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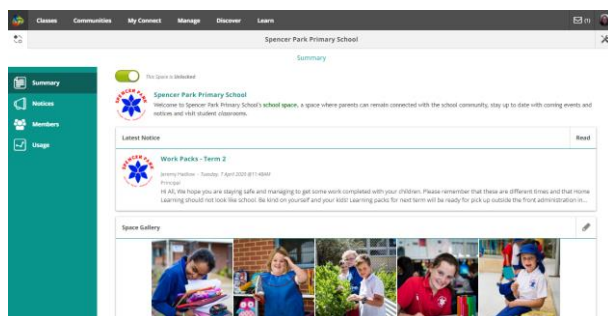
PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Friends

Term 2

At this stage the school will be operating in a similar manner to the last few weeks of Term 1. This means that the vast majority of students will be learning at home. To provide for this the school has established a number of different modes for parents & students to engage with. It is **REALLY IMPORTANT** that students do engage in some type of learning activity. The different modes of engagement are:

- **Work Packs**
These will be the main method of students engaging with work. *More information later in the newsletter.*
- **Connect Communities**
Connect is a secure online environment developed by the Department of Education for staff, students and parents in public schools. It will give our teachers a tool to deliver content to the students via an online classroom. This means your children will be able to share with you what they are learning about, submit work and discuss issues together online anywhere, anytime. For you, Connect provides easy access to information relevant to your child's classes and learning.



Schools can use Connect to keep you updated with important information. Things like up-coming events, excursions, classroom activities, photos and stories can be sent to you via email or, if you prefer, via a push notification on your phone.

The Connect Now app can be downloaded from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

To access Connect go to: <http://connect.det.wa.edu.au> or visit our website <http://www.spencerparkps.wa.edu.au/connect/>

- **Email**
Staff have been provided with parent email addresses and may contact you via this mode. It is a great way to send a picture of your child working or completed work.
- Learning at Home resource in the school website: <http://www.spencerparkps.wa.edu.au>



- Learning at Home website at the Department of Education website: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home>

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FUTURE DATES

Last learning day Term 1	Thurs 9 April
Term 2 Learning Packs available	Tues 28 April
Learning commences Term 2	Wed 29 April
Pyjama and Teddy Day	Fri 1 May

Work Packs

Learning packs for next term will be ready for pick up outside the administration office on **Tuesday, 28th April** in the following way:

Student surnames: A-M between 9am-12pm
Student surnames: N-Z between 1pm-4pm



If your children have more than one surname, then we will use the surname of the oldest child in your family. Packs will be collated in family sets so that only one pick up is required.

Please do not return old work packs from Week 9 & 10. If you require assistance or feedback about this work, please send an email to your classroom teacher or SpencerPark.PS@education.wa.edu.au and someone will assist you.

For work packs provided from Term 2 Week 1 onwards, teachers will indicate which pieces of work need to be 'handed in' or 'marked'. The mode that we would request parents to do this would be to either: take a photo and email into the teacher, word documents sent via email or submitted through Connect Communities. Work required to be submitted will be marked with an icon of a camera or email:



camera



email

Communication between the school and home over this time is essential and we encourage parents to contact classroom teachers if you require support in anyway. Likewise, teachers will be attempting to contact parents through phone calls, SMS, email and Connect Communities.

Holidays

This term has certainly been different than anything I have experienced! I would like to thank the staff at SPSS for their commitment and flexibility in adapting to the ever changing situation that we find ourselves in from both a work and personal perspective. Thank you also to the parents for your understanding and support of the school and for your role in undertaking learning at home. A big thank you also to the students who have shown great resilience, tolerance and responsibility with the multitude of changes that have gone on around them.

Have a wonderful holiday period, enjoy the Easter celebrations and be safe!

Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

TERM 2 FUN AT HOME DAYS

During Term 2, while we are staying at home, we are planning some fun days. Our first one will be Friday 1 May. Wear your pyjamas and cuddle your teddies and send us a photo for 902121 our newsletter. This is purely optional for all, but could help to keep us all connected with smiles.

