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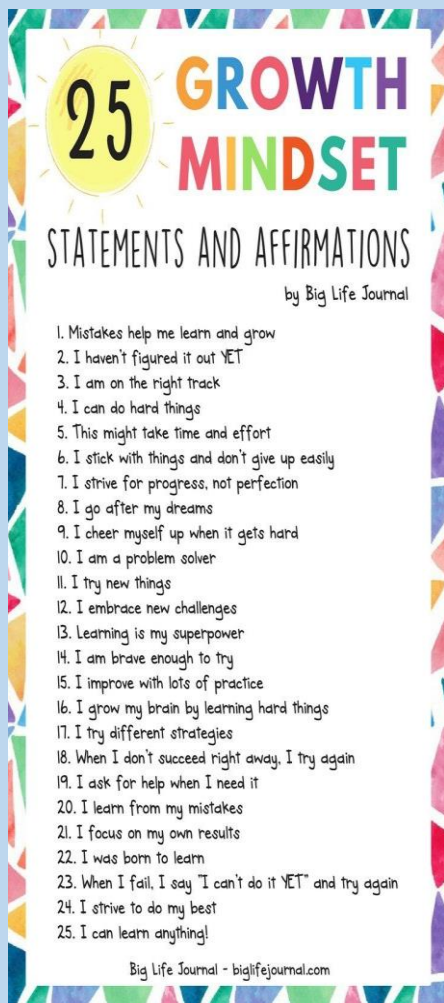
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



What a start to Term 3! This is not the return to school we had all hoped for, however it is vital we all play our part in keeping our family, school and community safe.

As many of you may be aware, once the announcement regarding learning from home was made in the school holidays, the Department of Education suffered a cyber attack which crippled our communications systems. We were unable to use email or Google Apps to collaborate on plans and were thankful to have an 'Emergency' Learning Plan for week one ready to go. I would like to thank the Executive team- Mrs Cairn, Mrs Zucconi, Ms Moran, Miss Gerard and Mr Buckman- who worked on private platforms with me to organise and mobilise our teams and plans. I would also like to thank Mrs Carter (Senior Administrative Manager) who came to school for 9 hours with me on the last day of holidays to help copy learning plans so they were ready for collection on Monday.

School Development Day is a crucial time for staff professional learning. We had to make 4 different plans for the first day back for teachers as the health and technology landscape continually changed. On Monday staff worked from home and attended professional learning online. I led a session on school organisation and updated staff regarding child protection school procedures, teaching and learning and focus areas in 2021. We will begin our teaching programs when students return to face to face learning as the Child protection program deals with some sensitive issues. More information about this program will be shared with parents before the lessons begin. Teachers also participated in professional learning on the EHPS Aboriginal Education Strategy led by Mrs Cairn and myself. This strategy will be shared with our community at the next P & C meeting in August. We hope you can join us then.

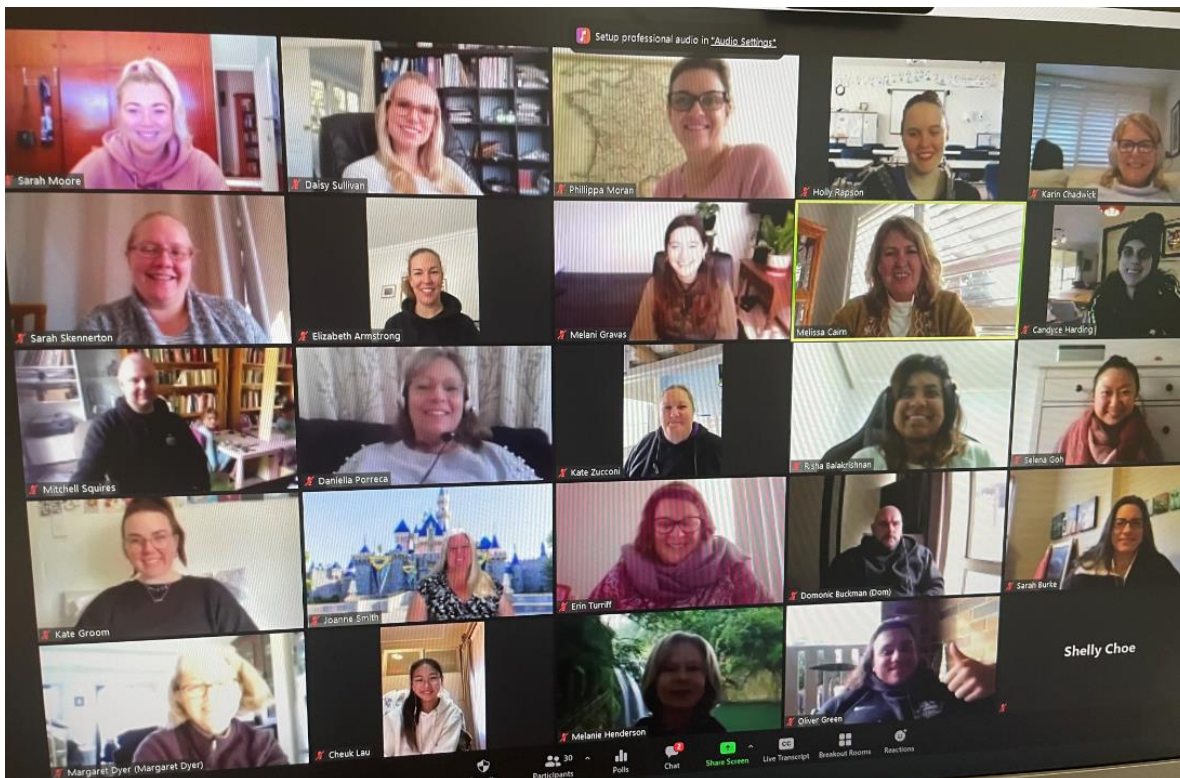
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School Executive then led collaborative zoom sessions where teachers organised delivery and posting of information for students in week one. We also developed consistent guidelines and expectations for the development of learning Plans for week 2 and beyond. Teachers worked hard (as they always do) and we are continually undertaking new ways of working to deliver excellence for our students.





