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## Newsletter 10

### From the Principal's Desk

Hello Everyone,

Wasn't it great to see so many families take part in our Trivia night the other Wednesday? The updates on the screen as to who was gaining ground with correct answers was a bonus, but a little daunting knowing you had better get the next one right or lose your place! There have been calls for a rematch. Some folks were apparently just hitting their stride! We will see what we can do to accommodate this request.

Thank you to all our families for your continued good will, patience and remote learning efforts over the past few weeks. Now we are all about to venture into a return to school with a 'new normal'! Over the next week our staff will be asking parents to undertake some surveys around responses to remote learning. Our school based surveys are to help staff plan for future learning and assessment.

DET have also put out their own survey for students and parents. This survey is voluntary and a link will be provided via uEducateUs in the weeks to come.

It's good to know that we finally have return dates. It is important to support our students to return to as normal a routine as possible, while acknowledging the situation. Therefore an appropriate amount of work over the next few weeks will be focused on re-establishing school routines, assessing the progress made by students during the period of remote learning and identifying the health and wellbeing support our students will require as we head toward term 3. Rest assured we will be explaining our 'new normal' by providing year-level suitable information about what is occurring, as well as providing a safe space for students to raise their concerns and feelings.

DET have provided schools with guidance to ensure the practicing of various protocols to slow the spread of COVID-19. These include but are not limited to;

- Unwell students must stay home. Students presenting to first aid unwell will be required to be picked up.
- Social distancing – Adults at school will be required to practice social distancing. DET have advised that the 1.5m rule between students is not practical in a classroom environment and enhanced hygiene rules will make up for this.
- Visitors to school grounds will be limited to those delivering or supporting essential school services or operations (specialist curriculum or maintenance). Unfortunately activities dependent on and involving parents will not be able to take place until further notice (Assembly, parent volunteers in classrooms). Parent- teacher information sessions where possible will be replaced by virtual alternatives.
- All students in the year levels returning to on-site school are expected to attend school. These year levels will no longer receive remote learning should parents elect to keep these students at home.
- School assemblies, excursions, sports days, swimming, camps and other non-essential large gatherings will not be taking place. Where possible technology may be put into use to allow for adaptation.

## Friday 15th May 2020

### Student Term Dates for 2020

Term 2: 14 April-26 June

Term 3: 13 July-18 September

Term 4: 5 October-18 December

### Diary Dates

PLEASE NOTE NEWLY ADDED EVENTS ARE BOLD

25th May	Pupil Free Day
26th May	Prep, 1 & 2 return on-site
8th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
9th June	Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 return on-site
15th June	School Council Meeting 7pm
26th June	End of Term 2, 2:30pm
13th July	Start of Term 3

- In the playground non-contact sports will be encouraged. Particular play areas /equipment may be restricted and rotated access established due to the need to minimize the number of students in an area as well as to allow for cleaning.
- Outdoor facilities will be optimised for physical education and playtime. It is therefore important that students dress appropriately for the weather, with layers that can be added/removed as required.
- Students will not be able to use the shared drinking taps. They will need to bring a water bottle from home and students/staff will refill these as required.
- There will be significant hygiene protocols in place which students will be required to learn. Including but not limited to; on arrival at school, before getting on the school bus before & after school (bus travellers), before and after eating, before and after using play equipment and/or playing outside, after coughing, sneezing, blowing their nose or using the toilet. The main form of hygiene will be washing with soap and water, followed by the availability of hand sanitiser in all classrooms and internal spaces. Disinfectant wipes will be available for use on shared items such as computers. Staff will be supervising and directing hygiene protocols as required.
- Physical distancing will be required in the reception area and should enquiries need to be made then it is recommended that a phone call or uEducateUs message be used. Sneeze protection will be installed.
- For the moment there will not be any lunch orders available. Please ensure that students have enough food for the day as DET have recommended that the sharing of food should not occur.

## From the Principal's Desk

- School arrival and departure will require all parents and carers to observe physical distancing measures at the school gates. Congregating outside the school is not an option. Should congestion occur at the school gates the school will be obliged to implement a staggered system of class dismissal. Parents may only enter the school grounds when it is essential to do so and contact with the school should be via phone or uEducateUs message. Please keep a look out closer to school returning for further information on the use of our 3 school gates as entry and departure points.

