

From John and Silvia

COVID-19

Thank you to the parents who have kept children home from school and had their children undertake COVID-19 tests. On the SA Government Health advice website it states:

Symptoms of COVID-19 - Monitor for symptoms such as:

- Fever*
- cough*
- shortness of breath*

Other early symptoms to watch for are

- chills and body aches or muscle pain*
- a sore throat*
- headaches*
- runny nose*
- diarrhoea*
- unexplained loss of taste or smell*

If you or your children experience any of these symptoms, contact a testing centre.

The recent situation at Thebarton Senior Secondary College showed how quickly situations can change and how vigilant we need to be in these times.

Our School Governing Council has been discussing the safety and welfare of adults on our site and came up with an important decision. Unless the state of play in regards to COVID-19 changes, this year's **Sports day** will proceed without adult spectators. Restrictions regarding social distancing of adults in an "uncontrolled environment" (moving about, not seated), every entrance needing to be monitored to ensure COVID-19 forms were being filled in and not being able to run food stalls because of

physical distancing mean Governing Council thought this was the only way to go. Should state restrictions change for the better, Governing Council will reconsider this and inform the school community.

Our upcoming **Quiz night** (August 28th) currently is going ahead as it is in a controlled environment (we will have the details of every participant and it is a seated event). Our Parents and Friends Group are monitoring the Government restrictions to ensure the event can continue and will advise people should the event be postponed.

2021 Enrolments

We have currently reached capacity for reception enrolments for 2021. At this stage, unless we have any cancellations we cannot accept further enrolments for 2021. We are about to begin the process of organising staffing for next year and a critical part of this is knowing our enrolments numbers. If your child is moving to another primary school next year, please let the front office know about this. Your support with this is appreciated.

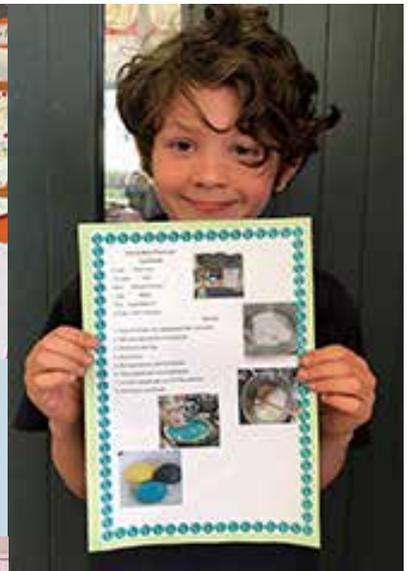
Nature Play Area

Next week our Nature Play area will be open (subject to a final safety inspection). This is a very exciting, long awaited event. When it is available for use during playtimes, we will initially restrict access for students in Room 20, 21, 22, 23, 3 and 4. Students from other classes will have the opportunity to try out the new area when their class teacher takes them out during lesson time. Once the initial excitement dies down a little, we'll open it up to more students or will allow different year levels on on different days.

Check this out!

Our Nature Playground is nearly complete and ready for children to explore! Climbing Tree have been tirelessly working away over the past couple of months to create a playground space for our students to explore, create and reconnect with nature. Our new playground space includes a stainless steel hand pump, rubble paths, a sandplay area with a feature log, a tree house, log scramble, vertical rock wall and a beautiful meeting circle that will allow students and classes a space to enjoy outdoor classroom opportunities.

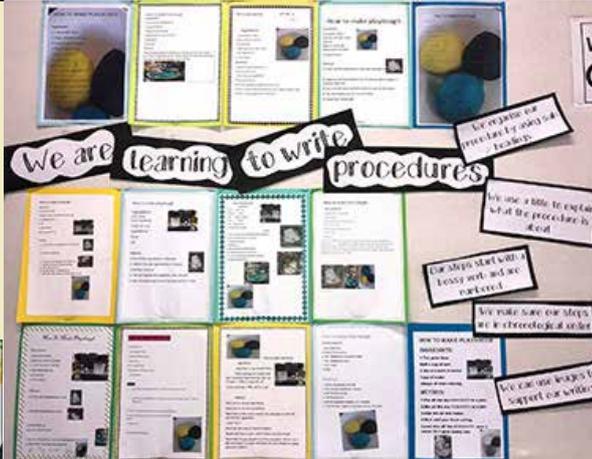




Procedure Writing in Room 4

In Room 4 we have been learning to write procedures. We have written procedures on 'How to make a chocolate cake', 'How to make fairy bread', 'How to make playdough', 'How to skip' and 'How to wash your hands'.

We have typed some of our procedures on the laptops and



organised our page so other people can follow the instructions. We know that our procedures need a title, list of ingredients or materials and a method with pictures – and don't forget the bossy verbs!

We have all loved writing procedures because it was lots of fun - especially when we got to eat the chocolate cake and fairy bread. **Mary & Ivy**



SAPSASA Knockout Soccer

Last week year 7s had the opportunity to represent the school in the state knockout soccer competition. They played against Westport and Blair Athol Primary Schools.

The boys did Torrensville proud. They played as an inclusive team, were well mannered and acted and behaved very well.

On the pitch they fought hard. The boys were 2 nil down in the first game and fought back to win 3-2. We only had a 25 minute break and then into the next game. Again we were 2 nil down and fought back to 2-1 and then kept pushing. We had a few chances to equalise but the ball just wouldn't go in. Then chasing the equaliser we conceded another goal. Down 3-1 the boys still kept fighting until the final whistle. All played well and fought till the end. They just didn't quite have the steam to come back again after playing 2 full games with only one substitute.



All players had moments of excellence and their link up play was great, especially considering they do not normally play in a team together. A big thank you to all the parents that assisted with coaching, training, transport and helping out on the day.