NEWSLETTER

Thank you

We appreciate that this is a very challenging time for parents and families. Our teachers have been very grateful for the kind and supportive messages they have received thanking them for their work. Teachers highly value messages from parents and students.

I would like to thank the P & C for allowing me the opportunity to hold a question and answer session via zoom on Tuesday night. Over 30 parents attended this session where I was able to outline our plans moving forward and respond to questions and concerns. I appreciated this chance to connect with our school community. If you have any questions, ideas, or positive or negative feedback, please email me at school. Home school partnerships are highly valued and we want to work together as we navigate the coming weeks.

Learning at school

We welcome children who are well and need to learn at school. It has been lovely to see some smiling faces in our playground and classrooms. Students are working through the same Learning Plan as those working from home. Please do not think your child is 'missing out' by learning at home. Children have coped as well as can be expected given they at times have different teachers and limited friends. We acknowledge their resilience and encourage their positive outlook. If you are unable to work from home and need your child to come to school, please send them. You do not need to email the school to let us know. Please just ensure you have read the news outlining organization and requirements for those attending school. **Please do not send your child to school if they even have the mildest cold, flu or covid symptoms.**

Updates

Please ensure you check enews as this is our way of keeping you updated about Learning Plans, student wellbeing, staffing and health and safety. In the coming days I will be sending information about the Learning Plans for Week 2 and some exciting new ideas to enhance student wellbeing and engagement.

If my staff or I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call or email the school and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and understanding.

Take care. Stay healthy.

Ms Megan Bridekirk

Principal

Protect yourself from viruses



Clean your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser.



Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.



Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.



Stay home if you are sick.



Find the facts

health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus

[COVID-19 rules | NSW Government](#)

[Additional restrictions for NSW | NSW Government](#)

[Advice for families \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://nsw.gov.au)

[Schools in Greater Sydney \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://nsw.gov.au)

[Easy Read resources | NSW Government](#) (video link)

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Book Club Issue 5 - Home delivery only

Due to the current COVID situation, all orders for Issue 5 will be home delivery with a **\$7.50 delivery fee per order**. School LOOP ordering is closed, but you can still use the LOOP App to order books and have them delivered to your home.

For Issue 5 catalogue please click on the link below:

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

The latest date to submit your Book Club orders to Scholastic is **2nd August 2021**.

All Scholastic Book Club home delivery orders earn 10% back in rewards points for our school to purchase books for students such as *Read With Me*. If you would like to place an order, please do so by **2nd August 2021**.

Please send all Book Club enquiries to eppingheights.bookclub@gmail.com. Thank you!

Linda Wong
Book Club Coordinator

Chess classes @ Epping Heights Public School - Term 3, 2021

Due to the current COVID lockdown, we will be conducting our chess class online. As soon as restrictions are lifted, we will return to face to face coaching at school.

Our online chess classes will be held before and after school Monday – Friday from 8:00am–9:00am, 3:15pm–4:15pm, 4:30pm–5:30pm and 5:00pm–6:00pm.

Your child can attend as many of these online classes as he/she wishes until we return to face to face lessons. See the link on this page for more details:

<https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/online-classes-2021>

New students who are not yet part of the Chess Club are welcome to join.

To register your child in the class, go to <https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment> and enter the following code: **Q6T8EJA0JV**

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