I understand this is a lot to take in and undoubtedly there will be further updates from DET to come.

Over the next week there is a lot to do to prepare for the new protocols. Please be on the lookout for further uEducateUs messages. The pupil free day of the 25<sup>th</sup> will prepare staff, classrooms and equipment for students returning the next day.

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Have a lovely weekend everyone and enjoy being able to mix just a little bit more!

## Notices/Reminders

### School Newsletter

We moved to publishing the newsletter on a fortnightly basis during the remote learning period. This will continue to be the case until further notice.

### School Photos

Our school photos were scheduled for the 21st May. We have re-scheduled with our photographers for the 13th October.

### Prep 2021 Enrolments

We are currently accepting enrolments for Prep 2021. If you have a sibling due to start school next year, an enrolment form can be accessed from the school website <https://www.newhamps.vic.edu.au/>, completed and submitted via email to the school email [newham.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:newham.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au). Please make sure their birth certificate and immunisation history are included. Ideally we like to have enrolment forms in by July so that planning can commence for the following year. If you know of any families that have a child starting school next year please let them know that we are accepting enquiries. Enrolment and enquiry information is available on the school website. We are unable to provide on-site school tours at the moment however but can take enquiries and let prospective families know when we are able to do so.



Happy Birthday to the following people are celebrating birthdays:

*Chloe & Willem*

## Layers, layers, layers

As the weather is cool can all students please bring with them to school when they return on-site a jumper/bomber jacket/fleece, warm rain jacket, beanie and gloves if required. They will still be spending time outside so must be dressed for the weather. The school does not have enough spare clothing to cater for a large number of children.



If uniform is required it can be ordered online through our uniform supplier EduThreads. Easy to order and quick turn around times.

Uniforms now available online!

[www.eduthreads.com.au](http://www.eduthreads.com.au)

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Those requiring the girls winter tunics please complete a tunic order form available from the school website. Forms can be returned via email to the school email [newham.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:newham.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au). Delivery can take up to 6 weeks from time of order so orders will need to be returned to school by Wednesday 27th May. We have some tunics in stock but whatever sizes we don't have will need to be ordered.

We also have some second hand uniform stock. Please call the school if you are interested and we can advise over the phone what we have.

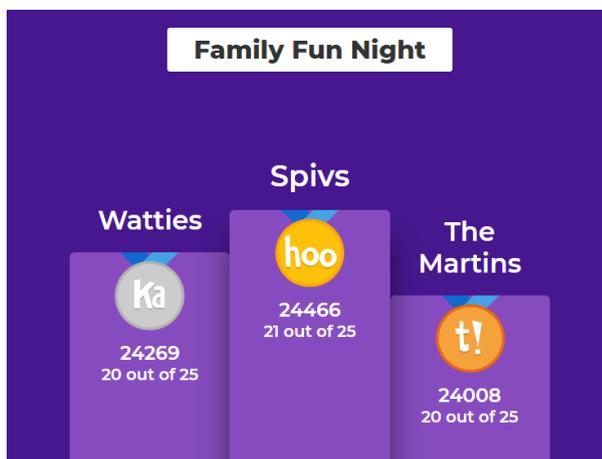
### EduThreads Winter Options:



## Family Fun Night

Thanks to all the NPS families who joined our Kahoots Family Fun Night last week. It was lovely to see so many families together on the couch or around the table, laughing and joining in on the fun. This was a treat for our teaching staff, allowing us to see families in the comfort of their own home, working together to answer the questions. Once again, thank you for joining us and stay tuned for the next challenge!

Mrs Hammond



## Art



Mother's Day Art at School

This year ADFAS (Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society) held a children's portrait competition. Newham senior students entered portraits complete with a rationale as to why the students chose their portrait subject.

Today Elizabeth from ADFAS called in to school to announce that Eli in grade 6 has won first Prize! Eli will receive a \$50 art supply package and thanks to all the students at Newham who entered, our school will receive \$250 towards art supplies. Congratulations Eli! and Well done everyone!

Cusack & Cusack at 31 Piper St in Kyneton are currently exhibiting the first 8 portrait winners in their shop window. The multitude of portraits entered by local schools can also be seen on display at Rathdowne Antiques, 73 Mollison St. Malmsbury and Garden Tap Nursery, 95 Piper St Kyneton.