EASTER RAFFLE RESULTS

The year 6 Camp, Easter Raffle Fundraiser was a huge success. Well done to everyone for getting your raffle books and money back in. Congratulations to Paul who sold the most tickets. Mrs Ruffell kindly drew the raffle on Monday morning. Winners are as follows and have been notified:



First Prize	Wally de Jager
Second Prize	Shane Kingston
Thurd Prize	Anne de Jager
Fourth Prize	Peter Truong
Fifth Prize	Venja & Elliot
Sixth Prize	Eloise

SECRET CODE

Somewhere within the text of this newsletter we have buried a **six-digit code**. When you have found the code, **SMS 0437 619 154** and include **your family name and the code**. The first correct answer will win a \$10 canteen credit. Winners will be announced on our Facebook page and receive notification by SMS. With regret, prizes are only available to families enrolled at our school.





PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Our school has been very quiet lately without our students. Our Teachers and Education Assistants have been busily preparing work bundles for students, and assisting parents, carers and students with a new way of learning from home. Many work bundles have been prepared for collection and swapping. Your teacher will continue to communicate with you about the work bundles.



Ruby has enjoyed forming sentences with her word pieces and helping her mum with painting. Emily is enjoying reading her favourite stories. We would love to receive photos of your children doing activities from their work bundles, helping out around the home, or perhaps reading their teddy bear a story.



We will continue to communicate with families about Term 2 when advice from the WA Department of Education is provided.

We wish you all a happy and safe Easter and school holiday time.



Bec Wheatley
Principal



Mrs Fleay is missing her students so much she has been reading stories to her teddy bears.



STAMP COLLECTING

STAMPS

Stamps are so Yesterday!!! BUT... if you have received mail with a stamp on it and you are only going to bin it please consider recycling it here. We collect them for Asian Aid, a group that offers work to young girls. They clean up the stamps and prepare them for sale to stamp collectors around the world. Any stamps are acceptable, any age but whole, not torn please.

Every stamp you bring in gives you an ice cream draw ticket.

Remember it costs nothing to help others!

Please collect your stamps and when we can all come back to school you can bring them to the library for your ice cream tickets.

TADPOLES IN THE SCIENCE ROOM

It's been great to have tadpoles in the science room for the last four weeks. They arrived as tadpoles and will leave as froglets. Everyone has enjoyed watching the growth and change with legs appearing and one even jumping out of the water container! Eventually their tails will shrink and all will become froglets, before maturing into adult frogs (back in Mrs Ruffell's pond at the end of term).



A FROG'S LIFE

ADULT
EGGS
TADPOLE
TADPOLE WITH TWO LEGS
TADPOLE WITH FOUR LEGS
FROGLET

Over the weeks the new froglets have been growing. From egg to tadpoles from tadpoles to froglets from froglets to frogs. These frogs have been curiosities to go. They have been progressing in the science room. One nearly jumped to a early death but luckily, Ms Murry spotted it.

