Term 2 Week 7 Wrap

Friday 29 May 2020

Fairfield Primary School

Back at School

A Smooth Transition

After lots of preparation by students, parents and staff, we were delighted to open our doors to Foundation and Year 1/2 students on Tuesday. As a staff, we were unsure how the transition would go after such a long absence, however we were blown away by how seamlessly the students readjusted back into the classrooms. Students displayed independence and confidence in farewelling their parents at the school gate/classroom door, and made their way into the classroom as though they had never been away.

This week teachers have mentioned how well prepared the students were for their return, and how quickly they have re-established classroom routines. I asked some of the students what they most enjoyed about being back at school, and nearly every response was about being able to see their friends again.

Year 3 – 6, we haven't forgotten about you! Seeing your siblings go to school might make you miss school a bit more, but there are only five more school days to go until we have everyone back around the place.

We will communicate the details for pick-up and drop off for Years 3 – 6 students early next week.

Run, run, run!

Building towers

Drawing fun

Making soup!

Playground fun

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Parents on School Grounds

Thank you to parents for your understanding of social distancing requirements. The school has appreciated you keeping your distance from each other and leaving the school grounds as soon as practicable. We ask parents to continue to minimise the time that they spend in and around the school grounds and avoid the temptation to stay and talk with friends.

Parent Teacher Interviews & Reports

Due to how events unfolded at the end of last term, we were unable to proceed with Parent Teacher Interviews. We are hoping to arrange for these interviews to occur early next term and looking at how they may be conducted online.

Victorian state schools are to provide student reports for semester one, which will be adapted to account for this term's disruptions. At FPS, reports will be available for download in Compass on Wednesday 24 June. Information about what will be included in these reports will be sent out at a later date.

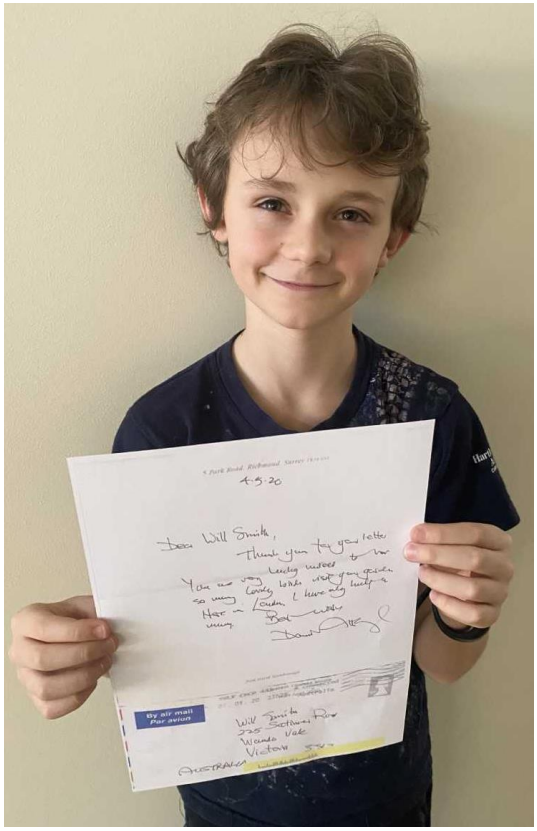
Wishing everybody a wonderful weekend.

