

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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# St Joey's News

## 'Truth in Christ'

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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Awabakal people.  
We pay our respect to their elders past and present.*

**13<sup>th</sup> August 2021**



Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you for your continued support of the COVID restrictions in place. We continue in lockdown mode for another week and ask that you keep your children at home. With the increasing of occurrences of positive cases in our local area it is really important that children stay home where possible. We have limited staff onsite and are now being impacted with staff, students and parents being identified as casual contacts, resulting in testing and isolation.

Our Home-Based Learning continues with teachers uploading their daily plans each day on SeeSaw. It has been wonderful to see the great engagement of our students in the learning tasks and class meetings and lessons. We acknowledge home schooling is not an easy task and we thank you for working with your children as best you can. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you need questions answered or support with the information. I thank all our teachers and support staff for their enormous efforts in providing quality learning and connection opportunities for our students during these challenging times. Teaching is best face to face, our connections with our students are vital and we do miss our wonderful students each day. Have a look at the comments from our teachers below.

I understand this is a stressful time for many families and our own anxieties can be reflected in our children. I believe it is important to try to be positive with our children and each other, to speak about the current situation with hope and to minimise exposure to the onslaught of media and constant barrage of negative information. As a Christian community we can use prayer to offer solace and hope for a brighter future. Please pray with your families and speak of this situation as something we

Dear God,  
Thank you for my family  
and my school.  
While I am learning from  
home, keep me safe  
and watch over my  
family, my friends and  
all the teachers.  
Help me to be patient  
when things get a bit  
stressful or that I can't  
do all the things I'd  
like to do.  
Help me to love everyone  
and be kind every day.  
Amen



are dealing with now, but it will improve, and we will get back to school and the things we love to do, soon.

As of today, we will be asking those who need to send their children to school next week to indicate this via an opt in function via Compass. Please read the information sent on Compass today. This will assist me greatly in organising our onsite roster while maintaining as many people working from home as possible.



So  
Sorry  
for  
Your  
Loss

Please keep in your prayers Thomas and Owen (5/6W) and Kristy Walsh who are mourning the loss of their Great Grandmother this week. A sad time but especially more difficult in these times with restrictions to gatherings and funerals and families unable to meet.

*May perpetual light shine upon her  
May she rest in peace.*

God Bless,

**Kate Drake**  
**Principal**



### NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

*A focus on Learning, Collaboration & Improving Student Outcomes*

#### St Joseph's Community

In this time of continual change, I want to thank you for your support, engagement and understanding. The positive take up of our Seesaw platform for learning, your commitment to ensuring students attend TEAMS meetings, and engagement with our school Facebook page has brought a smile to our faces.

As teachers we are planners. In the current climate this is challenging. Our plans are changed daily and sometimes hourly! We are continually required to rapidly adapt and keep moving forward.

Please continue to positively engage with us. As a community we are mindful of the impact these changes have made to all our lives.

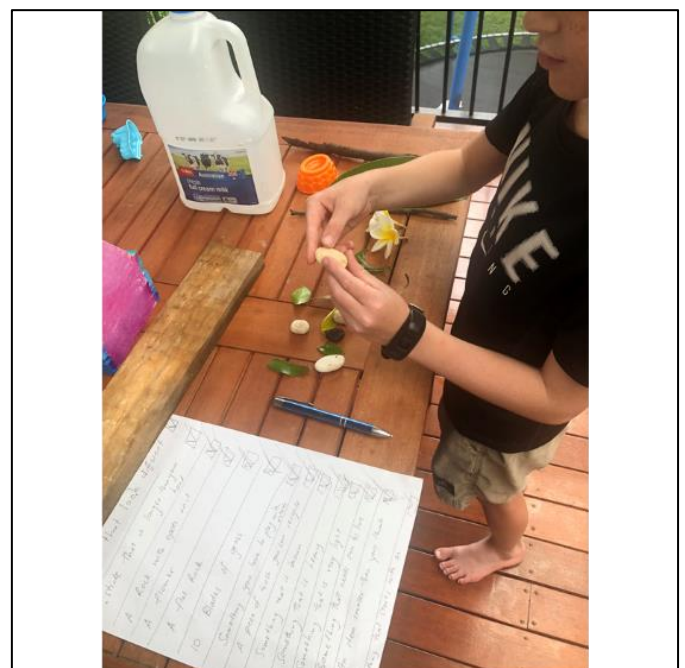
#### Weekend Lockdown FUN!!!

