

Term 1 - Newsletter 8  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Principal

Peter Lee

**CORONAVIRUS- COVID-19 UPDATE**  
**THURSDAY 19 March 2020**

Dear Parents,  
Over the past several weeks we have kept you up to date with the latest information regarding the COVID-19 virus pandemic. We have done so through the weekly newsletter. These are unprecedented times and as we know, the situation is evolving.

**2020 TERM 1**

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Fri 27th

Last Day Term 2.20pm

As it stands this afternoon.

1. The Victorian Government declared a 4 week state of Emergency from Mon 16 March 2020. Please read the government explanation regarding the impact of this declaration.  
<https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/victorian-government-declares-a-state-of-disaster/>
2. Victorian Schools remain open- for now.
3. School Buses are running- for now.
4. All excursions/ camps/ sports/ PFA events and activities are postponed/ cancelled until further notice. Postpone any instalment payments due at this stage for the Yr 5/6 camp.
5. Dept. of Education and Training (D.E.T) recommendations will be strictly adhered to.

At school

1. Assemblies/ Large gatherings will not go ahead until further notice.
2. Students have received lessons in personal hygiene from their teachers.
3. Each classroom has extra sanitary wipes and tissues.
4. Staff are cleaning tables, class keyboards, door handles twice daily. Teachers have been asked to keep doors open.
5. Soap dispensers are in all toilets and at internal sinks. Children have been instructed in correct handwashing procedures.
6. Students will largely be restricted to their own class group during class time.
7. Students will be counselled in careful play during breaks.
8. Students will wash hands prior to eating snack and lunch and will eat in their own room.
9. Students are being counselled about factual COVID-19 virus information to avoid misinformation being spread.
10. Students will be counselled in correct Social Distancing procedures and why it is important.  
**We understand the difficulty of this while schools remain open, but this is on the advice of the Australian and Victorian Governments.**
11. Staff have been instructed to remain home if they have any symptoms or any illness and to seek medical advice. Some staff may not be covered due to teacher relief shortage. This may impact programs.

Parents

1. If there is an enforced school closure all parents will be notified immediately via FB, SMS and APP.
2. Teachers and Co-ordinators have provided learning material/ resources organised for students during any enforced absence. However, it will not replicate the full program which is offered at school. There are also online activities to complete.
3. If you feel that your child should remain home for isolation purposes or is unwell, you have the full support of the school and the Dept. of Education and Training (D.E.T) and the above will be provided.
4. If you have any questions please contact the school.

## Term 1 Week 8 Goals

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**Mathematics Focus**

We are learning to solve formal addition and subtraction equations with and without regrouping

**Writing Focus: Persuasive**

We are learning to write an opening statement for a persuasive piece

**Reading Focus**

We are learning to recognise cause and effect

**Speaking and Listening**

We are learning to clarify technical words

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**Reading** – We are learning to recognise cause and effect.

**Writing** – We are learning how to create an effective opening paragraph and focussing on word choice.

**Speaking and Listening** – We are learning to share perspectives from characters in a class novel.

**Maths** – We are learning to solve problems involving multiplication of large numbers by one-or-two digit numbers using a range of strategies.

**Inquiry** – We are creating an iMovie to Take A Stand against Bullying.

**Resource Packs**

Students were handed a resource pack on Tuesday with work should there be a forced school closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This pack is only to be completed should school close. If your child has not received one, please make arrangements to source one from your classroom teacher.

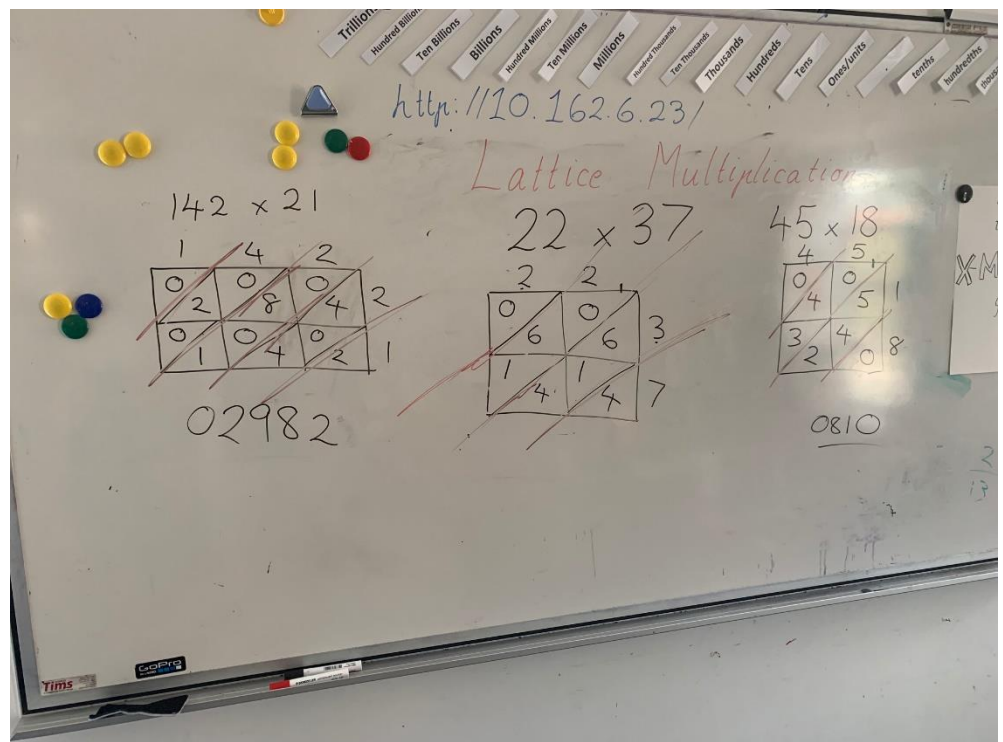
**Maths**

Students in Years 5 and 6 have been focussing on multiplication of large numbers. Warm-up games involving quick recall of facts have seen students highly engaged, and they have also learnt how to solve some of these problems using a range of strategies. One strategy that the students found very fun and rewarding was the lattice method for multiplication.

**Inquiry**

Students have been doing an excellent job learning about what bullying is, the roles people take in bullying and strategies to manage bullying.

To complete the unit of work students have been working in groups to complete an iMovie which conveys the message 'Bullying No Way!'



### SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

School Nurse, Kathryn Peters, will be visiting our school within the next 2 weeks to conduct free health assessments for some of our Foundation Students.

- Parental Consent is required before any health assessment is undertaken
- Foundation Students would have received a large white envelope with the health Questionnaire



**Please complete the Questionnaire and sign the Consent and return to school within the next week.**

If you decide that you do not want a health assessment for your child , please sign the non– consent part of the questionnaire and return to school within the next week

### Parents & Friends

**CANCELLED**

**HOT CROSS BUN  
FUNDRAISER HAS  
BEEN CANCELLED.**

**ALL ORDERS & MONEY  
WILL BE RETURNED.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
UNDERSTANDING**

## COBDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Fundraiser Screening:



Saturday March 21st  
12:30pm

**Tickets \$15**

Tickets Available ON LINE  
or at Box Office NOW

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