

Strathaird Primary School News

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Strathaird



Primary School

School Values

Respect

Honesty

Responsibility

Compassion

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Principal Page

Thank you to all of our Strathaird families for your support during the term. We wish you a happy and relaxing holiday break. Please be safe and take care if you are out and about, particularly on the roads. We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 26th April.

Thank
you
so
much!
😊

LAST DAY OF TERM

Tomorrow, Thursday 6 April, is the last day of school for Term 1 and school finishes at **2:30 p.m.** All students need to be picked up by **2.45 p.m.** Monday 24 April is a pupil free day for Staff Professional Learning. **School resumes on Wednesday 26 April** after ANZAC Day.

EASTER BONNET PARADE TOMORROW

Students have been busy making and decorating hats and bonnets for the Easter Bonnet Parade on the basketball courts from 9.15 a.m. tomorrow morning. Parents are welcome to attend.



STAFFING

Sadly, we farewell two of our Teachers tomorrow. Meagan McKneil and Kristen Thorn have both been at Strathaird for over 10 years and are transferring to other schools. Both are outstanding, highly skilled and passionate Teachers who care deeply for the learning and wellbeing of their students. Both are wonderful colleagues who we will miss very much. We thank them for their outstanding contributions to our school and wish them all the very best for the future. ❤️

A big thank you to Kalani and Bentley from Year 1 who kindly made beautiful Easter Bonnets for Mr Fleming and I

YEAR 6 CAMP

On Wednesday 22-24 March, Year 6 students attended camp at The Briars in Mt Martha. They were able to participate in a range of challenging, fun activities and a highlight was a visit to the Astronomical Society where they were able to view the universe through sophisticated, high tech telescopes. The Year 6 students were a fantastic group to have on camp, we are so proud of them. A very big thank you to Meagan McKneil, who did an incredible job organizing and leading the camp. A big thank you also to Shane Kelly, Tyson Zimmerle, Kristen Thorn, Litza Waters, Kerri Giles and Corey Fleming who went on camp. Without our wonderful staff volunteering to go on camp, we would not be able to provide these valuable opportunities. Thanks so much to you all.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2024— THIS IS A NEW PROCESS, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

This is a new Statewide process set out by the Victorian Government with clear guidelines and timeframes for enrolling students who commence Prep (Foundation) in 2024

Our School Office are available to help and support you with any part of the process.

1. Download the '[Foundation \(Prep\) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents/Carers.](#)'
2. **For a parent whose first child is starting Prep**—Use [Find my School](#) to locate your local school (designated neighbourhood school) and other nearby government schools. Parents need to be aware of their local zoned school (DNS). **Parents have the choice to seek enrolment at Strathaird Primary School, even if our school is not their local school. Places will be allocated by the Principal according to the School's Placement policy.**

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PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2024 - CONTINUED

3. *For a parent whose first child is starting Prep OR a parent who already has children at our school*—Contact the school to book a school tour or to learn more about the school and the enrolment application process. The school will provide you with the form to complete.
4. Submit the enrolment application form for Foundation (Prep) by **Friday 28 July 2023**.
5. You will be notified of the outcome of your application by **Friday 11 August 2023**. If you receive an enrolment offer, you should accept the offer by **Friday 25 August 2023**.
6. Take part in enrolment information and transition sessions during **Term 4, 2023**.
7. Your child will start Foundation (Prep) from **Tuesday 30 January 2024**.

Enrolment applications submitted after 28 July 2023 will be processed by the school as they are received, in accordance with the Department of Education's Placement Policy.



A CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

The Years 3-6 playground is going in over the holidays as well as the rubber surface.

Our oval is about to have irrigation and the top soil laid in preparation for seeding and grass growth over the coming months.

Boards made from sustainable materials are about to be applied to the Eco-Cabin and Eco-Cubby, as well a range of internal work taking place..