~ Paul Wallace, Principal

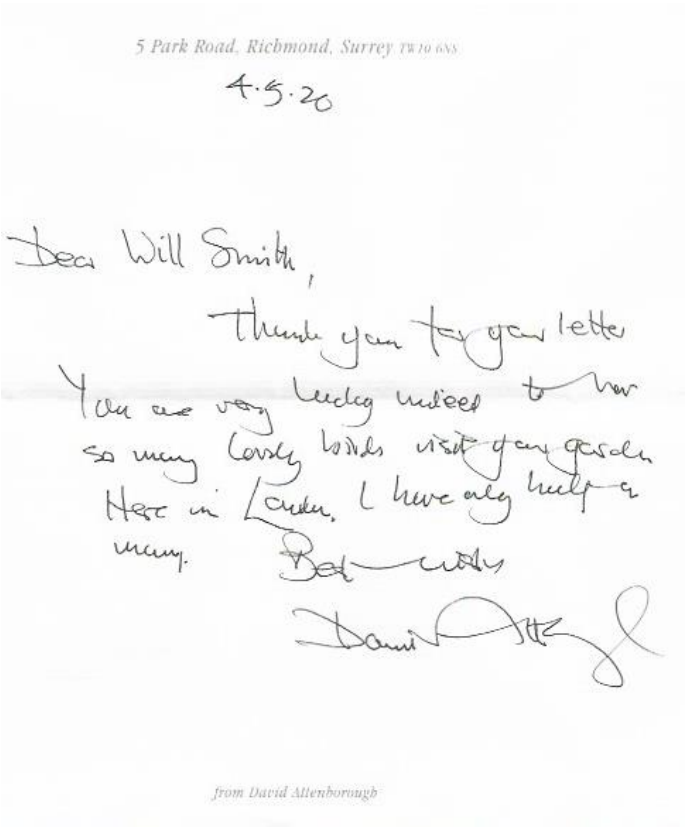
A Letter from David Attenborough

During remote learning Will S, from 4B, received a letter response from naturalist David Attenborough.

Will states, *"When I was at the farm with my Grandma and Mum, I wrote to David Attenborough and he replied! I sent him a bird word find I wrote, and a poster I made about sharks."*



Will S with his letter from David Attenborough



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Dear Will Smith,

Thank you for your letter

You are very lucky indeed to have so many lovely birds visit your garden. Here in London, I have only lucky if many.

Best wishes

David Attenborough

David Attenborough's letter – Click on the letter to enlarge it.

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General News

Specialist Timetable: Monday 1 – Friday 5 June

The Specialist Timetable will be communicated each week through to the end of term. This is due to the changing nature of the timetable based on year levels at school and the upcoming shortened week.

Click to see next week's Specialist Timetable.

Upcoming Calendar Dates

- **Monday 8 June**: Queen's Birthday – public holiday
- **Tuesday 9 June**: Year 3 – 6 students return to school
- **Wednesday 24 June**: School reports available in compass
- **Friday 26 June**:
    - Foundation 2021 enrolment forms due
    - Last day of term two. Early dismissal at 2pm
- **Saturday 27 June – Sunday 12 July**: School Holidays
- **Monday 13 July**: Curriculum Day
- **Tuesday 14 July**: Term 3 starts

2021 Enrolments & Virtual Tours

If you know of families looking to enrol their child at FPS, direct them to our school website for a virtual school tour and to register for a virtual information session. We also encourage current families to take a look at our virtual tours – they give a great 'feel' for the school and our philosophy at FPS.

If you have a kindergarten child who is ready to commence school in 2021, we ask that you submit an enrolment form by the end of term to facilitate the planning of staffing and resources for the coming year.

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Classroom Cuisine – Lunch Orders Available Wednesdays

Wednesday lunch orders are back! At this stage, *Classroom Cuisine* is operating with a reduced menu until the end of term. Place your lunch orders via the *Classroom Cuisine* website.

PSW School Uniform Shop – Open for Business

PSW retail stores are open Wednesday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, and Saturday, 10am to 1pm, in case you need to replenish uniform items. Parents are also welcome to order uniforms via the PSW website too.

Northcote High School—Virtual Tours

Northcote High School is offering virtual tours for prospective families.

Watch the school tour.

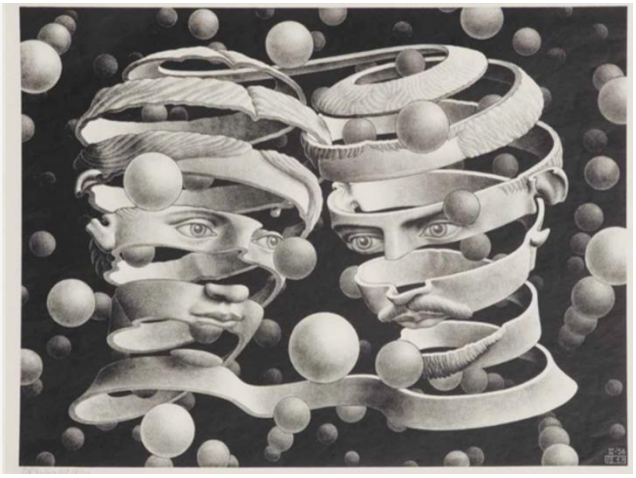
Tonight! Locked Down Trivia Night

Tonight's the night – **Friday 29 May at 8pm,** live from your lounge!

- Register here
- Select: **May 29th at 8pm**
- Get your *'School Sports Day'* attire ready for the night.
- The event is hosted via Zoom, and on the night a Google Form quiz sheet will be shared to complete your answers.
- You can play as a team (*What's App* is great for communicating across residences) or within your house.
- There is no cost to register or play. There is an optional donation of $20 per login, however it's not required to register or play on the night. Donations collected go to selected schools and childcare centres, including Fairfield Primary School.