- By Laura Clark

Life Cycle of Frog

adult
eggs
tadpole
tadpole with 4 legs
froglet

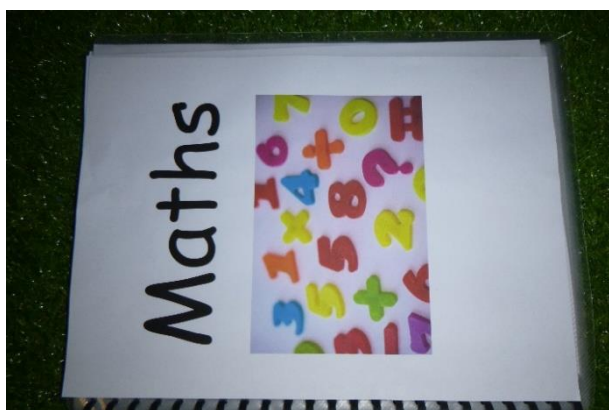
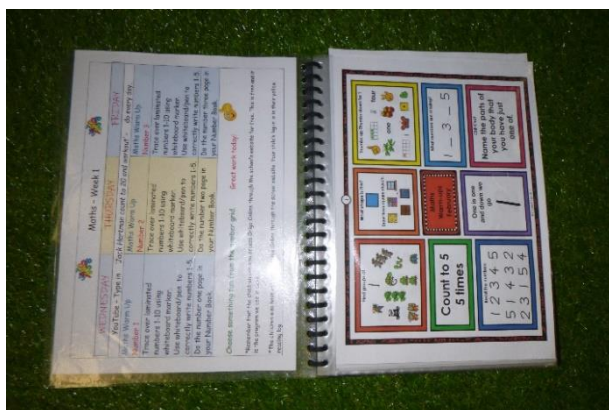
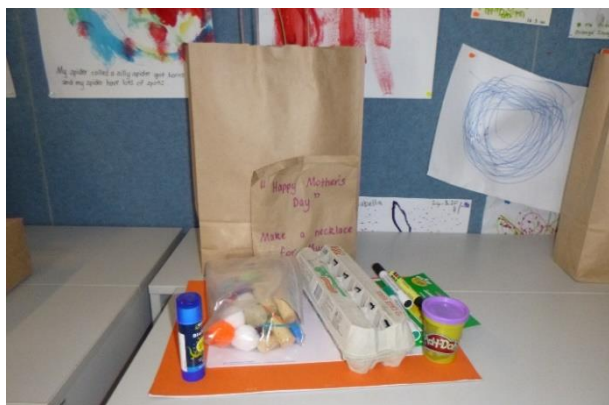
We got the frogs when they were tadpoles. 2 are now froglets.

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SO... WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS WEEK?

Our staff have been preparing work packs for Term 2 and participating in online learning while practicing social distancing. We are all very busy creating learning experiences for our students.



CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope this finds you all well and taking the best care of yourselves as possible.

Thinking back to the beginning of this school year is like a hazy memory; it seems like such a long time ago, and much has changed in that time.

At present we are living in different circumstances and navigating these as best we can. A phrase I keep hearing and reading is 'We're all in this together', and this certainly applies to our Spencer Park Primary School community too.

Although we are not all together in the one space right now, I hope we still find ways to connect and support each other. I also hope this might be a time to cultivate our inner life. So many of the outer things have been stripped away, and we have perhaps some time to be still and think about the big questions of life.

I wish you all a very safe, happy and healthy Easter and school holidays. Please feel free to contact me via the school office if you would like to talk about anything regarding how you or your children are going. I will continue to be available to help, or direct you to other people who can assist you. Take care, and know that you are all valued members of our school community.

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you,
 May the wind be always at your back,
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,
 The rains fall soft upon your fields,
 And until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Kind regards,
 Jennifer Hunt

WHAT'S NEWS!

Learning from home? Why not send us stories and pictures from your educational activities so we can see how you have adapted to the change in learning?



Email your photos to spencerpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au along with a brief description and we'll publish it in our next newsletter. Already shared on Facebook? Why not make your post public and tag us @SpencerParkPS?

Here are some of the pictures we have been sent of our students work from home. Keep up the great work.



Lego model.



Violet Zayve and Vann have been enjoying a balance of school work, physed and interesting fun activities and adventures.



Zayve enjoying a Maths activity.

