

SOARING HIGH ON THE WINGS OF SUCCESS

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

As we enter Week 10 @ Wiri we are faced with new and ever evolving changes and we as a school community are ready to take them head on. We thank you for your amazing work and the contact and feedback you are giving us as we have moved to our learning from home. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher via Seesaw, email the school or phone, we are here to help.

Working from Home - Staff

This week some staff have begun their 'Working from Home' journey. You will see their videos and messages may reflect this and we have clear guidelines that all staff are working to whether they are onsite or in their own home. Together we are all working to limit our movements within our community and still provide students and families with the best support possible. The staff on site are providing care and supervision for students that meet the required health recommendations. Staff are completing upskilling and professional learning around the best ways to facilitate teaching, learning and wellbeing supports for students and their families.

Easter Hat Parade

The challenge was put out over the weekend to not let these challenging times stop our Wiripaang Easter Hat Parade. So please accept the challenge in having a look around your house for anything that can be used to create an Easter hat and send through your pictures. We can't wait to share them with you all as we celebrate in different ways.

COVID - 19 & Mental Health

Discussions and concerns around the coronavirus outbreak and practising self-isolation can be stressful and impact our mental health and wellbeing. It's natural to feel a range of emotions, such as stress, worry, anxiety, boredom, or low mood. Many people feel distressed by the constant news and

overwhelming amount of information about the situation.

Head to Health is committed to providing Australians with trusted information and digital supports to help support everyone's mental health and wellbeing during this pandemic. This page covers where to get [the facts](#) about the COVID-19 outbreak, tips for [maintaining good mental health](#), information on how to [access mental health services](#), information [for parents](#), and how to [keep older Australians safe and connected](#) by helping them get established online. Please check out the website at: <https://headtohealth.gov.au/covid-19-support/covid-19>

STAY INFORMED - CORONAVIRUS TECHNOLOGY

Stay informed and download the official government "Coronavirus Australia" app in the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#), or join our [WhatsApp channel](#) on [iOS](#) or [Android](#). This will help you and your family keep up to date and support you and all of us in working together.

Learning from Home packs

Staff are busily uploading information to Seesaw regularly and putting together packs for students to work on at home. We are endeavouring to deliver all students their pack this Wednesday 1st April. Due to social distancing rules we will deliver them to your mailbox or near your front door if possible. Staff will be in contact with you to confirm. We thank you for understanding and would love to see any smiling faces from a distance as we drop the next packs off to your home.

I wish to publicly acknowledge the brilliant work of my staff as they have switched to this new form of teach and learning at such a rapid rate. To the families at home doing their best to keep school happening in your home I thank you. To our students, keep working hard, we are super proud of you all and together we will achieve great things and help each other through this time.

Kind regards, **Julie Low**

How are your Easter hats coming along? Can you pick our 2 teachers who are under these Easter hats?



A note from the office

- School photos have been postponed to 16th June, envelopes will go home closer to the date. If you have already ordered/paid, your order will carry over to the new date.
- Watch our staff messages to our wonderful students [Wiripaang Staff Messages](#)

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B	Portrait	45
C	Portrait	38
D	Portrait	26
E	Portrait	22
F	Portrait	15
G	Portrait	12
H	Portrait	8
I	Portrait	5
J	Portrait	2

Family Package are also available online but must be ordered by 9pm the night before Family photo day.

Family Packages

Family A	25
Family B	15
Family C	12
Family D	8
Family E	5
Family F	2

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Learning from home

Support Unit students enjoyed learning new activities at home and interacting with their teachers through Seesaw. Here are just a few photos of our students enjoying their learning.



