



# Mac News

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Dear Parents and School Community,

We have arrived at the end of the first week of term 2 2020; quite a different pathway to what we are used to.

Our goal at school was to have a reliable technological contact with you and your children by the end of the week. We have moved towards that goal very well and are close to fully attaining it. We are making every effort to secure that contact with all students.

I have admired the way in which our students have moved to a new way of learning. It has been a week of trying new ways of learning in new environments. It is a great test of their resilience. I have seen students appearing in video conferencing meetings with their teachers and their classmates using the WebEx platform and I have observed excellent work samples submitted by students to their teachers via Dojo and email. We will actively support students to successfully access these platforms as we move forward.

Inadvertently an email was sent to every student without using the bcc function thereby enabling an over exploration of the Reply All option. We kindly ask that students refrain from using Reply All to this email.

An extremely important aspect of learning online is password security. It is vital that students do not share their passwords. Should there be a problem with your child's password, please contact your child's teacher or myself so that it can be reset.

In casing were students are unwell and can not attend to their daily learning tasks we ask that you notify the school via [macarthur.street.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:macarthur.street.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

I congratulate the staff for their solid work prior to, during and since the holidays as they prepared for and implemented our new way of teaching and learning for this next period of time. They have supported each other very well - clearly demonstrating care and concern for our students' academic and wellbeing development.

I am most appreciative of the support parents are providing to their children's learning and the understanding they have demonstrated to our school's efforts to action this model. Please contact the school if you require support with the learning program at home.

## School Crossings

I have been advised by the City of Ballarat that the crossings will not be supervised as of next Monday and will remain so until numbers of students attending school increases.



**School Photo Day**—to be confirmed at a later date.

## School Roof



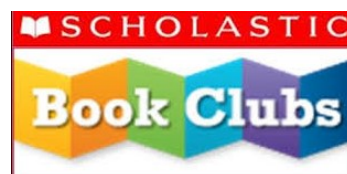
The roof over the Prep one room and corridor is completed. We are expecting to move furniture back into those areas of the school next week. Tiles have been removed from two of the six roof faces on the western end of the school (which is the roof over the 56 room) with the new roof being put up next week.

With kind regards, Andy Backwell ~ Principal.

### **Book Club**

Please find below the link for **Book Club Catalogue 3**.

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>



We ask that you please register with Loop for payment, as we will not be accepting any cash at school.

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Register.aspx>

Books will be delivered at school as per normal. Students will receive an email with a date and time for collection of book/s ordered.

Orders are due by the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 2020

Thank you