30 Day LEGO Challenge				
Follow the instructions for each day. The only rule is to have fun and use your imagination!				
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
You were hired by an amusement park to create a river roller coaster.	NASA needs you to build a new rocket.	Your parents want to build a new house and they want you to build it.	Hollywood hires you to build a movie set for a new Star Wars movie.	
Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
You enter a contest to build the world's tallest tower. Will you win?	You are asked to build a new monument to change the landscape.	There is a storm in town. Build a place for the performance.	Help your fellow citizens build a wagon to make it across the country.	Build the fastest car around and join the big car race.
Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14	Day 15
Dr. Who hires you to build a bridge to connect one side of the town to the other.	Mr. Hilton hires you to build a new hotel.	There is a storm in town. Build a place for the performance.	Help your fellow citizens build a wagon to make it across the country.	Build the fastest car around and join the big car race.
Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20
The city wants you to build a bridge to connect one side of the town to the other.	Mr. Hilton hires you to build a new hotel.	There is a storm in town. Build a place for the performance.	Help your fellow citizens build a wagon to make it across the country.	Build the fastest car around and join the big car race.
Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25
You are hired to build a new house and they want you to build it.	Hollywood hires you to build a movie set for a new Star Wars movie.			
Day 26	Day 27	Day 28	Day 29	Day 30
You enter a contest to build the world's tallest tower. Will you win?	You are asked to build a new monument to change the landscape.	There is a storm in town. Build a place for the performance.	Help your fellow citizens build a wagon to make it across the country.	Build the fastest car around and join the big car race.
Day 31	What was your favorite day?			

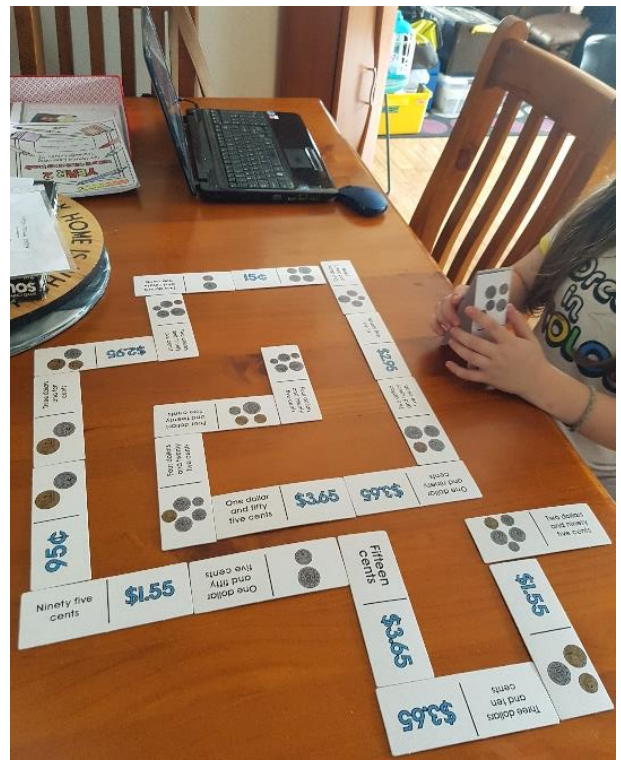
Lego Challenge



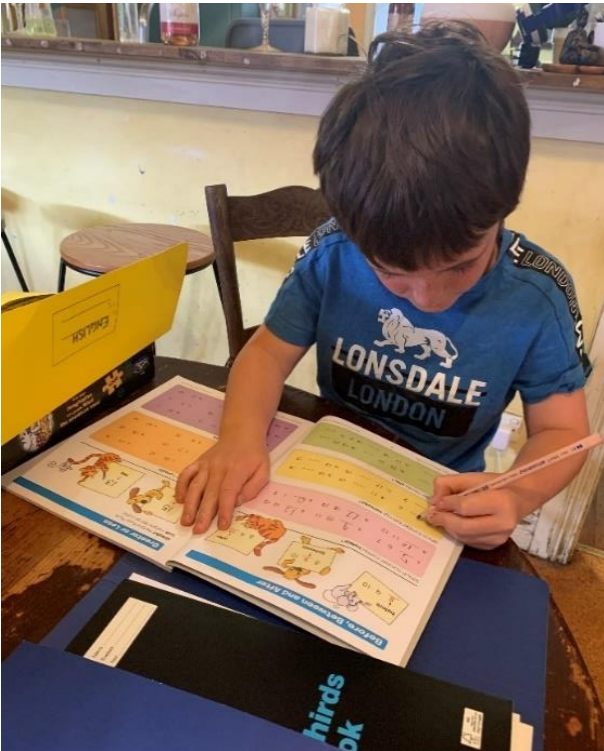
Braxton (preprimary) and Hunter (kindy) with their little brother Arlo doing some school work in their pjs.



