

24 March 2020 | Term 1 Week 8

From the Principal

Thank you to all the parents and families for their support, patience and understanding of how we are managing the COVID-19 pandemic. Life, including education, is certainly changing at a very fast pace for all of us.

At this time, following the advice from the WA Chief Health Minister and the Director General, we will remain open through to the end of the current school term to support students whose parents choose to send them to school.

Teachers are not expected to provide work packages for students whose parents have chosen to keep them home without seeking medical advice, before the end of Term 1. The priority for staff is to maintain focus on classroom learning programs.

However, I know many parents are choosing to keep their children at home, as there is someone at home to look after them. If you are doing this, I would like to give you some advice – from my years of working in Distance Education.

Firstly, set up a routine

- Have a set time when the children need to start doing school work – and stick to it. It is very easy to let this lapse and before you know it, by 9:00pm you still haven't started.
- Allocated times for subjects. Such as 1 X hour for reading, 1 X hour for maths; 1 X hour for writing and such.
- Have all the materials the students need ready for the start of the day.
- Unlike the school day, you will get through the work much faster, though the more children you have, the longer it may take.

Secondly, you are not going to get all your housework done! Don't be surprised if you are cleaning late at night.

Thirdly, Netflix is not a good “fill in”. Limit movie watching or gaming to after school work has been done. If you allow your child to watch/play first, you will never get work done.

Lastly, students have access to Mathletics. Use this – but don't just let the student “play”. Work with them. Now is a great time to embrace learning opportunities at home like following a recipe to bake a cake (measuring and reading) or calculating how many sweeps it takes to sweep the back patio area! Doing chores is an important part of daily routines.

Below are some helpful links:

Mathletics: <https://www.mathletics.com/au/>

Typing Tournament: <https://central.edalive.com/library>

Dept. of Education <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home>

Information from District Office

Parents registering for Home Education

In the current circumstances, you need to be aware of the formalities related to Home Education, if you are considering this. The three key messages are:

1. Home education is a minimum 12-month commitment/program/cycle.
2. Parents/carers need to formally register with the Department's Regional Office in order to home educate their children. The parent then formally becomes a registered Home Educator.
3. Once a parent/carer goes through the process of applying and being registered as a Home Educator their child(ren) is now no longer enrolled at school. There is a formal transfer note.

For parents, when registering as the home educator for your child, it is vitally important to note the following key aspects of your role:

- You are taking on the full responsibility for your child's education including the planning, implementation, supervision and resourcing of the education program.
- No work packs or programs are provided. It is your responsibility to ensure your program is evaluated as per the requirements by
 - a) contacting your home education moderator to schedule a timely evaluation meeting
 - b) providing evidence of your child's education program and educational progress (in accordance with WA Curriculum & Assessment Outline) at that meeting.
- You are choosing to withdraw your child from a current school enrolment, which includes most supports available under the public school system.
- No formal accreditation of learning is available for home educated students.

The role of the Department of Education is limited to:

1. Providing the home education registration
2. Providing a home education moderator to carry out a mandatory evaluation meeting within the first 12 weeks of registration, and then at least one successful evaluation every 12 months, to confirm ongoing registration.

Cancelled Events

**Harmony Dress Up Day, Harmony Morning Tea
School Board Meeting**

Kindy Art

A sample of some of the fabulous art work the Kindy's have done this term.



By Ruby Marsh



By Simon Pachovski



By Riley Keeshan

Easter Raffle

The Year 6 Students are still running an Easter Raffle fundraiser over the next couple of weeks. Tickets are available for purchase 50c each or 3 for \$1.00 Student Councilors will visit the classes to sell tickets.



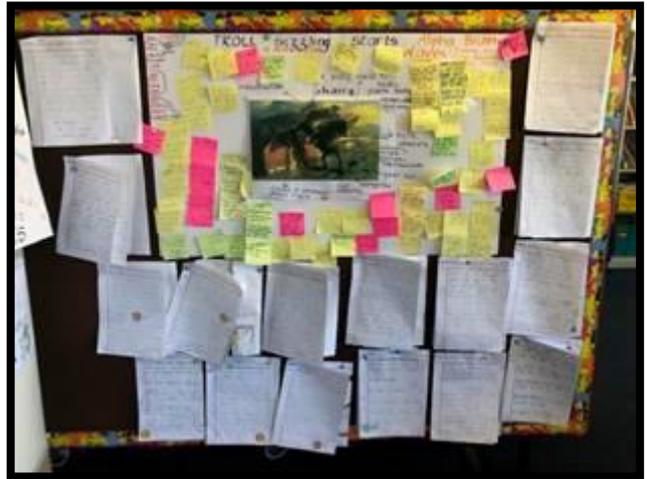
Room One – Sizzling Starts

The budding authors in Room One have been creating some very suspenseful sizzling starts for their short stories.

Daniella – Loud thumps. Screaming loud AHHH!!! Windows crashing, the roof tearing ...

Ethan - Creeping towards me, green and hairy, big and scary....

Toby - Smash! Everybody screaming. An earthquake! I knew it was bad...
Keep up the fantastic work!



In the community

Hampton SHS is managing the developments of the COVID-19 virus based on current information from the Department of Education and Department of Health.

In keeping with these guidelines we have postponed planned events until later in the year. Those events effected are:

Prospective Parent Evening on Wednesday 25 March 2020

Prospective Parent School Tours on Monday 6 April 2020

Project Ace Tuesday 5, 12, 19, 26 May and 2, 9 June 2020

Please continue to register your interest in both of these events with Ruth Stott on 9270 5700 or ruth.stott@education.wa.edu.au and we will inform you of the new date and time.

Should you require more information please visit the Hampton Website, Facebook page or alternately contact the school on 9270 5700.

AUTUMN KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAM CANCELLED

PROGRAM CANCELLED 13–24 APRIL 2020

UWA Sport, as part of UWA, is continuing to take a proactive approach to the evolving Coronavirus (COVID-19) health alert.

In order to align with national sport actions and advice from the Australian Department of Health, it is with a great sense of regret that we must cancel the upcoming Autumn Kids Holiday Program.

In line with UWA, we will continue to meticulously monitor updates from the Australian Government, among other sources and guidelines, and are committed to reassessing the situation and adjusting our plans accordingly.