School Values



Awards

Congratulations to the following Students who received the **Respect Award**

Prep A	Doris
Prep A	Husni
Prep B	Sabella
Prep B	Laibah
Prep C	Ava
Prep C	Brooklyn
Prep D	Issy
Prep D	Samera
1A	Emerald
1A	Mehria
1B	Elektra
1B	Marwa
1C	Baneen
1D	Zahra
1D	Amon
1E	Priscilla
1E	Lily
1F	Riyansi
2B	Hamza
2B	Yevin
2C	Laveena
2C	Karanvir
2E	Samira
2E	Ali Waris

3A	Ali-Sina
3B	Feriba
3B	Sibtain
3C	Meena
3C	Saza
3D	Blake
3D	Aliyah
4A	Ashley
4A	Murtaza
4B	Samir
4B	Daksha
4C	Josephine
4C	Haya
4D	Rahmat
4D	Zainab
5B	Tyga-Li
5B	Jasmine
5C	Yalda
5C	Arham
5D	Kalen
5D	Emily
5E	Roman
6A	Jamie
6A	Apoorvi
6B	Esther

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TERM 2 2023 - DATES TO REMEMBER

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
APRIL	3 Prep Happy Being Me Incursion	4	5 \$ due Cross Country	6 Last day of Term 1- 2.30pm finish Easter Bonnet Parade @9.15am	7 Good Friday
	24 First Day Term 2 No Students PPD Day for Staff	25 Anzac Day - No School - Public Holiday	26 Students Return 9am Start Gr 5 Camp Deposit Due	27 \$ Due District Cross Country	28 3-6 Assembly Gr 6 Aquatics Jnr Electives
MAY	1 \$ Due Gr 1 Mad Science Incursion	2 \$ due Gr 3 Healesville Excursion	3 District Cross Country Gr 4 Camp Forms Due	4 Gr 1 Mad Science Incursion Last day to pay Mothers Day Stall QKR	5 P-2 Assembly \$ Due Gr 5/6 Hooptime Snr Electives
	8 Mothers Day Stall	9 Mothers Day Stall Gr 3 Healesville Excursion School Council 7pm	10 Extra Mothers Day Stall at recess	11	12 3-6 Assembly Jnr Electives
	15 All Stars 5/6 Hooptime	16	17	18	19 P-2 Assembly Snr Electives
	22	23	24 Instal #1 due Gr 5 Camp	25 Gr 5/6 Rookie Hooptime	26 3-6 Assembly Jnr Electives
	29	30	31 Gr 4 Camp Divisional Cross Country		
JUNE				1 Gr 4 Camp	2 P-2 Assembly Snr Electives Gr 4 Camp
	5	6	7	8	9 Curriculum Day - No School
	12 Queens Birthday - Public Holiday - No School	13 School Council Meeting 7pm	14	15	16
	19	20 House Athletics Day Gr 4-6	21 Instal #2 due Gr 5 Camp	22	23

Student of the Week



Prep A	Enosh	For excellent work during Phonics lessons.
Prep A	Kainat	For making good choices in the classroom.
Prep B	Bradley	For working hard in writing lessons and using sounds to complete your work.
Prep B	Shayan	For working hard to contribute during lessons.
Prep C	Emi	For trying extra hard in phonics lessons
Prep C	Dariosh	For always being helpful
Prep D	Kylie-Jane	For making good choices in the classroom.
Prep D	William	For working hard and trying his best in all learning tasks.
1A	Selena	For being a responsible and helpful member of our class!
1A	Cooper	For working extra hard on his reading at school and at home!
1B	Musa	For working hard to complete your homework and creating beautiful writing.
1B	Zohra	For being a kind and helpful member of our class.
1C	Ariella	For being kind and helpful to her class members.
1C	Hunter	For working hard and trying his best in all learning tasks.
1D	Jowakou	Terrific reading this week
1D	Atrina	For always following the rules and teacher's instructions.
1E	Johanna	For including more detail in her writing.
1E	Liam	For working hard to 'read like he talks'.
1F	Ramin	For his hard work in reading
1F	Ava	For using interesting words in her writing
2A	Liana	For beautiful expression when she is reading,
2A	Seth	For taking responsibility for his actions.
2B	Prathna	For being kind and helpful to her classmates
2B	Riley	For trying so hard to improve his writing and his concentration during learning sessions.
2C	Sana	For her amazing story about the mushroom
2C	Armin	For putting his best effort into all of his work
2E	Arman	For concentrating and working hard during reading lessons.
2E	Austin	For developing an entertaining story about his friends and pugs.