M.C. Escher in Isolation Challenge

Nell R, 3B - Rind of Citrus



MC Escher – Bond of Union

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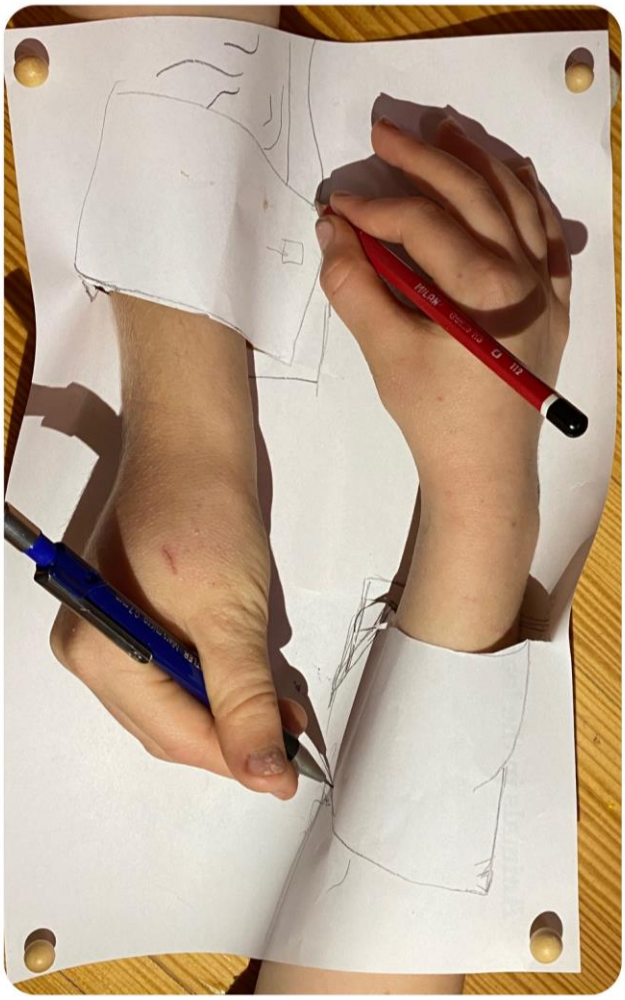

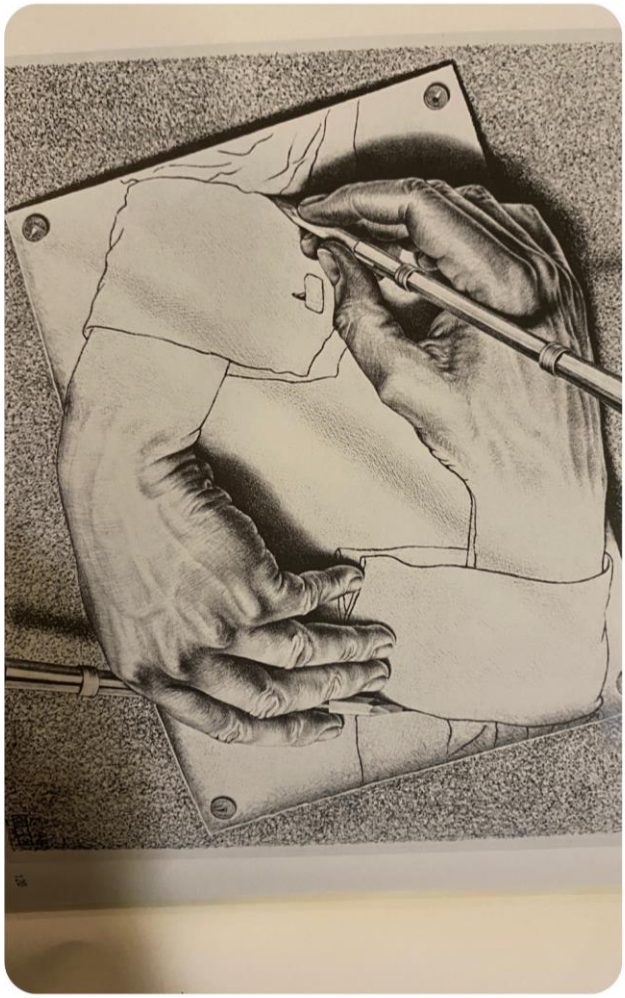

Rosie and Flynn V, 1/2E & 3A

Bond of Union

Hugo B, 4B – Interpretation of Bonds of Union

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