Newham Primary School also entered a collaborative school project idea. Thank you to Madam Lee for organising this entry, as Newham have been awarded a special commendation of \$250 towards our Mosaic art wall!

We certainly have a very artistic group here at Newham and with our art supplies and funding for our wall, watch this space for a great mosaic!

## Prep Phonics & Sound Boxes



## Junior Unit Superhero Puppet Show

For Superhero Week, Prep viewed the story 'Supertato' as a read-aloud. They followed a directed drawing before making their own Supertato hero (using a real potato) and villainous Pea as characters for their own mixed media stories and animations.



This week the 1/2's wrote their own Superhero puppet show. They were required to plan the performance, write, design the set and puppet and then video the final performance. We are extremely proud of all the final videos and we plan to share them with all the 1/2's on our return to school, so all the students can see the amazing results of their peers.



## 4/5 3D Shapes

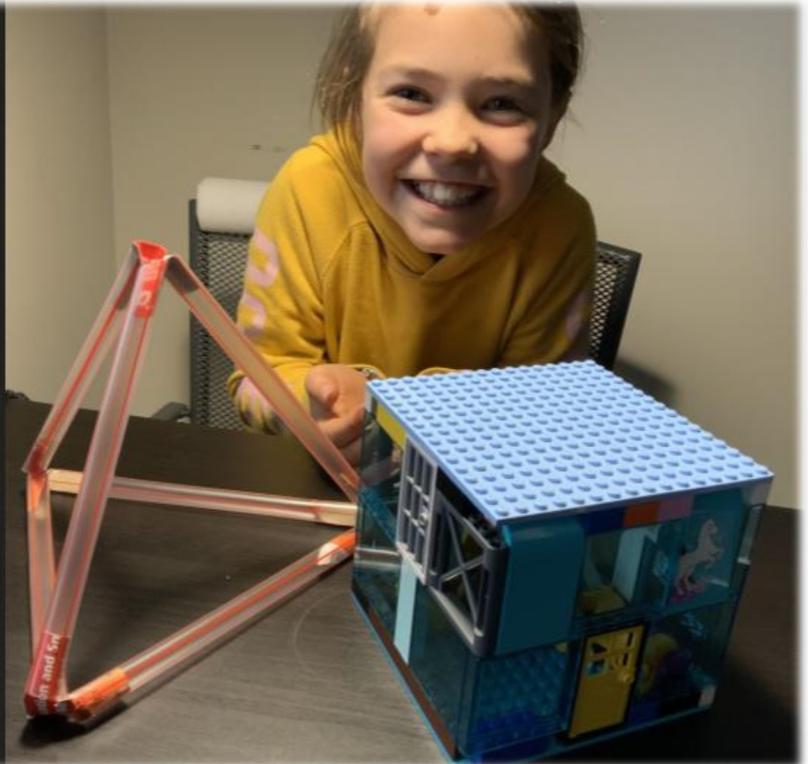
### Bethany 3D shapes



We made a pyramid then turned it into cube. Then back to a pyramid then into a teepee which we had lunch in.

We all had jobs my job was tying, Charlie's was holding the sticks and Lily's was counting. We had great fun.

### Lillian's Shapes



# PROTECT

Protecting children & young people from abuse is our responsibility



Child safe- Newham Primary school is committed to child safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered.

# Grade 3 Genius Hour Bridges



# 5/6 Bridge Design & Build

Senior kids were challenged to design a bridge, build it then improve it. Here's some of their incredible creations...

## FINAL DESIGN

## BILL

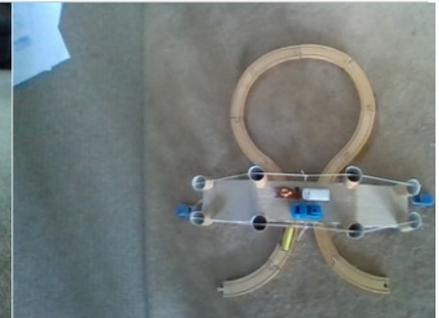
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This pile of books is 8.5kg and that's not all this bridge can hold. Infact weight helps.