I have attached a [link](#) to Indoor and Outdoor Scavenger Hunts.

(These have been Norley Kid tested and approved.)

With every best wish,

**Nikki Norley**  
**Assistant Principal**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Will F- 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Rose G- 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Nicola S- 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Willow M- 12 <sup>th</sup> August
Oscar E- 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Sienna A- 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Felix C- 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Benji H- 17 <sup>th</sup> August
Matt G- 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Lukas T- 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Luca M- 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Landon K- 23 <sup>rd</sup> August



**premiers' reading challenge**

**Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2021. Well done!**

Amy Daniher	Kinder
Arlia Lee	Year 1
Elise Cuskelly	Year 2
Cora Phillips	Year 2
Eli Smith	Year 2
Alice Dunkley	Year 3
Harper Lee	Year 3
Jack Bennis	Year 5
Isla Evans	Year 5
Emily Sievert	Year 6

Mrs Hoffmann—PRC Coordinator





It is so lovely to see the children excited in Teams meetings to simply see each other and also share a little bit about their home life with the rest of the children. Especially the 'Meet your pet' day.  
Mrs Davis



**MRS DRAKE IS  
PROUD OF YOUR  
EFFORTS!**



# ST JOSEPH'S HOME BASED LEARNING

## WEEK 5

5/6 White have been doing an amazing job with their Home Learning. I am impressed by the maturity they have all shown and the great quality of work. It is wonderful seeing all their faces in our Teams meetings (and being introduced to a few cute pets too). Keep being amazing and kind to your families.

