



# Broadford Primary School

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*Respect*

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*Life long learning*

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Term 2, Week 3 Friday, 30th April 2020

A word from Mrs Cooney.....

## **We're All In This Together!**

I hope that your week has gone well and you are getting into the swing of learning from home. Please remember that **we are all in this together**.

Our staff, like many of you are adjusting to working from home, while also juggling home learning for their own children so we do understand how hard this can be.

I am incredibly proud of the work our teachers are doing as we adapt to our new learning environment. As well as working from home, we also have teachers who are at school supervising students of essential workers while also catering for the needs of their class. We appreciate your ongoing support and with this in mind please understand that teachers will respond to emails as soon as practical amidst their other responsibilities.

If you are having difficulty contacting your child's teacher please email the school at [broadford.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:broadford.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) or myself at [cooney.jennene.j@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:cooney.jennene.j@edumail.vic.gov.au).

The most important thing at this time is your family and their wellbeing. If you feel you or your child are struggling with the workload, ask your child's teacher what the most important parts of the learning are.

Be gentle on yourself and be kind to yourself. We know and understand that you are doing the best you can.

A special thank you to our student leaders, Bailey, Cloe, Mitchell and Ava for the amazing ANZAC Day presentation they made for us. Even though we couldn't meet together as we traditionally do they ensured we were still about to commemorate the day as a school community – thank you.

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## BPS Staff Meeting Via Webex

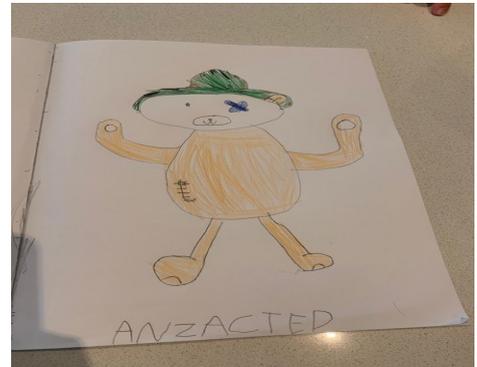
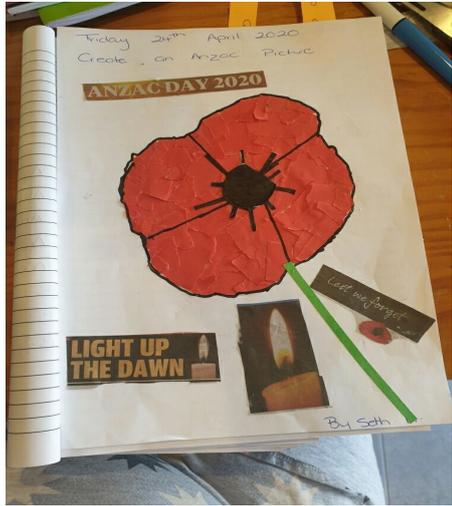