## Upload a photo of your IMPROVED version

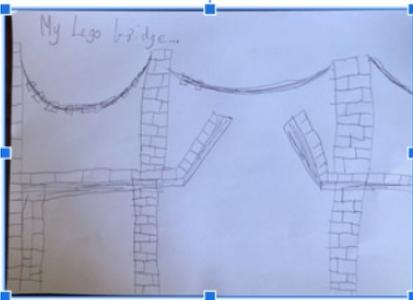


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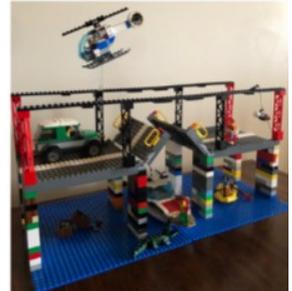


## FINLAY

### FINAL DESIGN



### Improved version details



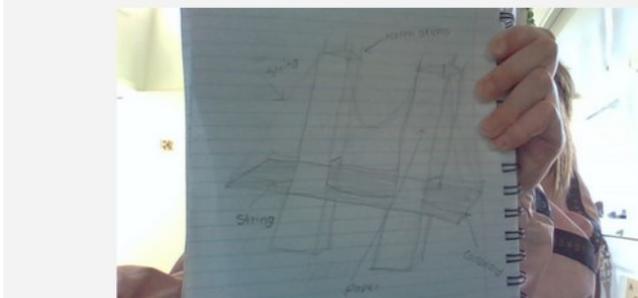
## RILEY

## RUBY

### What might it look like?

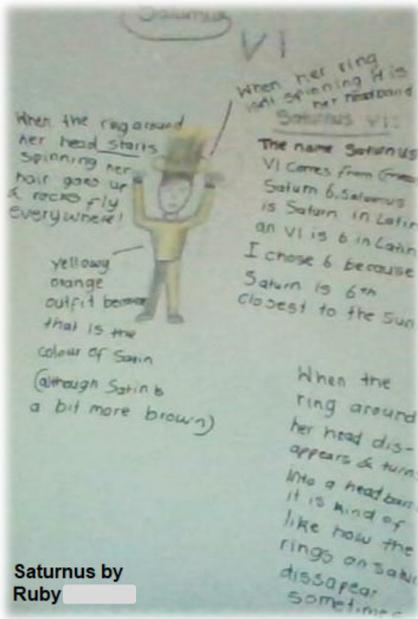
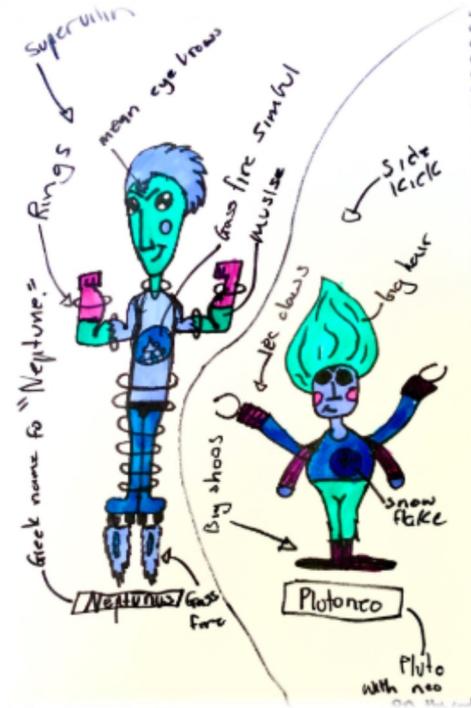
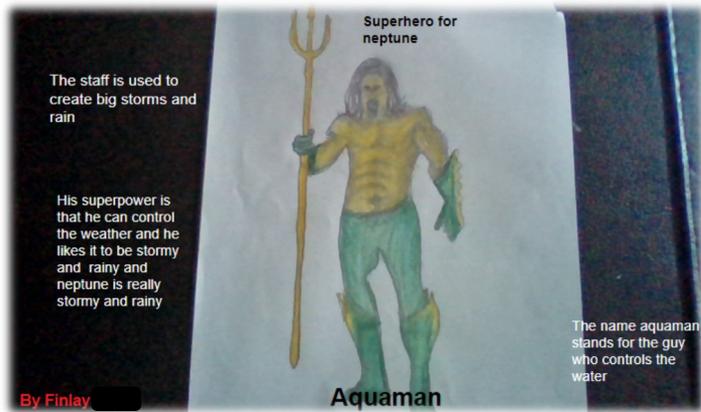
### Draw/insert

Draw a plan on paper, or create a plan on your computer. Insert it here



# Solar System Superheroes

The grades 4/5/6 had to research a planet and create a 'Solar System Superhero' to reflect the characteristics of the planet.