Specialists

Auslan	3B	For creating interesting colour flags of the world	
Auslan	2A	For singing and signing in harmony Sign and Rainbow!	
PE Junior	1G	Great skills in Block Soccer	
PE Senior	3A	For displaying great listening skills!	
PE Senior	4A	Always trying their hardest!	
Sustainability	1C	For terrific work when learning about what living things need to survive and remain healthy.	
Sustainability	2D	Fantastic work in the garden!	

Student of the Week



3A	Charlene	Wiseno	for always displaying our school values.
3A	Charlotte	Pappas	for her fantastic story retell.
3B	Eva	Hines	for always being a positive role model to her peers.
3B	Sarah	Ashori	for growing in confidence when writing about our topic
3C	William	Chamberlain	For helping others in the classroom.
3C	Sofia	Fuiava	For her effort with all her work this week. Well done!
3D	Macoy	West	For your work in reading this week.
3D	Azeta	Haidari	For her hard work in Reading.
4A	Sara	Fayazi	For always being a positive role model for her peers!
4A	Selini	Kalpage	
4B	Amelia	McNeilly	For her positive, cheerful attitude in the classroom.
4B	Lazarael	Tafea-Alosio	For actively participating in classroom discussions.
4C	Elise	Yiap	For being a good and friend and always helping others.
4C	Arfan	Mirzayee	For his enthusiastic approach to all learning activities.
4D	Mia	Trinh	Having a go and answering questions. Well done!
4D	Lee	Le	Answering questions and participating in activities. Well done!
5A	Hope	Ryan	For displaying a bubbly and positive attitude throughout each school day!
5B	Liam	Sutherland	For always having a go and always doing his best. Well done Liam!
5B	Lincoln	Franklin	For his spectacularly creative bonnet!
5C	Gifre	Taing	For always being a good friend.
5C	Isla	Bosch	For working so hard on adding your fractions with different denominators together.
5D	Ellaha	Alizada	excellent effort to create a picture story book using different forms of visual literacy.
5D	Shimar	Johal	For an fabulous effort with your picture story book and for being a wonderful member of the class.
5E	Roman	Hines	Always approaching all learning experiences with a positive attitude. Well done Roman!
6B	Ashlynn	Tuckey	your enthusiastic attitude on camp. It was wonderful seeing you give everything a go!
6B	Zeki	Francois	Your enthusiastic and happy attitude on camp. It was wonderful seeing you give everything a go!



Grade 6- Briars Camp

On Wednesday 22nd-24th March, Year 6 students attended their long awaited final, Primary School camp! The Briars, located in Mt Martha on the Mornington Peninsula was the ultimate setting for beautiful weather and the ultimate adventure! They took risks, explored the universe at the Astronomical Society; through massive high tech telescopes and demonstrated amazing teamwork and encouragement when participating in some of the amazing activities. Their outstanding behaviour and comradery made the camp an amazing experience for all students and staff in attendance!

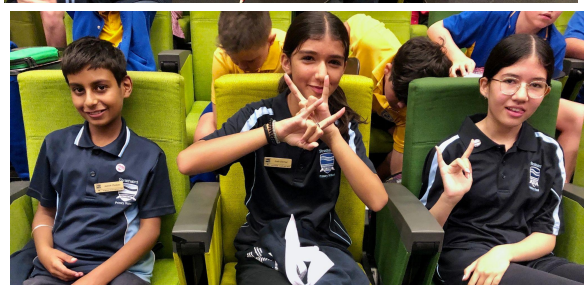


SCHOOL LEADERSHIP NEWS

On Tuesday March 25th Mr Fleming and Mrs Gilligan took our School Captains and School House Captains to the city to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference. Children met the teachers at the Berwick railway station and took the train to Southern Cross station. From here there was a short walk up to the Melbourne Convention Centre where they joined another 2000 students. The conference presented children with many games, activities and information towards adapting characteristics towards becoming a successful leader.