Mr Faith



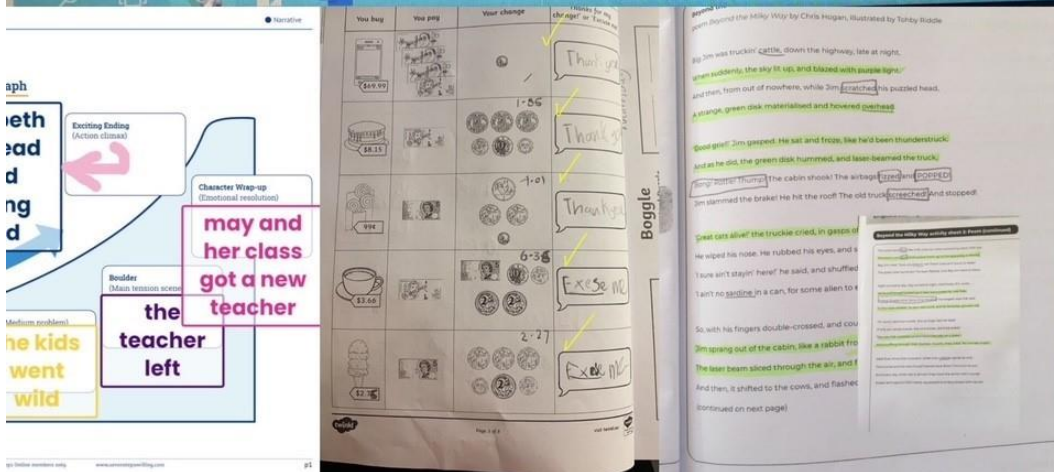
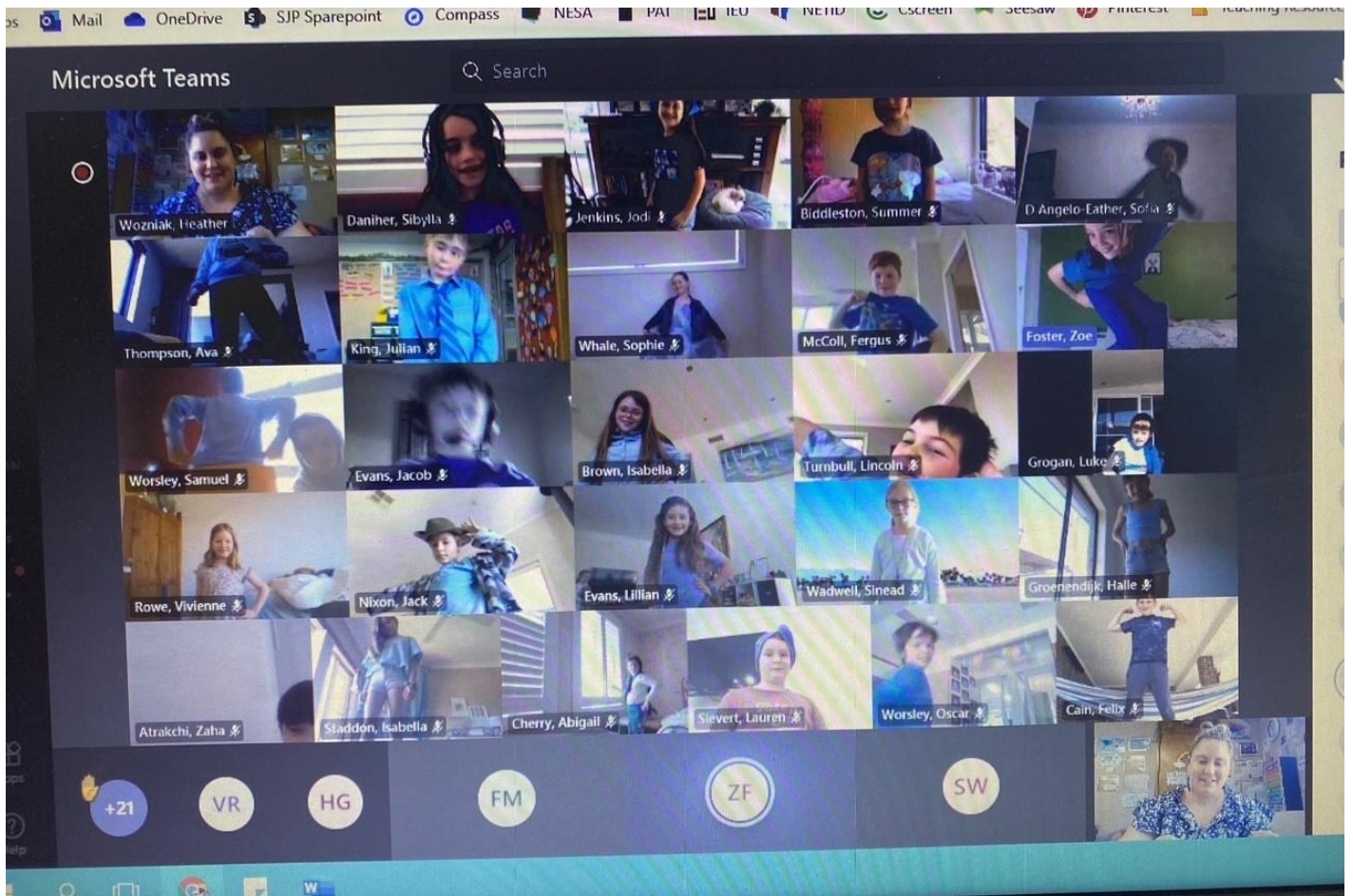
## KINDERGARTEN

We have loved seeing Kindergarten's creative ways of learning at home this week.

Here are some responses to a stacking challenge.

# Year 3 Red

I really enjoy seeing your smiling faces in our TEAMS chats 3 Red and I'm blown away by all the fantastic learning you have sent in this week on Seesaw' - Ms Wozniak



Onomatopoeia Words	
Splish	Drip Drop
Splosh	Whoosh
Bang Bang	Boom Boom
Pop	Ding Dong
Wabam	Whip Whip
Puff	Chug
Wow!	

## AWESOME WRITING IN 5/6 BLUE

I am just so impressed by our daily Teams meetings that  
involve increasing our Vocabulary and  
Up-Levelling our own sentences.  
Keep it up 5/6 Blue- Mrs. Hill

Word:

Discerning

Definition:

To make a clear-sighted decision.

Sentence:

Peddalling quickly, I raced towards my home (the only place I'm safe) and away from the livid, crimson-faced, discerning police who's sirens blared angrily...

Emily S (Year 6)

My Innovative Sentence

BEFORE UP-LEVELING:

Quickly, the child went to the teacher (who was in a bad mood) with an innovative thought like no other...

AFTER UP-LEVELING (into a paragraph):

It was only a matter of time, the child knew what he had to do; he was an innovative boy with a sparse idea. Time was running out, his teacher was strutting around like a hopeful tiger waiting and willing to find prey to pounce upon. The boy arised from his soft silky seat and began to dawdle to the front. Like a helpless little mouse, he disturbed the dubious (democracy obsessed) gargantuan teacher. Just as the bell rang, his idea turned from a mumble to the innovative sparse and hasty thought it really was...

