

School Purpose - Vision & Values: To build an inclusive community where our children are active learners, critical thinkers and creative explorers. **Think... Imagine... Become**

School Values:

1. **Care** - Care for self and others as well as our physical environment and learning spaces
2. **Aspiration** - Seek to accomplish something worthy and admirable, try hard, pursue excellence
3. **Respect** - Treat all others with consideration and regard, respect another person's point of view

Always Our Best

March 26th 2020

Term 2 reflections.

Wow what a term..... Unique in the life of Sandy East for sure. I am so proud of our whole community. SEPS students who have been so friendly and welcoming to Sandy PS students and who have cared for, shared our school and played with them throughout the term. SEPS students contributed to the wordle below capturing this term with Sandy PS.

Sandy teachers have been busy this week packing crates of belongings ready to be moved to their new site on Bluff Road. If you have driven past you will have seen the Mod 5 relocatables moving on site every day. Now the painters, carpet layers, electricians are all working to complete the temporary Sandy PS. Grace Brothers will remove all their furniture and belongings and also move the SEPS LOTE, Art and Performing Arts furniture back to their rooms. It is unfortunate that we could not have our farewells as we planned due to the virus and early school holidays. We wish their community the very best as we know that the next two years will have challenges as we did with our recent building project. BUT as we know in the end there will be a lovely new school.

Our students will be well equipped to continue their learning from April 15th in a remote way. I am also proud of the teachers at SEPS who have been so welcoming to Sandy colleagues and have been developing new relationships, sharing teaching expertise and supporting each other. I acknowledge the difficult term that the Art, LOTE and Performing arts programs and teachers have endured teaching from room to room. However our students have not missed out on anything which is a fantastic effort.

The Sandy East teachers this week have been so busy Planning Term 2 learning and practising the technology for remote learning. They are excited and creative about the term 2 learning and we know it will be a lot more work which they are up for. But for now its holiday time.

Our school community have also been amazing and I recognise that they have been sharing Stop and Go, parking, and our facilities, thank you all for your wonderful community spirit. I have so many Sandy parents and staff thanking all of us for our generosity so that's a pat on the back for parents as well. School Councillors have been busy completing their annual reports which will be available on the school website. We will farewell our retiring members when we meet next.

We are currently electing the School Council President and Vice President. New committee leaders will be elected when we have our next School Council meeting. In the meantime everything is ticking along to ensure our school continues to function safely. Presently we have the arborist cutting down some tree branches. We have our watering systems on to keep our garden growing.

Mr Klvac has volunteered to care for the turtles and chickens which is so appreciated. New entrance mats have been installed in the level 2 and Extend classrooms. Our cleaners will be in to clean the school from top to toe!

I wish all our community a happy holiday, although in isolation, resting, reading, gardening, playing board games, watching catch ups and movies, maybe creating a family tree or writing history, exercising around the block, phoning friends to keep in touch and checking on neighbours and grandparents.

Sandy East Primary saying goodbye to our Sandy Primary Friends.



Easter Egg Lucky Ticket

The lucky ticket will go on so don't worry the Easter eggs are safe and I haven't eaten any! We will look at the first week of term to draw the lucky ticket which will mean another Easter treat for some lucky winners. Thank you to all those families who contributed eggs.

Below is a list of symptoms that are associated with the virus to look out for should a member of your family become unwell. Many people who contract COVID-19 will suffer only mild symptoms. We do not wish to raise anxiety levels for anyone in our community but caution when children are unwell and displaying the symptoms below is paramount.

However early indications are that the elderly and people with pre-existing medical conditions are more at risk of experiencing severe symptoms.

The most common symptoms reported include:

- Fever
- Breathing difficulties such as breathlessness
- Cough
- Sore throat or Runny nose
- Fatigue or tiredness.

Repeated below are the recommendations for reducing risk of COVID-19:

- **Wash** hands often with soap and warm running water, for at least 20 seconds.
Dry with paper towel or hand dryer
- **Try** not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth
- **Cover** your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow
- **Isolate** yourself at home if you feel sick. If you take medication ensure you have adequate supplies
- **Phone** your GP first if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.
- **Continue** healthy habits: exercise, drink water, get plenty of sleep
- **Don't** wear a face mask if you are well
- **Buy** an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60 per cent alcohol
- **Get** the flu shot (available April)
- **Shaking hands** is discouraged – elbow bumps better!

Guidelines can be found on the Victorian Government website of Better Health Channel – www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Coronavirus has been filling our newsfeeds and media broadcasts, but it's important to also focus on all of the great things that continue to happen all around us, including here at school.

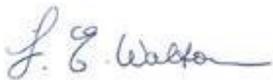
Quote of the week from Wilson McCaskill - Given the upcoming school holidays and with a number of people in self-isolation or practicing social distancing, this week's quote is a timely one...

"There is a place for pessimism. Responding to it at the right time can save you from the disasters of blind optimism"

It is during uncertain times like the ones we are experiencing now that we need all sorts of support. Sometimes it's just an ear, a friendly voice on the end of the phone, an email or a text message. I am thinking of everyone at this time and are here to support in any way I can. We are grateful for everything you have done and are still doing for your children, family and friends.

Please know that I am here should any of you need contact or a chat. If you ring the school you will get my number.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "L. Walton".

Laureen Walton - Principal