



Principal's Letter

It has certainly been one incredibly challenging Term for not only our Furlong Park community, but for everyone across Victoria. One that we could never have predicted or imagined. Despite these challenges, our Furlong Park community has thrived. Each week, I'm so proud of the work produced by our students whilst they work from home with the support and guidance of their family members.

Our staff continue to adapt and learn new ways of creating lessons and activities so that our students are engaged as much as possible. During this second remote learning period, it has been wonderful to see how our Education Support (ES) staff have been able to work alongside our teachers during WebEx sessions and have helped them by creating high quality resources.

We now start our transition back to face-to-face learning. When we do return, we have three priorities. Firstly, it is to support the health and wellbeing of our students. We can do this by supporting students to re-establish their friendship and class groups. Secondly, ensure students continue to develop their literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills, and are physically active. Finally, our priority is to make every effort to ensure successful transitions for children moving from our Early Education Program into Prep and students in their final year, to move to Secondary school.

As soon as it is available, I will provide you with more information about our return to school.



I simply can't wait to greet all our students again and celebrate their wonderful achievements as I did with Dania and Ali before remote learning.

I hope that you and your family have a well-deserved two-week

break. Although we are not able to travel far from our homes, I hope that you're able to enjoy more walks in the Spring sunshine!

Lee Bullock
Principal

Term Dates 2020

Term 3 – 13 July – 18 September

Term 4 – 5 October – 18 December

Upcoming Events 2020

Everyday 9:30am – lessons are uploaded

Every Tuesday – class parties via Webex

Monday 14 September – Friday 18 September – Continue remote learning

Saturday 19 September – Sunday 4 October – School Holidays

Monday 5 October – Friday 9 October – Continue remote learning

Monday 12 October – Curriculum Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 13 October – Students return to on-site learning at Furlong Park!

Monday 2 November – Curriculum Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 3 November – Melbourne Cup – SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 17 December – End of Year Party – finish at 2pm

Friday 18 December – Clean-up day

Welcome back

All of the staff at Furlong Park look forward to welcoming our children back to school in Term 4, Week 2 on **Tuesday 13 October!**





Thank You ClearMask

Prior to remote and flexible learning, our Furlong Park staff were very excited to receive a very generous donation from Clearmask Australia. One of our teachers, Stephane O'Hanlon in Room 6, has one very clever father. Her father, Andrew, designed a face shield which helps us to communicate clearly in our Deaf community. We've since seen them popping up all over Melbourne! He then came to Furlong Park to deliver the wonderful donation himself. You might recognise some faces on their community page. www.clearmask.com.au



Do you know these signs?

In our last newsletter, we listed the links to our wonderful Auslan resources created by Caitlin. We will continue to publish these in every newsletter to provide you with easy access. We hope you enjoy learning this fortnight's signs under the ['Celebrations'](#) and ['Time-related'](#) topics.

Remote Learning 1.0

- ['Health & Wellbeing'](#)
- ['Seesaw & Technology'](#)
- ['Learning at home and school'](#)
- ['School holidays'](#)

Prior to the school closure:

- ['General everyday signs'](#)
- ['Opposite words'](#)

Remote learning 2.0 so far:

- ['Medical related'](#)
- ['People related signs'](#)
- ['Places'](#)
- ['Celebrations'](#)
- ['Time-related'](#)



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***Join us for a kids'
Movie Trivia and Pyjama Party***

When: Friday 18th September

Time: 4.30-5.30pm

Where: Zoom Video Call

(link will be sent out on the day)

**COME DRESSED IN YOUR FAVOURITE
PYJAMAS!**

Meet up with other children, who are deaf or hard of hearing, and their siblings and join in the fun.

**RSVP by 8am Friday 18th September to your nearest state at
pod.qld@deafchildren.org.au or pod.vic@deafchildren.org.au**

Please include the child's/ren's names, age/s and if an Auslan interpreter is required. Everyone is welcome!