Colour gradient similar to the planet

Superhero For saturn

His superpower is he can create rings at will either to throw or shield oncoming attacks. This correlates to the rings around saturn

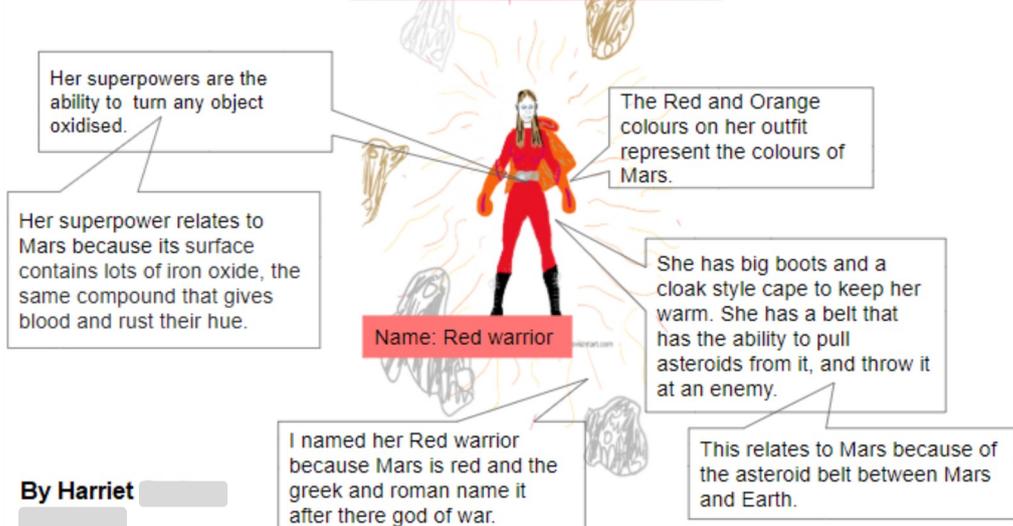
Saturn's rings spin 75 km/s on the inner layer and 17 km/s for the outer layer, making it possible for him to shield himself from any oncoming attacks

Tiny saturn as his logo



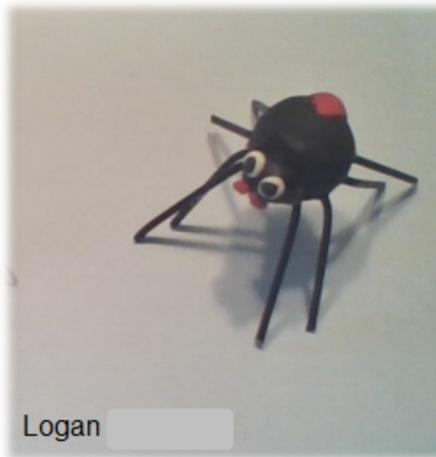
I chose the name saturn fox because in ancient rome foxes were associated with saturn

## Superhero for Mars



## Mascot Models-Grade 3

Students were asked to make a model of their mascot using materials found at home. They were asked to think about the properties of the materials and whether the material was suitable. Looks like they made some good choices.



## My Investigation with Wind Force-Grade 3



"My sister Sophie and I used a straw to try to get a piece of paper to float but every time we blew it just blew away.

Then we got the hairdryer and tried a variety of different objects: scrunched up paper, a dice, a heavy bouncing ball, a Pom Pom off a beanie, a small plastic disc and a lid from a cup. We couldn't get any object to float, everything just "blew away". - **Sophie and Leo**

"I grabbed a straw and rolled up a small piece of paper. I laid down and tried blowing air through the straw. This did not work. I then found some fluff and tried again and this worked great. The fluff stayed in the air for a very long time and went REALLY high." - **James**



"First, I got a ping pong ball. Secondly, I got a hair dryer. Thirdly, I tried to get the ping pong ball to float. Fourthly, it didn't float when it was on low air. Lastly I had to put it on high air and it then floated on high air." - **Lewis W**

## 5/6 Writing

### Getting Ready For A Fancy Dinner

#### Materials:

- watch/your best looking watch
- fancy outfit
- deodorant (should already use it anyway)
- nice shoes
- hair spray or hair clay/gel/putty

#### Method:

Have a hot or cold shower for around 2 minutes. Afterwards spray deodorant wherever you need to. And put a fancy outfit on.