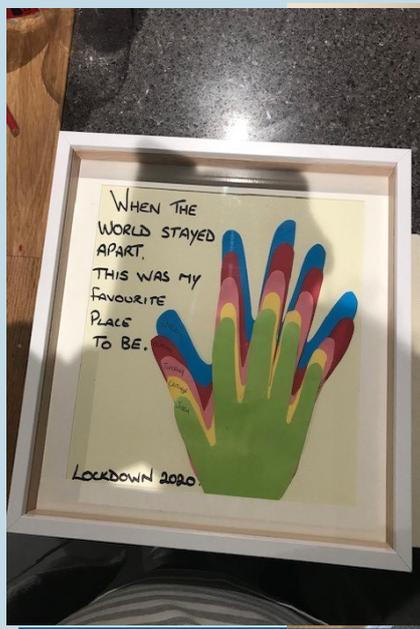
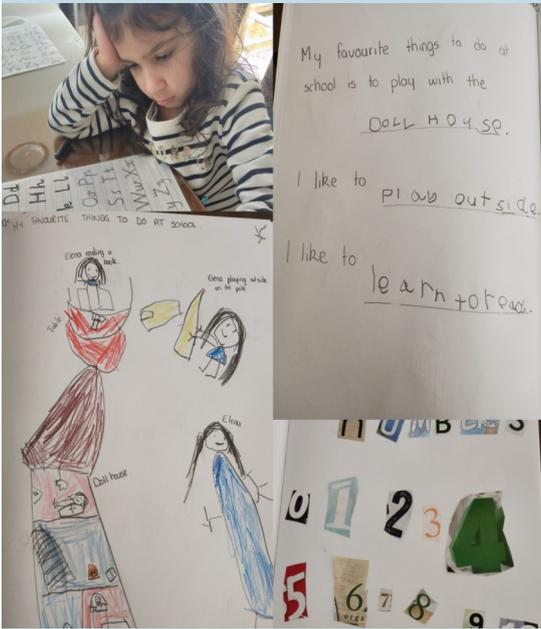
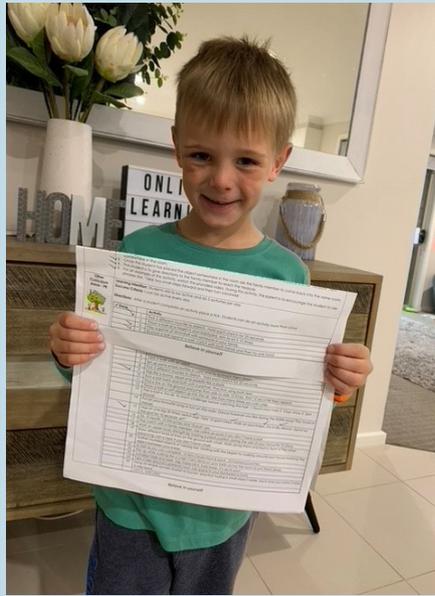
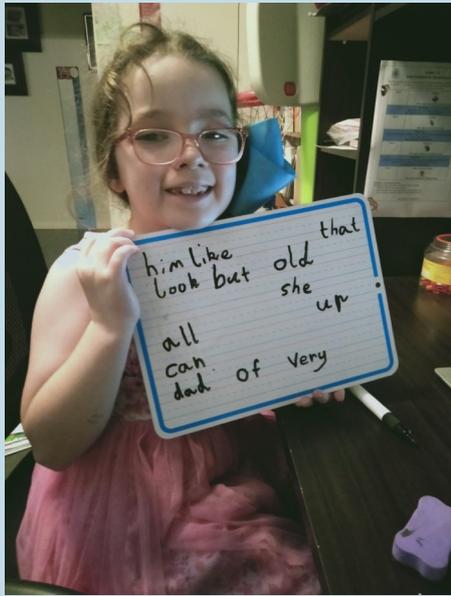
I have included a news report below where John Hattie, a leading educator discusses the impact on student outcomes during extended absences from regular schooling for your information and to reassure you that everything will be ok.

"...my message is let's not get stressed about it." ...John Hattie, a leading educator and Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) chairman, has good news for parents. Professor Hattie was the adviser for the New Zealand Qualifications Authority that oversaw school examinations after the devastating Christchurch earthquakes of 2011. Schools were closed for weeks and most students did not have the opportunity for online learning or discussion with teachers. But results did not suffer and high school students did not drop out. "The students' performance actually went up in the final exams," Professor Hattie said. He said the difference was teachers focused on "what has to be learned" instead of getting through a lot of curriculum. Parents who have taken their children out of school for months to travel Australia have also found their children were not worse off from an extended gap from the classroom. They focused on organic learning and spending time together as a family instead of text books during their trip with their children. Two years on, and the children are engaged at school and performing better than most of their peers. Professor Hattie said Australia had the "longest school year and school day" of any country in the world. Even if 10 weeks were removed, he said "students would generally still be getting more classroom time than students in countries like Sweden, Finland and Estonia", which consistently outperformed Australia in maths, science and reading scores. This did not mean students should not embrace online opportunities for term two and Professor Hattie said it could be a chance to better outcomes. "You have to be amazed what teachers have done to turn the whole system around so that kids can work at home doing various things," he said. "But my message is 'let's not get stressed about it'. "When we get back to the old normal the recovery will be reasonably quick." ABC Sunshine Coast – 17th April 2020

Jennene Cooney  
Principal

# ANZAC DAY 2020





# Remote Learning In Action