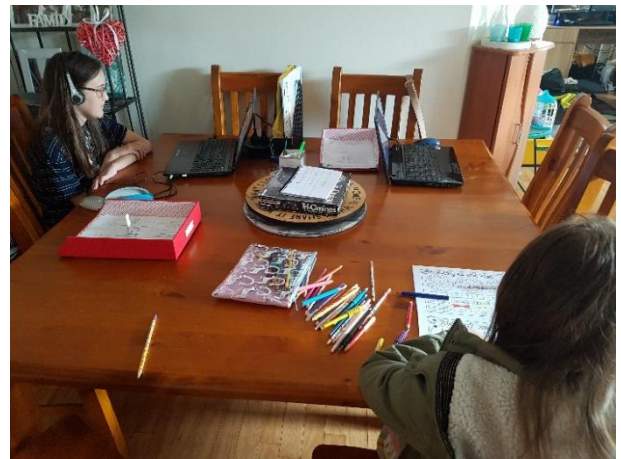
Kallum and Madelyn went to the beach and had a fishing lesson as well as sand castle building lesson. I think it comes under PE.



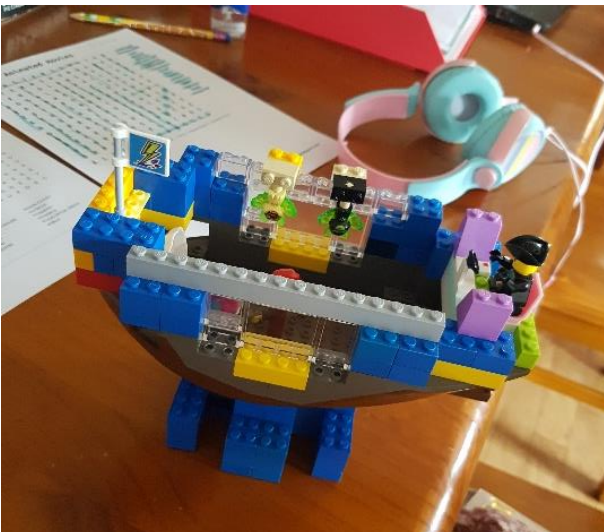
Maths dominoes.



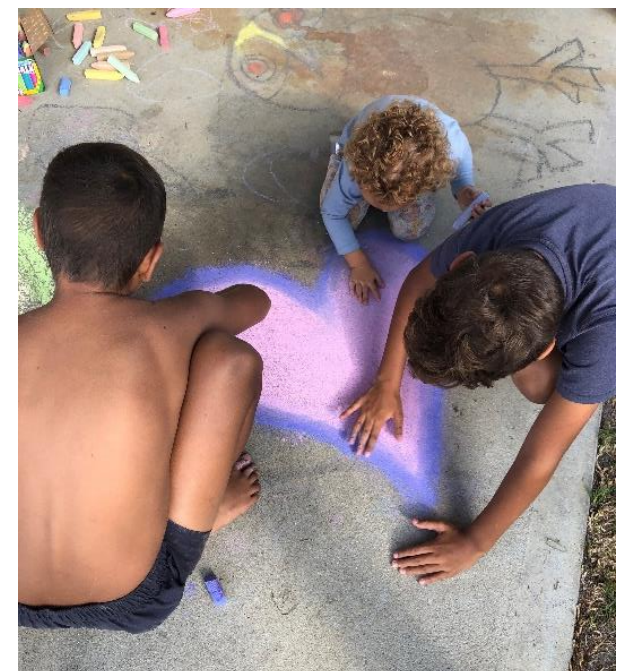
Cairo love maths time, favourite subject besides being outdoor running around!



