



# Students Gradually Returning to School

Dear Families,

Gradually more parents are sending their children to school as they themselves return to work. The federal education minister has stated that she expects all students to return to full-time school attendance by Monday 25 May.

It is highly likely that we will skip Phase 2, where students attend 2 days per week, and go straight to Phase 3 where students attend 5 days per week starting Monday 25 May. I have not had formal notification of this and will notify you as soon as I hear from the Department of Education.

Students who have already returned to school 5 days per week have shown great respect for each other, regularly washing their hands and coughing or sneezing into their elbow. Teachers too have continued to practice social distancing and we have postponed large meetings and our beloved weekly morning tea.

The specialised weekly P.E program has resumed and we expect the library program to resume soon. The Regional School of Music will return once students are here 5 days per week. It will be some time until assemblies are held, and it will be a great source of delight once we are able to have our community together again in one spot!

Drop-off and pick-up arrangements have been running smoothly too with parents waiting near their cars for the teacher-on-duty to bring students to them. Families have been most responsible with their social distancing and not gathering together for a chat at the gates.

The P&C will advise when the canteen opens again and uniforms are still available for purchase through the online P&C Uniform shop.

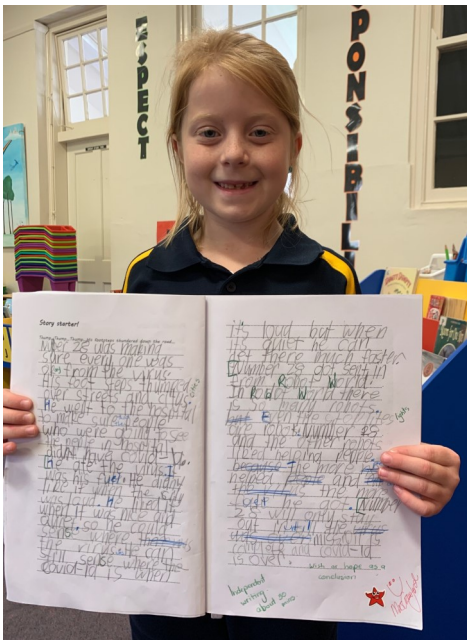
I assist in your decision making regarding your child/ren returning to school. Please do not hesitate to contact me or your classroom teacher.

From my desk...

*Clare Crawford*



## ...Creative Writing...



Thump... Thump... Thump... His footsteps thundered down the road...

Number 28 was making sure everyone was okay from the virus. His footsteps thumped over streets and cities. He went to the hospital to make sure that the people who were going to see the people in hospital didn't have Covid-19.

He ate the virus. It was his fuel. He did not like it when the city was loud. He liked it when it was nice and quiet, so he could sense where the virus was. He can still sense where Covid-19 is when it is loud but when it's quiet, he can get there much faster.

Number 28 got sent in from Robot World. In Robot World there is so many robots. Even the stop lights are robots. Number 28 and the other robots liked helping people. The more people he helped and virus he ate, the more fuel he got.

Number 28 will only stay out until the mission is complete and Covid-19 is over.

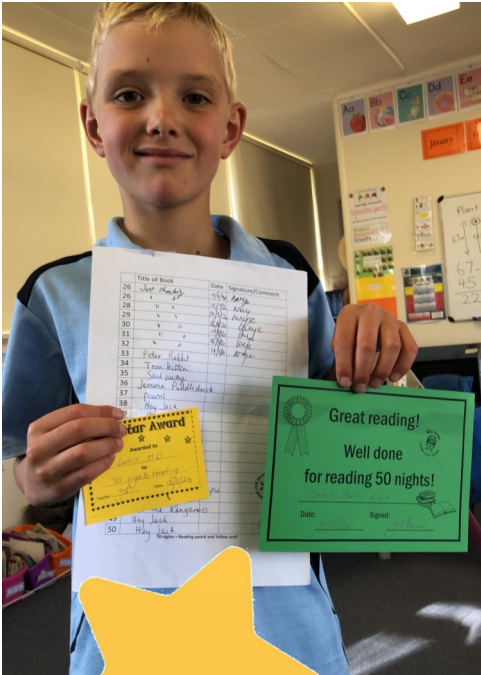
I wish Covid-19 was over so I could see and play with my friends.