Lily M (Year5)

## YEAR 5/6 RED

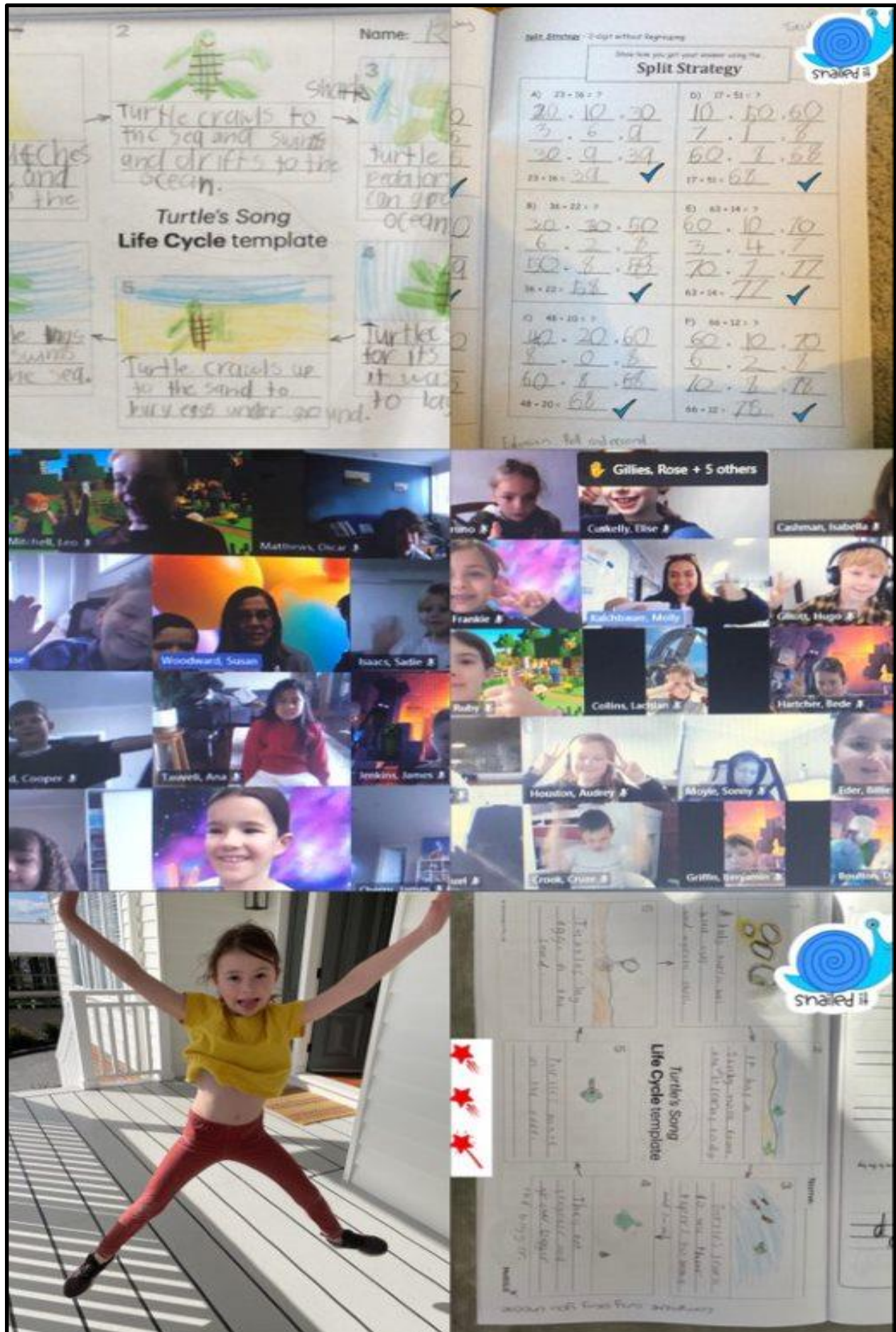
I am so proud of 5/6 Red's effort and resilience in our first week of Home Learning. I look forward to seeing their smiling faces on our Teams meeting every day. I am missing them very much, although my classroom is looking very tidy.

Miss Houlahan





# STAGE 1 – GREAT WORK!





# 4 Red Home Learning



Teams mtg directed drawing artworks