Storm and Elena's classroom.



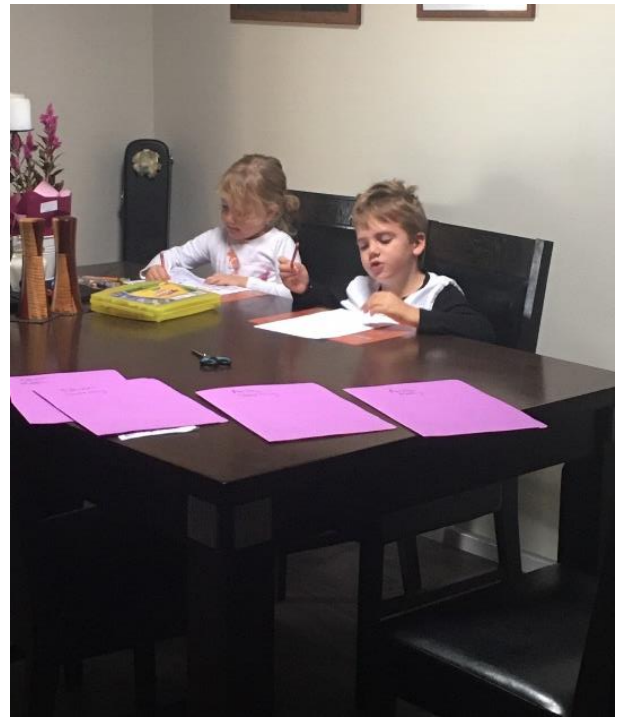
Storm and Elena have a big space for activities both online and other. They have been enjoying money dominoes and some Lego challenges.



Allikae & De'Sean enjoy an art activity.



Isabella and Oskar have been studying nature and photography.



Devrin and Amity



Silas and Lilah are enjoying their home classroom.



Jayce enjoys colouring in.



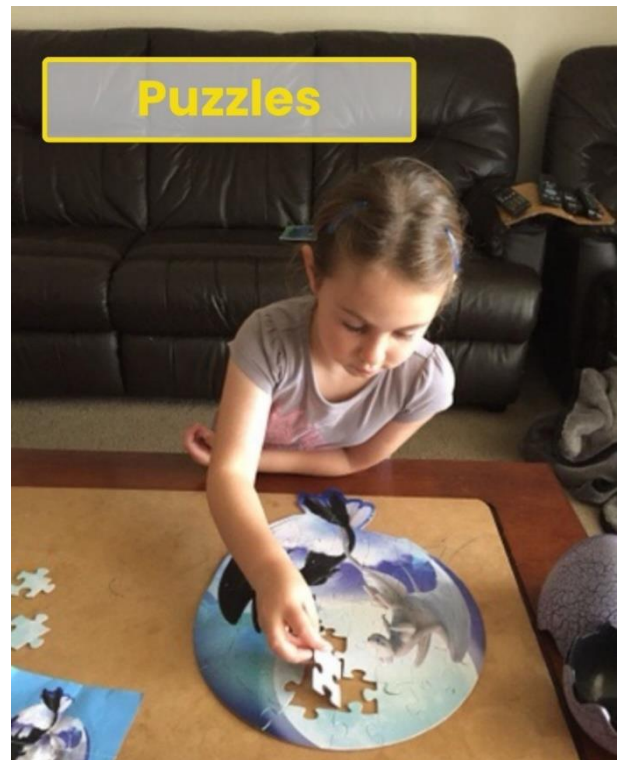
John and Ethan are keeping fit.



Ellie doing some art with help from the dogs.



Hayley has been making healthy lunches with mum.