Games played, information given and challenges set were lots of fun and also got children mixing with other students from other schools.

Hopefully our captains can use the knowledge gained from the conference for their own personal Leadership qualities as well as developing an exciting project for our school later in the year.





GRADE 2 COOKING

Over the next 2 weeks the Grade 2 children are participating in a cooking activity, using some of the produce in the vegetable garden. The students were involved in digging up potatoes a few weeks ago and now they are making a potato salad and a mixed salad using beans, cherry tomatoes, chives and spring onions from the garden.

2E did a great job washing, cutting, grating and chopping their vegetables and mixing them all together for some very popular salad.



Advertising



Billabong Bliss Art studio
HOLIDAY PROGRAM
APRIL 12 & 19

Scan Qr code to register



Activities

- Art Games
- Painting
- Creative Construction

This program is run by an experienced Primary School art teacher. Register before April 1st for the early bird price!

10-12pm Serathaird Family Community Centre Narre Warren South

For more information:
 **0425 851 820**



Billabong_Bliss_Art_Studio

Earth Hour

On Thursday 23rd March 2023 Strathaird Primary School participated in Earth Hour.

All of our classes turned the power off from 2:00pm to 3:00pm and our school made an enormous saving of 520kw.

This saving is equivalent of running:

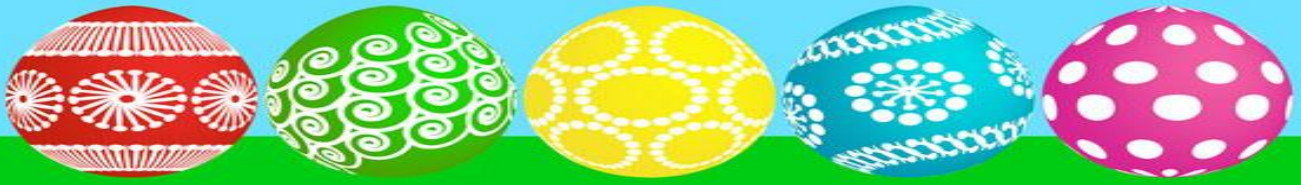
- 119 washing machines for an hour!
- 125 air conditioners for an hour!
- 1000 fridges for an hour!
- 503,446 ipads for an hour!

This goes to show the impact we can all have when making small changes at home and at school.

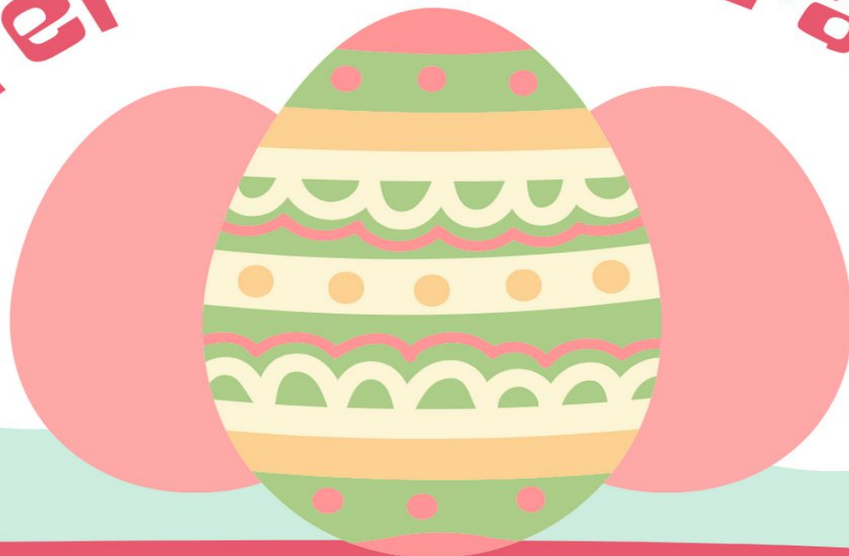
Congratulations also to the families that participated in Earth Hour on Saturday 25th March.

Making changes that help our Planet are important for us all.

