourages creativity and enhances gross and fine motor skills.

The introduction of 'Wellbeing Wednesday' has also led to a reduction in learning tasks for that day. Based on feedback from parents, we have further reduced the workload on Wednesdays so that all families can benefit from having a free afternoon.

Although these changes may assist families in completing school work, it is worth remembering that children of this age still have limited attention spans. This varies greatly between individuals and we encourage you not to compare your child's ability to complete work independently with others. If you feel that your child has had enough that day, or has lost interest in a particular activity, it is quite OK for you to give your child a play break and then move onto something else. You can let the teacher know via Google Classroom if you wish.

If you have concerns about any aspect of Learning From Home, I encourage you to speak with your child's teacher, who will be able to provide adjustments to the set work if necessary.

StudyLadder

Commencing in Week 8, teachers will also set mathematics work on StudyLadder. Your child's username and password was on the letter posted to you earlier this term - if you need assistance please contact your child's teacher. We will continue to set Mathletics tasks but these will be reduced in number as we begin to use StudyLadder. You can expect a total of 8 tasks a week - 4 on each platform. Please note that this is reduced due to the introduction of Wellbeing Wednesday.

Acknowledgement of Students' Efforts while 'Learning from home'

Currently, as you are aware we post feedback to students about their work. However, to further acknowledge their efforts, Stage 1 teachers have started to create and share on their Google Classroom a slideshow each week of students' work. The aim of this is to try and motivate children to put in their best effort when completing tasks for the week.

Have a nice weekend and Stay Safe!

Stage 1 Teachers