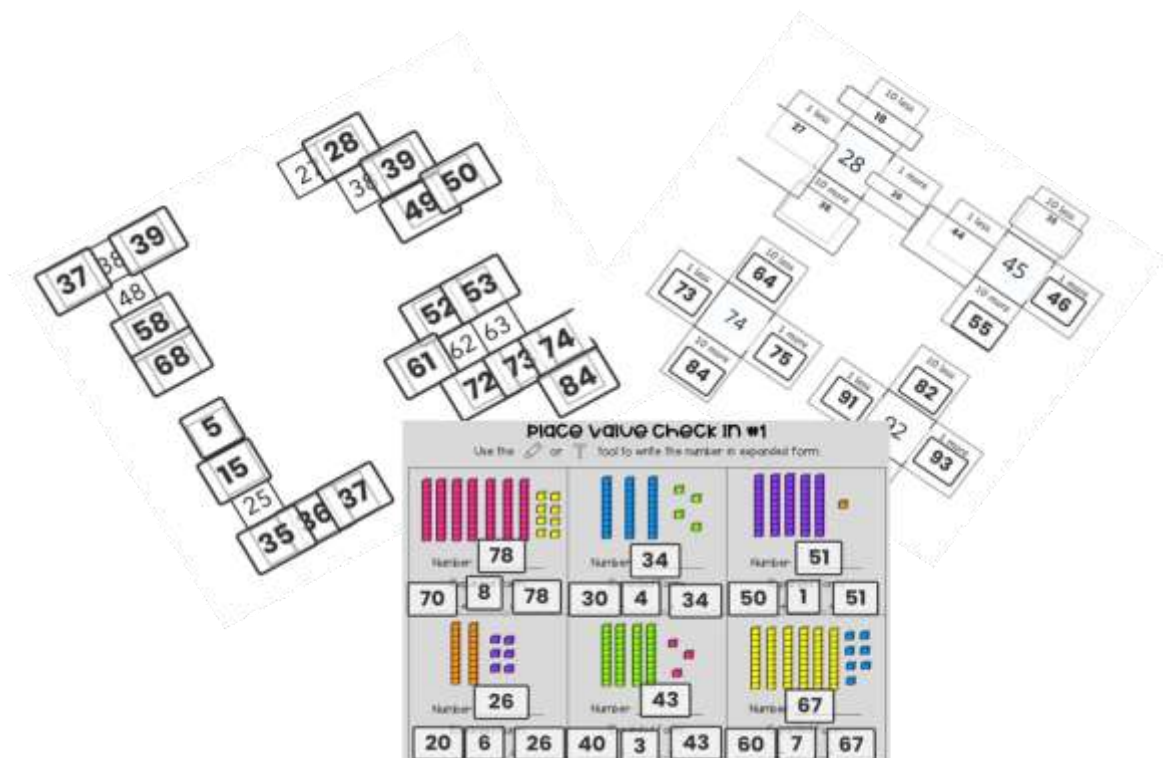
Learning from home

Stage 1

are planning online in response to the text 'Imagine' by Alison Lester. Here are some of the amazing plans so far...



There are also some great online maths activities that students are completing...





Handy Hints for Helping your child thrive at school!

in life!!



Each newsletter I will put together some ideas about how families can help children develop their literacy and numeracy skills. This will also go onto our Facebook page. Hope you enjoy playing these games! Mrs Lavercombe

Week 10 - WOW! So much has changed in the last fortnight since I last put together a page of hints! Although these changes were rapid, it is amazing to see how quickly our students, staff and community came together to make plans, provide support and work together to keep everyone as safe as possible. I am so proud to be a part of our Wiri family and support our amazing students.



Sock competition!

Ever noticed how many odd socks are in your house? Set a challenge to sort out the socks!

Rules: 5 points for every paired sock rolled into a ball. There is a 15 minute time limit of sock sorting. Parents decisions are final and they have the right to adjust any rule they see fit with no notice given. At the end of 15 minutes, each child presents all their rolled socks. A tally is to be set up and each child has a total number of points. Now the fun starts! Bring out all the odd socks and pile them up. Parents set a timer (maybe 3 minutes?) and shouts 'go'! Kids scramble to match up as many pairs as they can in the set time. Each of these beauties is worth 10 points. Tally up the points. Voila! Socks are sorted!



Photo Sort



Spend some time going through photo albums and getting them in order. Your children will love seeing these old pictures and you can take the opportunity to tell the stories behind the image. I did this recently with my own children and I was really surprised at how interested they were in the pictures and the stories!

Above all, be kind to yourself and your family. Take time to make sure you are all ok and reach out if you are finding things tough. Look forward to seeing you all soon!

Non-screen activities you can do at home

Pobble

25
Ideas!

What can you do when there's no school and you're stuck at home? Here are 25 fun ideas to choose from.

1 How many different words can you make from the letters in this sentence, below? Grab a pencil and paper and write a list!

'Learning from home is fun'

2 Thank a community hero. Think of someone that helps you in some way and write a short letter to thank them.

Thanks!

3 Get building! You could build a Lego model, a tower of playing cards or something else!



4 Can you create your own secret code? You could use letters, numbers, pictures or something else! Can you get someone else to try and crack it?

5 Start a nature diary. Look out of the window each day and keep note of what you see. Birds, flowers, changes in the weather, what else?

6 Hold a photo session. Use a camera or a mobile phone to take some snaps. What will you photograph? Your pets or toys perhaps?

7 Build a reading den. Find somewhere cosy, snuggle up and read your favourite book!



8 Use an old sock to create a puppet. Can you put on a puppet show for someone?



9 Make a list of all the electrical items in each room of your home. Can you come up with any ideas to use less electricity?

10 Design and make a homemade board game and play it with your family.



11 Do something kind for someone. Can you pay them a compliment, make them something or help them with a task?



12 Can you create a story bag? Find a bag and collect items to go in it that relate to a well-known story. If you can't find an item, you could draw a picture to include.

13 List making! Write a list of things that make you happy, things you're grateful for or things you are good at.



14 Design and make an obstacle course at home or in the garden. How fast can you complete it?



15 Can you invent something new? Perhaps a gadget or something to help people? Draw a picture or write a description.



16 Keep moving! Make up a dance routine to your favourite song.



17 Write a play script. Can you act it out to other people?



18 Read out loud to someone. Remember to read with expression.



19 Write a song or rap about your favourite subject.



20 Get sketching! Find a photograph or picture of a person, place or object and sketch it.



21 Junk modelling! Collect and recycle materials such as yoghurt pots, toilet rolls and boxes and see what you can create with them.

22 Draw a map of your local area and highlight interesting landmarks.



23 Write a postcard to your teacher. Can you tell them what you like most about their class?

24 Draw a view. Look out of your window and draw what you see.



25 Get reading! What would you most like to learn about? Can you find out more about it in books? Can you find a new hobby?

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We have created a few drop boxes around our school for you to drop some work off to be marked or a letter to your teachers. Look for the sign above to locate the drop boxes.