Special Events



You're invited to the Strathaird PS
Easter Bonnet Parade



Thursday 6th April
9:15am
Basketball Court



In the last 2 weeks of Term 1 students will create an Easter Bonnet/decorated hat for the parade during class time. We kindly ask no hats made from home are brought in. However, we do need your help!

If your child has any great craft supplies that they would like bring in from home to use for their bonnet they are welcome to or if you have an excess supply you want to bring in for your child's class. If you don't have any at home, some supplies will be available for each class to use.

If you have donated craft supplies, please hold on to them until March 27th.

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 24 March 2023

What an awesome turn out for Ride2School Day this year. Thank you to all the students & families who rode/scooted/walked to school. It was great to see so many families all riding & walking together and younger siblings participating.

This year we had 201 students who rode, scooted or skated to school. 205 students who walked.

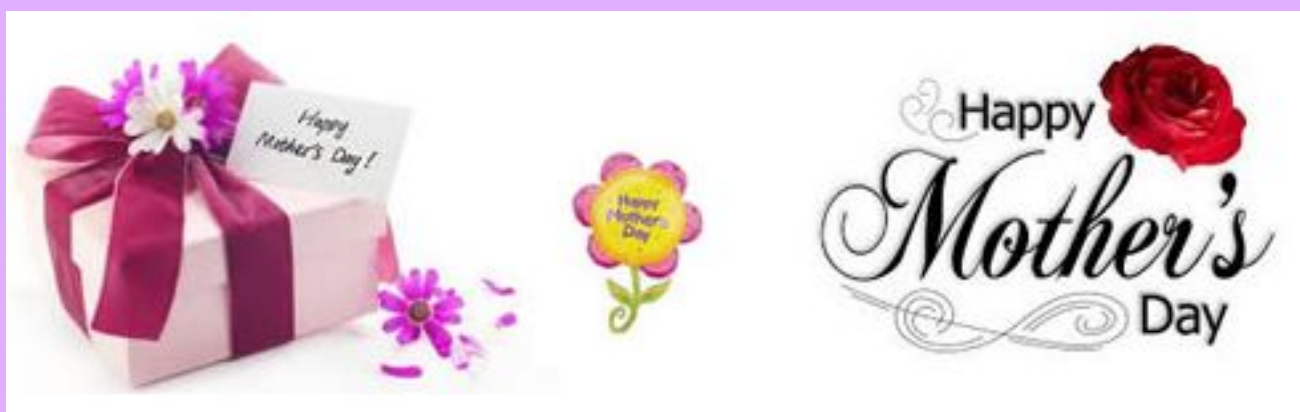
Although it isn't possible to do every morning, where possible we encourage you to get active and participate in either walking, riding, scooting or doing it part the way to school.



Mothers Day/Child Safety

Mothers Day Stall

We will be holding our Mothers' Day stalls on Monday 8th May and Tuesday 9th May. We have selected some wonderful gifts for the students to purchase. Payments can be made on QKR up until the 4th May. Gifts are \$3 each. If you would like to help on the day, please email the school on strathaird.ps@education.vic.gov.au



Child safety and wellbeing at Strathaird Primary School information for families and the school community

The Victorian Government has announced new Child Safe Standards to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Strathaird Primary school has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view on the school website on: www.strathairdps.vic.edu.au

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact

Julie Kennedy
Strathaird Primary School Principal



From the Admin

Changes to permission forms and payments in 2023

This year we are aiming to go as paperless as possible with our parent communications and permission forms for excursions, incursions and activities.

What does this mean for me as a parent?

*Permission forms for excursions and incursions will now be completed digitally on the Sentral for Parents App.

*Paper copies will no longer be sent home, so it is important that at least one parent in each family has access to the Sentral for Parents app and that you have **NOTIFICATIONS** turned on.

***Sentral for parents will have a strict due date and no late permissions can be given once an event is closed.**

*Payments can still be made on the **QKR app (preferred)**, with EFTPos at the office or with cash, however cash payments for excursions and incursions can no longer be sent via the classroom teacher.

*All cash payments need to be made at the office between 8.30 - 8.50am OR afterschool.