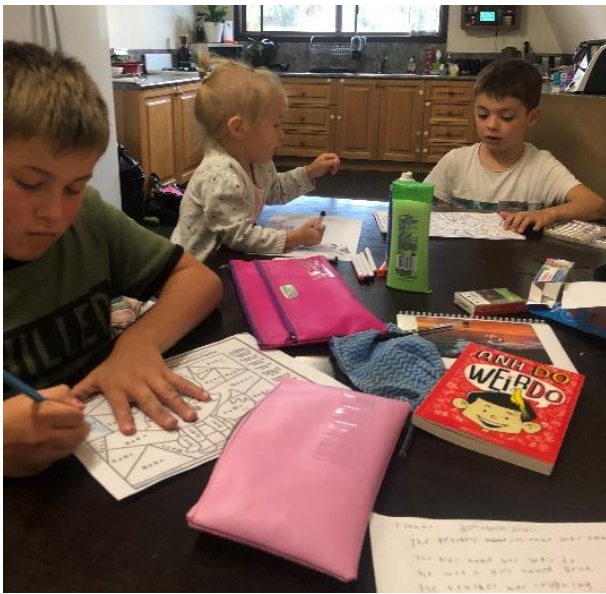
Hayley loves puzzles.



Hayley has been writing some letters too.



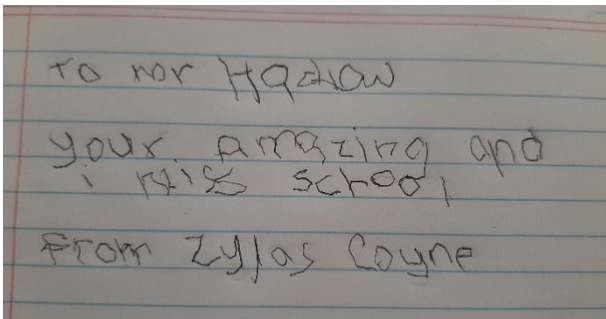
Sophie has been working on Maths Online and Sound Waves.



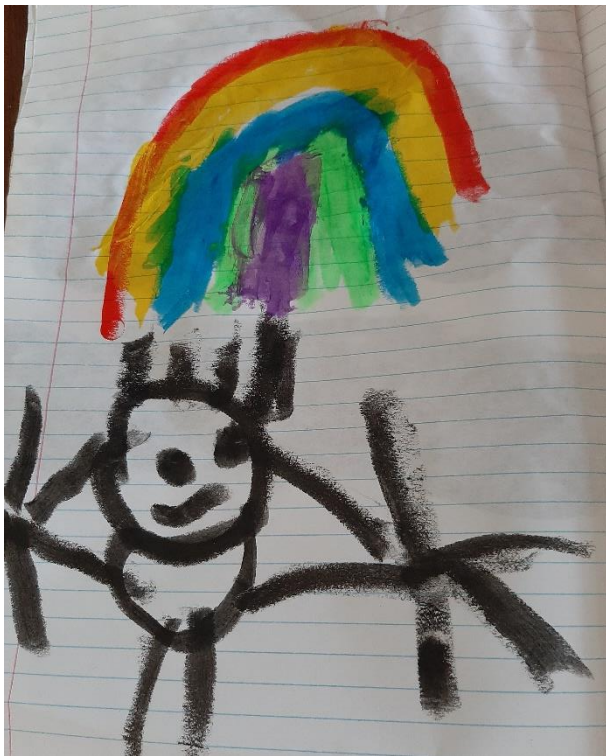
Connor and Jaxon studying hard and little sister Thea joining in.



Thomas practicing some handwriting



Zylas is missing Mr Hadlow terribly.



Zylas drew himself under a rainbow playing and bees taking pollen from flowers

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please note notices appearing below are not necessarily endorsed by the school. We provide this space for community groups to advertise to the school community. It is up to parents to scrutinise the activity and organisers for their child.



Due to Covid – 19 the 2020 Soccer Season has been delayed until further notice.

In readiness for its arrival the Spencer Park Soccer Club would like new and old players to register for the 2020 season at playfootball.com.au. Please select the option to pay directly to my club and not pay fees until the season is confirmed.

We are also looking for coaches, committee members and fundraising volunteers and would like anyone interested to contact spencerparksoccerclub@mail.com.