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Acting Principal and Acting Assistant Principal's Report

Despite being apart from one another physically our classes are spending some lovely online sessions together.

Our youngest students celebrated 100 days at (virtual) school yesterday. Thank you to their teachers, Jill, Georgia and Hayley for enabling such a special event. Each of these students were encouraged to participate in a short video to celebrate '100 days of learning'. They participated in a range of reading, writing and counting activities related to the number 100. The virtual party to recognise their first 100 days of schooling was loved by all, including their proud parents.

At the other end of the school our Year 6 students joined in the fun of a "Year 6 only" online assembly with their teachers Ben and Suz. These students were encouraged to BYO their own snack and share morning tea together whilst the excited talk focussed on "all things graduation". As all the students have now been offered a place in a secondary school they celebrated these placements and began discussing possible graduation songs. Their next assembly will include some components from various student leaders.

It was lovely to read comments from other students explaining how they are continuing to be respectful and caring whilst at home...

"This week we are looking after a puppy dog. I am caring for her by playing with her and patting her."

"By giving my mum and dad hugs. Helping mum do the housework... putting away my stuff, and my washing, keeping my room clean, and cleaning my bathroom."

Obviously at Balnarring Primary our values of respect and care guide the decisions and behaviour of all members of our school community – *whether on-site or at home.*

Like in all 'families' many special events occurring during ISO time are being celebrated in a different and low key manner. Today the staff 'met' at 8am via WebEx to celebrate with Jill Waters as she begins a brand new decade. HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU JILL and all the very best for the coming years!

Next week is Hillary Findlay's last day with us before she begins her maternity Leave. What a year this has been for her. Staff were able to celebrate when she announced her exciting news waaaaayyyy back in term one. Sadly it was only us that were around to wave Hillary goodbye as she picked up personal belongings from her classroom during the recent Curriculum Day. We have promised Hillary that we will celebrate with her and her special little person in the (hopefully) not too distant future.

I know that you will join with me in thanking Hillary for her work at Balnarring Primary and wish her all the very best as she begins the next exciting stage of her life.

We would like to thank the members of our Principal Selection Panel – including our School Council President, Ben Vasiliou and parent representative Courtney Vincent – who have participated in a number of sessions to help them select the best person to become our next principal.

As there were no in-house applicants for the position the newly appointed Principal will increase our staffing ratio from the start of term 4.

With this in mind Melanie Phillips, who is currently out of the classroom in the Learning Specialist role, has kindly agreed to return to Year 1B as their classroom teacher until the end of the 2020 school year.

Mel is a very experienced teacher and well known to this group of students. We are delighted that she so willingly accepted this role.

Finally we would like to thank the families who have booked in their online (or via the phone) parent teacher interview for next Wednesday 2nd September. Please note bookings will close on Monday 31st August at 3pm.

Wishing all members of our learning community a happy, safe fortnight. Who knows where we will be then?????

Take care,
Sandy and Fi.



Sandy



Fiona