For girls just maybe plait or put your hair into a ponytail or a bun. For men just either put your hair into a bun or spike it up with hair putty.

Put cologne or perfume on and brush your teeth well for around 2 minutes. Put clean runners on and if you have black leather shoes polish them until you get a shine.

Last of all put a watch on. Watches sometimes make you look either more professional or just a bit more confident.

Bill

# French

Finlay



Sabine



George

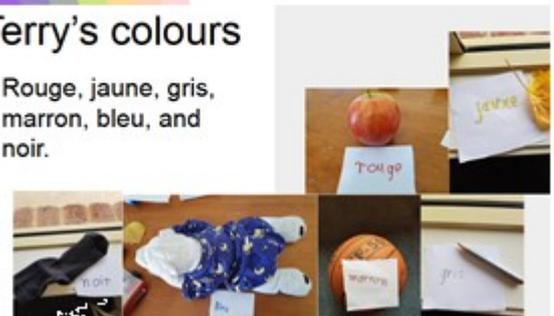


Bea's couleurs



Terry's colours

Rouge, jaune, gris, marron, bleu, and noir.



Wis W's pizza with fromage and peperoni



Chloe W pizza



Luke's Pizza

Miam!  
j'aime la pizza.  
Du fromage  
De sauce



Pizza d'Isabella



## Semaine 4 : la cuisine

Week 4: food

SIANA

Soya



# Community Notices



## Coronavirus and your mental health

Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG) is reaching out to the local community during this difficult and uncertain time.

Many of us may be feeling higher levels of worry and anxiety, and all of us have lots of questions –

**Are our friends and family safe?**

**What will happen to us if we get sick with the virus?**

**How do we cope with job uncertainty and financial stress?**

**Will things return to normal?**

MRSPAG Chair, Annie Rowland said we are certainly in uncharted territory. "This is a unique experience and it is really normal to be feeling concerned and stressed," Ms Rowland said.

"We know there are going to be more community members who will be feeling vulnerable and who may need to access mental health treatment and support at this time."

Ms Rowland encouraged those in the community who are feeling well and strong to look out for others.

"If you are feeling well and able to support someone, we greatly encourage you to reach out. A phone call, text message, or note in the letterbox can be all it takes to let them know you are there. We also hope everyone knows it is okay to reach out and ask for help if you need it."

MRSPAG is a group of community members and local service providers who work together to prevent suicide in the Macedon Ranges. It is finding ways to carry on providing support to the community by making its peer support service for those bereaved by suicide accessible online. You can find the dates for these meetings at [facebook.com/MRSPAG](https://facebook.com/MRSPAG) or email [info@mrspag.com.au](mailto:info@mrspag.com.au).

### Access to free online suicide prevention training

During this time of physical distancing, suicide prevention training is now available online. MRSPAG recommends the LivingWorks Start program.

As part of the Macedon Ranges Place-Based Suicide Prevention Trial, North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network is providing free access to this program. The program only takes an hour and gives you the skills and knowledge to keep family, friends, co-workers, and others safe from suicide.

MRSPAG member and representative from Macedon Ranges Health, Steve Power said

"It is still early days, but we know COVID-19 will continue to impact people for months, and possibly even years ahead. Now is a critical time to invest in mental health and we're pleased to be supporting this training."

If you live or work in the Macedon Ranges and would like FREE access to this training, please contact Deepa, Suicide Prevention Project Officer, [deepa.patel@mrh.org.au](mailto:deepa.patel@mrh.org.au).

### Staying up to date on COVID-19

For accurate and up-to-date information, visit the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services' website at [dohs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://dohs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus) or call the COVID-19 Hotline on 1800 675 398 available 24 hours a day.