*CSEF can still be used for activities. We aim to notify families of their CSEF balance on the newsfeed of the Sentral for Parents App. (this used to be handwritten on the permission forms). If you need to check your CSEF balance at any time, please contact the office via phone or email.

The office staff are happy to help you with access to the app, Sentral access keys, questions about how it works etc. We also have an ipad in the office that parents can use if you do not have access to the internet at home.

A reminder that we do not keep change in the office, so if you wish to pay cash, please make sure that you have exact money.

Are your details up to date?

Have you changed your home address, mobile numbers or work details?

Do you have a new parent email address?

Do you need to change your emergency contact details?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please email the school office strathaird.ps@education.vic.gov.au and we will update the information on file.

Sentral for Parents App

The **Sentral for Parents** app allows families to:

- view academic reports
- explain past and upcoming student absences
- view calendar events
- book parent/teacher interviews
- receive sick bay notifications
- view school newsletters

as well as receive real-time notifications and messages from the school



Instructions for accessing the Sentral for Parent App

1. **Download** the 'Sentral for Parents' app. Depending on your device, visit either the Apple App Store, or the Google Play Store.
2. **Search** for Strathaird Primary School. Tap Next.
3. **Sign in** using your Sentral username (your registered email address) and password (that you created when Registering). Tap Log In.
4. You are now ready to start using the app.

If you have never registered on Sentral:

1. Click register here to register a new account. It will ask you to create a user name and password. Enter your email address as your username and create your own password. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified in order to continue.
2. Once verified, log back into the app and use the access key provided by the school to link to your child's details. *The access key will be created for you once your child is attending.*

For a quick overview on how to access the Parent Portal, please watch this short video.

<https://vimeo.com/sentraleducation/review/431752138/968dcb15a8>

If you have questions about using the app, or need some extra help then please browse the list of FAQs at

<https://info.sentral.com.au/new-app-getting-started> or contact us for assistance.



Important Parent Resources

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources
www.education.vic.gov.au/protect



Attendance

Please ensure your children are at school on time. Students should be at their class by 8.50am ready to begin class by 9am.

If your child is absent, please notify the school through the Parent Portal on Sentral or call the admin on 9705 3800.

Every Minute Counts

Minutes late each school day	Days lost
5 minutes	• 3 days lost
10 minutes	• 6.5 days lost
15 minutes	• 10 days lost
20 minutes	• 13 days lost
30 minutes	• 19 days lost

But I was only a BIT late?



In a school Year

Top 5 online safety tips for kids

1

Set up your device to protect your information.

2

Explore safely & tell an adult if you see anything online that makes you feel yuck.

3

Limit who can contact you when you're playing games.

4

Stop all contact with anyone online who asks you to do anything you don't want to do. Report and block them.

5

Ask for help if anything online is bothering you.



How to report cyberbullying material

1

Report the cyberbullying material to the social media service



2

Collect evidence
copy URLs or take screenshots of the material



If the content is not removed within 48 hours apply steps 3 and 4

3

Report it
esafety.gov.au/report



4

Block the person and talk to someone you trust



If you are in immediate danger, call 000 (triple zero)
 If you need to talk to someone, visit kidshelpline.com.au or call them on 1800 55 1800, 24 hours a day 7 days a week

Make good choices



Why do you like it?



Use devices near a grown-up



Time's up

Make good choices

Help children to think about the content they watch and how to manage their time on screens.

Message 1: Why do you like it?

Choosing to say kind things when connecting online is a life-long skill that can help prevent cyberbullying later on. The screen image can be a stimulus to discuss the types of things you should do when video calling, like saying hello with a smile.

Message 2: Use devices near a grown-up

Children need to be aware that digital technologies should be used with a grown-up nearby and in a shared space. Children should get used to the idea, from an early age, that devices should not be used in bedrooms.

Message 3: Time's up.

It is important to discuss with children how they will know when it's time to turn devices off and how they will transition to another activity.

Key questions when discussing this poster could include:

- What do you like to play on devices? What makes you like it?
- Where are these people using devices? Where are you allowed to use them?
- Have you ever been told you have been playing on a device for too long? How do you feel when that happens? What do you usually do?

