

# COLLINGWOOD ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*The monthly school newsletter*



## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

What's coming up

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| <b>18th November</b> | 3 way conferences at Collingwood Campus and Craigieburn Campus via Webex |
| <b>20th November</b> | 3 way conferences at Broadmeadows Campus via Webex                       |
| <b>14th December</b> | Reports available to download from Compass                               |
| <b>18th December</b> | Last day of term, finish time 1:00pm.                                    |

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*Above: Students at each campus have been enjoying Maker Space with Greg via Webex this term. Continued on page 5.*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Hello,

We are all very very happy to have all students back at our campuses every day, and all our staff.

The students are talking a lot and reconnecting with friends and classmates.

Thank you to parents and guardians for working in partnership with your children and the school to make remote and flexible learning a success last term.

It will take a little bit of time for students to get back into routine at school. I wonder how you are going with routines at home?

This newsletter is full of photos of our students learning English in lots of different ways. At school the students are doing lots of science, art and physical education activities as well as English and maths.

I hope you enjoy your 3 way conferences through webex.

**Catherine McMahon**

Principal

## Reminders for Parents/Guardians



### School finish times

#### At Craigieburn Campus

School begins at **8.45am** and finishes at **2.45pm** for all Secondary students and Primary students with Secondary siblings. School finishes at **3:00pm** for the remainder of Primary.

This will help reduce traffic and transport time for students and families.

#### For Collingwood and Broadmeadows Campuses

The school day will begin at **8:45am** and finish at **3:00pm** for all students. Please arrange to pick up your child at 3:00pm each day.



My News

Please log in to Compass weekly to check for updates from the Principal.



# Back to School

Our students are excited and happy to be back at school with their friends! Over the next few pages, you can see them enjoying learning together.



## Science with HG 44

Last Friday, Home Group 44 at Collingwood Campus conducted experiments testing the **viscosity** of different liquids.

"Viscosity" means a liquid's resistance to flow. The class discovered that honey is more viscous than water.

## Bubble Buddies at Broadmeadows

B11 and B23 have become bubble buddies!

Students have enjoyed various activities for Book Week celebrations including outside chalk drawings, creating a Spoonville, fairy tale puppets and reading together.



B23 have taken on their role as buddies and friends to the B11 students so well! The bonds that are forming are wonderful to see.



# Art in HG 42 and Tower Class



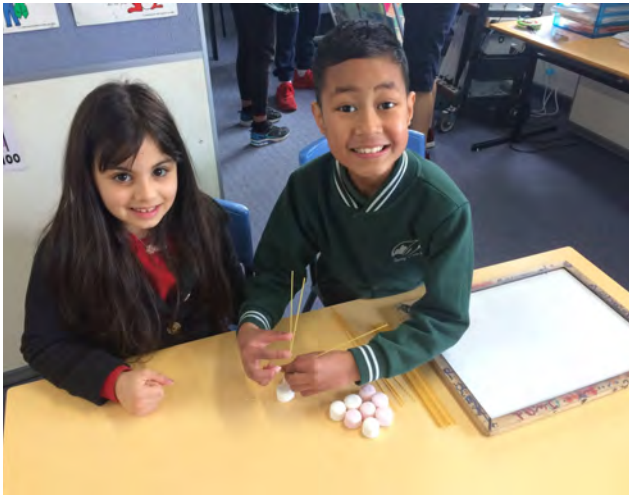
Students in Home Group 42 and Tower Class at Collingwood had a drawing session in Art class.

They were practising following instructions to draw things they like. For example, they drew and coloured the flags of their countries, and tried to recreate famous artworks. It was a fun and relaxing time. See some of their artwork below!





# News from Thomastown Outpost



Above:  
Jouly and Isaiah  
are in one team.  
Tala, Dillsa and  
Banin are in  
another team.  
They are making a  
tall tower out of  
marshmallows  
and dry pasta  
sticks. How tall  
can they make  
their towers?

Above: Eassa and Homoud say  
goodbye to the language school  
class at Thomastown Outpost.  
We will miss you, Eassa and  
Homoud!

**Below:**  
**Zhongjun and Heitor are**  
**new students to Lower**  
**Primary at Thomastown**  
**Outpost.**

**Zhongjun speaks**  
**Mandarin**  
**and Heitor speaks**  
**Portuguese.**





# ***Marble Runs with Makerspace!***



This term students at each campus have had classes via Webex with Greg Giannis, our Makerspace leader.

This term they have been learning about the importance of recycling and how we can make our community cleaner. Students have been designing and constructing marble runs using recycled materials.

Students have been working hard to explain their inventions and ideas in English. We have had lots of fun making and problem solving together.







*More Makerspace pictures. Left: B33 at Broadmeadows campus, Right: Lower Primary at Collingwood campus.*

## Investigative Play at Craigieburn Campus



Students in the Early Years classrooms at Craigieburn have enjoyed settling back into school this term, investigating (through play) each morning.

We learn so much by playing with our friends. Our students' English is improving and they are learning to solve problems, be creative and persist when things are tricky.

# A note from our wellbeing team

2020 has been unlike any year we have experienced.

We are so proud of everything our students have achieved this year, for their patience and commitment to learning.

We are very grateful to families for supporting learning at home and maintaining balance and wellbeing during lockdown.

With the return to school, we have focused on wellbeing and reconnection so that everyone feels safe, confident and ready to learn. This has supported students to adjust to being away from home, working with other people and learning in the classroom.

Staff and students across Victoria have responded to lockdown differently. For some, there may be increased anxiety, changes to routine and tiredness. For others, there may have been increased use of the internet that interrupted sleeping patterns or decreased physical activity. Now is a good time to review your child's sleep, movement, diet and internet usage to find a healthy balance.

The pandemic may also have created uncertainty around future directions. We encourage the school community to be gentle and considerate of each other as each one of us works through the change and prepares for 2021.

While most students will return to CELS in 2021, some students will be moving to a new school. This brings another layer of change to their lives which we are supporting during the rest of this term. We wish those students well in their journeys and thank all families for making our school great.

**Mairead and Wendy**

Wellbeing Team

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## What do you think?

*Our ES staff have been calling all families since the announcement of remote and flexible learning. Here's what you had to say about the students' return to on site schooling.*

**"[My] children are extremely happy at school!"**

**"[The] children's mood and energy have been completely changed for the better."**

**"They have adjusted to the new routine."**

**"The first activity of the day helped in making the transition back easier."**

Most families reported that their children were **"very happy"** and **"excited"** to be back on site at school.