### Accessing local services

You can still access local health services such as your GP and community health centre. Please call your health provider or check their website for information about any changes to how you access services.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has established a COVID-19 information and support centre (Recovery Operations Centre). This is a centralised service where you can request information or advice, offer assistance or put forward recovery ideas and suggestions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Call 03 5422 0237 or email [recovery@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:recovery@mrsc.vic.gov.au) for more information.

### Accessing other mental health support

- Beyond Blue dedicated COVID-19 mental wellbeing support service: 1800 512 348
- Lifeline: 13 11 14
- Lifeline Text: 0477 13 11 14 (6pm to midnight)
- MensLine Australia: 1300 789 978
- QLIFE: 1800 184 527 (6pm to 10pm)
- QLIFE Webchat: [qlife.org.au](https://qlife.org.au) (3pm to midnight)
- Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800
- Headspace - Free online support and counselling to young people aged 12 - 25 and their families and friends: [headspace.org.au/eheadspace](https://headspace.org.au/eheadspace)
- myCompass - Personalised self-help tool for your mental health: [mycompass.org.au](https://mycompass.org.au)

### Keeping our community connected - connection cards

If you are feeling well and able to support others, practically or emotionally, you can use the cut out connection card below to let them know you are there.

Hello! If you are self-isolating, I can help

My name is: .....

The name of: .....

My phone number is: .....

**If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:**

Picking up shopping  Walking your dog

A weekly phone call  Urgent supplies

Other: .....

Don't forget to include me and I'll try my best to help you out too!

Connect with us on Facebook: [facebook.com/MRSPAG](https://facebook.com/MRSPAG) or call the COVID-19 Hotline on 1800 675 398 available 24 hours a day.

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Macedon Ranges local information and support: 03 5422 0237

[mrspag.com.au](https://mrspag.com.au)

## Community Notices

### Squishy Minnie Workshops and Courses via Zoom

I am really really REALLY thrilled to announce. We are 'launching' a new Squishy Minnie Program called Words and Pictures - a series of workshops and courses via Zoom. I have been working towards offering workshops and courses for regional young folk with EXCELLENT grown ups for some time. One of the things I really wanted was for there to be increased access by making the workshops affordable while at the same time ensuring the folks facilitating the workshops are paid properly for their time and expertise. The main aim is to connect young folks with professional creatives who see them, value them and regard them AND have a skill to teach them.

I have been able to secure a small amount of funding from the Kyneton Community House to get this started so I am beyond thrilled to announce that we have just listed the first workshops and courses in the series! Here is the link to our website with the first five workshops listed (Jess Racklyeft, Jane Godwin, Nova Weetman, Andrew McDonald, Bren MacDibble). We will continue announcing more and they will be suitable for Grade 2's up to Year 12's.

<https://www.squishyminnie.com.au/events/>

The second thing I would like to tell you is that we were successful with Jobkeeper (a HUGE relief) which means we our team will be able to start working again and we are expanding our delivery service to the whole of Macedon Ranges, Trentham, Daylesford and Taradale starting the week of the 26th. I have attached the delivery map for you. <https://www.squishyminnie.com.au/home-delivery/> This delivery service will remain in the long term (for the next five months at least).

Kristen Proud



**Bren MacDibble**  
SETTING OFF INTO THE UNKNOWN

Thursday 28th May  
4-5.30pm via Zoom

A writing workshop for Years 4-6 with Bren MacDibble, writer of How to Bee and The Dog Runner

\$15/attendee  
More Information + Bookings at  
[squishyminnie.com.au/events](https://www.squishyminnie.com.au/events)

Squishy Minnie's  
Words & Pictures  
Series

Funding for this program is supported by Kyneton Community House



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**Jane Godwin**  
Picture Book Writing Course

Sunday 31st May + Sunday 7th June  
4pm until 5pm  
via Zoom

Suitable for Grade 5-7  
\$45/child includes direct email feedback with Jane between sessions

More information + bookings at  
[squishyminnie.com.au/events](https://www.squishyminnie.com.au/events)

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Squishy Minnie's  
Words & Pictures  
Series

**Birdy Watercolour**  
Illustration Workshop  
with **Jess Racklyeft**

4.00pm-5.30pm  
Monday 1st June  
via Zoom

Suitable for Grades 3-5  
\$15 per attendee

More information + Booking at  
[squishyminnie.com.au/events](https://www.squishyminnie.com.au/events)

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