Be safe



Play with the games and apps that are yours



Only talk with people you know



Some things should be kept private

Be safe

Help children understand personal information and how it can be protected.

Message 1: Play with the games and apps that are yours.

Devices should be set up so children know which content is for them and that other games, programs or apps may not be suitable for them. The screen image shows the folder where the little girl can find the games and apps just for her use.

Message 2: Only talk with people you know.

This picture reminds children that they should only video call when a grown-up is helping them, and only speak to people they know.

Message 3 - Some things should be kept private.

In this picture the boys are creating an avatar with their Grandad. Avatars can be a practical way of showing children how they can keep their real name and identity private by creating a character to represent themselves in games.

Key questions when discussing this poster could include:

- Do you play on your Mum or Dad's phone, tablet or computer? Do you have a special place for your games and apps? How do you know what is yours?
- Do you talk on the computer to your friends and family? Who helps you?
- Why do you think the boy in the last picture looks confused? If you were going to create an avatar for yourself what would it look like? Why?

Be kind



Say kind things



Take turns



Ask before you take a photo

Be kind

Teach children to be kind and respectful in digital contexts.

Message 1: Say kind things

Choosing to say kind things when connecting online is a life-long skill that can help prevent cyberbullying later on. The screen image can be a stimulus to discuss the types of things you should do when video calling, like saying hello with a smile.

Message 2: Take turns

Taking turns is a good way of managing time on screens and building self-regulation skills. The child in the background of this picture is sad because they have been left out of the game.

Message 3: Ask before you take a photo.

The little boy is taking a photo of himself with his family. The screen image depicts another time when he is asking his family if they would like to be in the photo.

Key questions when discussing this poster could include:

- Have you ever called your family or friends on a computer or tablet like the people in the first photo? What do you think they are saying? How do you know?
- Why do you think the boy in the middle photo looks sad? What could they do to stop him feeling sad?
- Do you always ask someone if it is OK to take their photo before you take it? Why?

Ask for help



Tell a grown-up



Check before you tap



You won't get in trouble

Ask for help

Teach children to ask a trusted grown-up for help with any issue using digital technologies.

Message 1: Tell a grown-up.

It is really important for children to know that if something makes them feel worried, scared or sad when they are using a device they should tell a grown-up.

Message 2: Check before you tap.

Before children use a device, they should ask a grown-up. The picture shows the little boy asking if he can play a new video he has not seen before.

Message 3: You won't get in trouble.

When children are playing with digital technology often things happen that they didn't expect. It can be the same for grown-ups too! Children need to know that if something unexpected happens, they should tell a grown-up. They should be assured that the grown-up will know it was important for the child to share the problem even if it happened because they made a mistake.

Key questions when discussing this poster could include:

- Have you ever seen something that made you feel worried, scared or sad when you were playing on a tablet? Who would you tell? What do you think they would say?
- Who do you ask before you play, watch or tap on something new on a device?

Our Vision Statement and Mission

VISION STATEMENT AND MISSION

To empower students to strive for personal achievement, embrace challenges and develop the skills and values that enable them to become lifelong learners and engaged responsible citizens in an ever changing global society.



School Values Awards



We value Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Compassion.

Honesty – We are truthful in what we say and do, people can rely on us and trust us.

Respect – We value peoples worth and qualities and treat them in a polite and friendly manner.

Responsibility – We make good choices and are accountable for our actions.

Compassion– We care about others, we treat them with kindness and we help people when they are in need.

Our school motto is: Success, Pride, Self Esteem, chosen by school council as fitting attributes that reflect our underlying values.

HOW WE ENACT OUR VISION STATEMENT AND MISSION

School Council provide Governance and direction through School Policies, the school's Strategic Plan and the implementation of that plan through the Annual Implementation Plans. The philosophy of our curriculum delivery is based on our vision statement and mission. We promote our values across the school and include specific presentations on values through whole school assemblies.

Extra curricula activities during lunch time include: library time gardening, music/choir, Years 2 sports fun, chess for grades 3, 4 and grade 5 and 6 and camps, are all aimed at developing this philosophy.

