

Term 1, Week 10



TERM 1 2020

Week 11

Wed 8/4	Bangers & Bingo Night POSTPONED
Thur 9/4	Last Day of Term

TERM 2

Week 1

Mon 27/4	Staff Development Day
Tue 28/4	Students Return to School

Superstar Awards

Congratulations to the following

Bronze

Superstar students:

Toby L. and Ally L.

Watch this space for details of our first Superstar Award Assembly

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU ...

Sebastian C., Rayce P., Drew G.
AND Mrs Redfern!



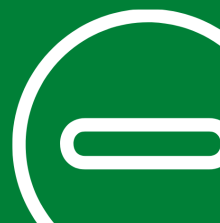
FIGTREE HEIGHTS CANTEN

FHPS Parents & Citizens Association

Attention:
CANTEN CLOSED

FROM WEDNESDAY 25TH
MARCH UNTIL THE END
OF TERM 1 2020 THE
CANTEN WILL BE
CLOSED.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



From the desk of the Principal

With Thanks

We have had many supportive messages and gestures over the past few weeks for which we would like to say thank you. Thank you to the P&C for organising a coffee van to come and provide a selection of drinks for staff...that was very thoughtful.

Thank you to the parents who are doing their best to continue their children's learning at home. We know this comes with a whole set of challenges. We very much appreciate what you are doing to assist to keep yourselves, your children, the children and families who don't have alternate arrangements available to them, as well as our staff all as healthy as possible.

Learning From Home (some things to consider)

1. Learning Packs

The learning packs sent home are the same packs students at school are following. Teachers have tried to maintain their learning programs as much as possible in current circumstances. As we are unsure of the timeline involved in learning from home, we will continue to plan ahead for further online learning using both Seesaw and Google Classroom. With all students completing the same content it will allow a smoother transition back to 'normal' whenever that may be.

2. Devices

Most families have already let us know if they needed to loan a device for online learning, however, if you require one please let us know as soon as possible.

3. Attendance

We have been advised to monitor student attendance in at home learning. Students who are active online and showing they are completing some learning tasks are marked as 'F' (flexible). For those who are not attempting any of the online tasks (or sharing their progress with the learning packs) we have been told to use 'A' (unapproved leave). Should there be problems with connecting to the platform your child is using please contact their teacher via emailing them or the school. We are aware that it can be overwhelming so start with the tasks that can be done independently as we all practise teaching and learning this way.

4. Wellbeing and Staying Connected

In times of isolation it is important to try and keep connections with others. It has been lovely to see some of the videos and photos students have been sharing of themselves in their 'home classrooms', or seeing the conversations they are able to have online. This is enabling them to feel connected to their teacher and peers.

5. Resources

A checklist provided by the Department of Education in regards to setting up a learning environment at home and other advice for parents can be found at.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/advice-to-parents-and-carers> .

6. Feedback

We are all learning how to best navigate this new world and would like to know how you are going and how we can make things better for you. Please copy and paste the link below into your browser to let us know how you are travelling.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfiPk2nECxhylh8l-EHloGYiisqvXV0AT2ra32h3F-w8h9ulQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

From the desk of the Principal

Online Platforms

As you are aware for online learning some classes are using Seesaw and some Goggle Classrooms, as these were already being used in our school. Although the Newsletter is still coming out weekly please also take time to check into Facebook as this is the platform supported by the Department and used for them to upload current information. Remember you do not have to a member of Facebook to access our page as it is open to the public.

Last Word

“Creativity is
intelligence
having fun.”

– Albert Einstein

Inspire
together we're better

Have a good day!

Rae Redfern
Principal



Fathering Project Tips

This week, we are focusing on expressing appreciation for parenting partners.

Being appreciative and respectful of your partner strengthens the family as a whole, and models an attitude of gratitude - your children are likely to mirror your actions of acknowledgment and respect.

Appreciating your parenting partner

- Recognise, encourage and celebrate your partner for their skills and hard work, both as a parent and in other areas.
- Express gratitude toward others when you feel it. Modelling this behaviour helps your children identify and understand what there is to be grateful for (and helps them avoid building an ungrateful or entitled mindset).
- Parenting can often be a thankless job. Make a conscious effort to change that in your home by acknowledging the effort that your partner puts in. Thank them for what they do.
- If your parenting partner is 'stay-at-home' and you are working away, keep your perspective when you return home. Make an effort to understand what their day was like, with all its unique challenges and highlights.

Dad Jokes

"My dad literally told me this one last week:

'Did you hear about the guy who invented Lifesavers?

They say he made a mint.'"



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- laptops & tablets
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- books & supplies
- vocational education
- camps & excursions

Can I join?

To join Saver Plus, you must meet all of the below criteria:

- Be 18 years or over
- Have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education yourself
- Have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner)
- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*

To find out more:

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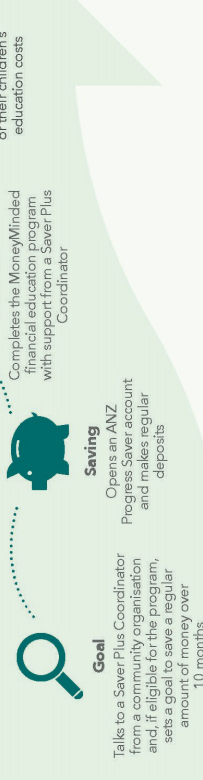
Or contact the nearest office for your area:

*many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.
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What is Saver Plus?

- A free ten-month savings program providing financial education, budgeting and savings tips.
- Participants receive up to \$500 from ANZ in matched savings for education costs for themselves or their children.
- Offered in communities across Australia in every state and territory.
- Delivered by Brotherhood of St Laurence, Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community organisations.

A Saver Plus Participant's Journey



Benefits for participants¹

- 87%** continue to save the same amount or more 3 to 7 years after completing the program
- 78%** were better equipped for unexpected expenses
- 88%** reported increased self-esteem
- 80%** had more control over their finances

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How did it start?

Saver Plus began in 2003 as a Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ pilot program with 200 families across three sites across Victoria and New South Wales.

Since then, the program has expanded to all Australian states and territories, reaching more than 40,000 people, making it the largest and longest-running program of its kind in the world.

Since 2003²:

- 40,000+** participants
- \$23m+** total amount saved by participants
- \$18m+** matched funds paid by ANZ

Find out more

- 1300 610 355
- saverplus@bsl.org.au
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¹RMT University, 2018. A number of Saver Plus program evaluations have been carried out since 2003. For more information see anz.com/saverplus

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