*Written by Georgia Jones—21*

As part of creative writing Week 3 Term 2



# Gradually returning to school..





**WE  
ARE  
HERE**

## PHASE 1

**Students at school at least one day per week.**

- Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which day, with a preference to group siblings/families together.
- Families who need to send their child to school every day may continue to do so and no child will be turned away.
- Classes are split across different spaces and break times can be staggered.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

### You can now

- Send your child/children to school one day a week.
- You are encouraged to keep your child at home for the rest of the week wherever possible.
- Check with your school to see which day of the week your child/children should attend.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.

### You must continue to

- Follow your school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children if safe to do so.
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.
- Make sure your child/children have access to lunch and snacks, noting some canteens may not be operating at this stage.
- Support your child/children to continue learning at home on remote learning days.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

**POSSIBLY  
SKIPPING**

## PHASE 2

**Students at school at least two days per week.**

- Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which days, with a preference to group siblings/families together.
- Families who need to send their child to school every day may continue to do so and no child will be turned away.
- Classes are split across different spaces and break times can be staggered.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

### You can now

- Send your child/children to school two days a week.
- You are encouraged to keep your child at home for the rest of the week wherever possible.
- Check with your school to see which two days of the week your child/children should attend.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.

### You must continue to

- Follow your school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children if safe to do so.
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.
- Make sure your child/children have access to lunch and snacks, noting some canteens may not be operating at this stage.
- Support your child/children to continue learning at home on remote learning days.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

**POSSIBLY  
STARTING  
NEXT WEEK**

## PHASE 3

**Students at school five days per week, with social distancing measures.**

- Students with increased health risks may continue to learn at home to suit their individual needs.
- Students remain in the same classroom for the day, break times can be staggered to reduce mixing between class groups.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

### You can now

- Send your child/children to school every day.
- Access community services run on school sites, where they are not restricted by Public Health Orders.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.
- Walk your child/children into and out of school while maintaining social distancing.

### You must continue to

- Follow your school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children if safe to do so.
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.
- Make sure your child/children have access to lunch and snacks, noting some canteens may not be operating at this stage.
- Support your child/children to continue to learn at home if they are required to learn remotely.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

# FREE ONLINE WEBINAR

with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

## 'Raising Resilient Kids in Uncertain Times'

Tonight: Monday 18 May from 7pm—8pm

Addressing parenting techniques to manage current impacts of the coronavirus at home, work and in social circles. Planning and preparedness for impacts on lifestyle changes.

This is a FREE webinar, using the Zoom platform.

**Registrations prior to the event are ESSENTIAL.**

\*Very Important: A Zoom meeting ID and password link will be sent to you via the email included in your registration, so please ensure you register on Expect Me Wellness Hub events here: <https://expectme.com.au/buy/may-18-dr-michael-carr-gregg-how-to-build-resilient-kids-webinar/>



## Learning From Home Survey

Thanks to those who have already completed our online survey regarding learning from home. We have extended the closing date to this Friday 22 May. Simply copy and paste the link below into a webpage and complete the survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RYQ9KRM>

**We appreciate your feedback!**



## CONGRATULATIONS

to some of our  
reading award  
recipients!

Keep up the great  
work!!!

# Birthday wishes this week!

Wishing **Louis Abnett** and **Frank Brady**  
the happiest and healthiest birthday!



# Library NEWS

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**



## BOOK CLUB IS HERE—Virtual Catalogue while Students Learn from Home

In these unprecedented times we're all being asked to change the way we work and live. Our tradition of putting books into the hands of kids isn't going to change, but for Term 2, we're doing things a little differently.

**Doing things differently does not change  
our goal, that goal is more important than ever!**

**For the first time in the history of Scholastic—  
we will have a Virtual Book Club for Term 2**

Every child will still have the opportunity to access their Book Club catalogue.

The same carefully selected, best-value books will still be available, so the enjoyment Book Club is known for will not change!

We ask that you continue to work with us to maintain our unique distribution partnership with schools. This means we can keep on putting traditional delivery costs back into offering the best prices and the best selection of books!

**All orders will still be delivered  
to the child's school as normal, but**

getting the books into their hands is where we are asking for your help!

### Ready to Run

Click below to access  
the Virtual Catalogue.

Recommended return-by-date  
Monday 18th May.



**Click here for your  
Virtual Book Club**

### Any questions or need help

Please call us on  
**1800 021 233\***

We are here to help.

\*Please contact us by 1st May 2020.



**Copy the link below and share**

**<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>**