



# Hughesdale HAPPENINGS

*Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day*



## Principal's Report

Week 10 Term 3 2021 Issue 15

In this last issue of our Newsletter for Term 3, I am going to focus on the gorgeous sunshine streaming through my window, the sounds of the Hughesdale neighbours and the incredible joy I have experienced seeing a range of students that I have taught over the last three days. I was so very lucky being able to lead remote learning for a number of classes this week, while their teachers collaboratively planned for Term 4. Seeing the children's faces, their inability to sit still on zoom, their enthusiasm and their smiles was like winning the lottery. When I couldn't get my screen to share, a gorgeous young person piped up with "don't worry Mrs Gough, keep trying". I met pets, beloved soft toys, younger siblings and other treasures, and their smiles were infectious. During a guided reading session, the students and I discovered a joke when learning about the brain;

**Q.** What do you get if you cross your brain with an elastic band?

**A.** A real stretch of the imagination!

We sent messages through SeeSaw and learnt how to spell new words, practiced handwriting and modelled subtraction. Students in Year 2 created a self portrait using collage materials, before reflecting on their unique qualities and learning - they have all built skills we would not have dreamed would be a priority just 18 months ago. Congratulations to parents, grandparents, teachers and most importantly students for your incredible efforts this term.

### Staff News

This week is the last teaching week for one of our year 1 teachers Ms Elisha Park. Mrs Gail Roads will be stepping in to teach 1C for the remainder of the year while Ms Park welcomes her first baby. We are so excited for her and cannot wait to welcome the fifth 2021 Hughesdale baby. Ms Park's baby will be in excellent company with Mr Greene and baby Amelia, Mrs Kinnear and baby Lily, Mrs Prokupets and baby Noah, Miss Dowler and baby Lilian.



### Communication over the school holidays

We really do not know through what mode learning will be delivered when we resume in Term 4. Speculation is rife over whether it will be remote learning or back onsite, and I have no additional wisdom to add. Naturally, I will monitor announcements and operational guidelines as they are made/created over the school holidays.

I would like to give everyone a break from COMPASS and our digital communication stream for as long as I can over the school holidays, however COMPASS will remain our primary means of sharing information with you. Please maintain your digital notifications for COMPASS as I will communicate to you arrangements for Term 4 in the second week of the term break.

### Term 4 commences for students on Tuesday 5th October.

Staff will be involved in an intensive professional learning day on our Curriculum Day scheduled for Monday 4th October, and Camp Australia will be available on this day for families who qualify (approved workers or all families, to be determined by the Victorian guidelines in two weeks' time).

### HOW TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL

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Past *Hughesdale Happenings* can be found on COMPASS in Community under School Documentation

Our family is there for your family



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## A message from Camp Australia

With remote learning continuing across Victoria and school holidays approaching, John Oxlade from Camp Australia wanted to share their Free Online Activities with us in the hope that families can utilise them with their children during remote learning and the school holidays.

The interactive PDF contains lots of activities with full instructions so that children can complete most activities independently. It is included in the Newsletter Compass Post.

Warmest Regards,

**Lisa Gough**

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## Assistant Principal's Report

**AMANDA BREEDEN-WALTON**

*Wellbeing and Daily Organisation*

It is difficult to believe that the term has come to an end and we have not yet been able to see each other face to face. Over the next two weeks, please take care of yourselves and take some time out doing things you enjoy wherever you can.

Although we are unable to get into our cars, take day trips and explore, we can still head off on virtual tours and even watch live events. Over the holidays, why not take a look at a few of these:

- Visit the Penguins at Phillip Island Nature Parks Live Penguin TV. At 6pm each night, log on and watch Phillip Islands Little Penguins waddle up the beach. <https://www.penguins.org.au/virtual/live-penguin-tv/>
- Visit the Royal Melbourne Zoo and take a tour of the zoo, watch the animals live and even look into the enclosures to see what the animals are doing at different times of the day. [https://www.zoo.org.au/animals-at-home/#visit\\_mz](https://www.zoo.org.au/animals-at-home/#visit_mz)
- Visit Healesville Sanctuary and take a virtual tour of the Sanctuary. You can also watch the keeper talks or watch zoo live which can be very exciting, especially around feeding time! [https://www.zoo.org.au/animals-at-home/#visit\\_hs](https://www.zoo.org.au/animals-at-home/#visit_hs).
- Visit Werribee Open Range Zoom and take a trip across the

African open plains. [https://www.zoo.org.au/animals-at-home/#visit\\_worz](https://www.zoo.org.au/animals-at-home/#visit_worz)

- Enrol your child in a Virtual School Holiday Camp activity at the Melbourne Aquarium <https://www.visitsealife.com/melbourne/whats-inside/virtual-aquarium/virtual-school-holiday-camp/>
- Try out some of the 75 fun things to do when in lockdown on the fun attic website <https://funattic.com/fun-things-to-do-with-kids-lockdown/>

Writing letters and drawing pictures to put in neighbours and friends letterboxes is a lovely way to let others know you are thinking of them (while getting the kids to practice their writing skills too!)

Whatever it is you are able to do over the coming two week, please enjoy, take care and breathe. When restrictions are lifted, there are so many amazing things we will be able to do and appreciate once again.

Take care,

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For more support please see the links below.

[Kids Helpline](#) 1800 551 800

[Lifeline](#) 131 114

[Reachout Australia](#) Online mental health service for young people and their parents in Australia.

[The Brave Program](#) 'BRAVE' is a free online treatment program which is based on cognitive behavioural therapy and designed for young people aged 8 to 17 years experiencing anxiety.

[Mood Gym](#) Mood Gym is like an interactive self-help book which helps you to learn and practise skills which can help to prevent and manage symptoms of depression and anxiety.

[Child First & Open Door](#) Child FIRST and Orange Door provide a central referral point to a range of community-based family services and other supports.

[Berry Street](#) Berry Street provides programs to more than 35,000 children, young people and families each year.

[Head to Help](#) Feeling stressed, anxious or sad? Help to Help. The sooner you Head to Help, the better you'll feel.

[Raising Children](#) [Covid-19 family guide](#). Information for parents and carers. Tips to help you and your family cope through lockdowns.  
[Wellbeing Activities](#)  
[Mental health information](#)  
[Podcasts](#)

[eHeadspace](#) Free online and telephone support and counselling to young people 12-25 and their families and friends.

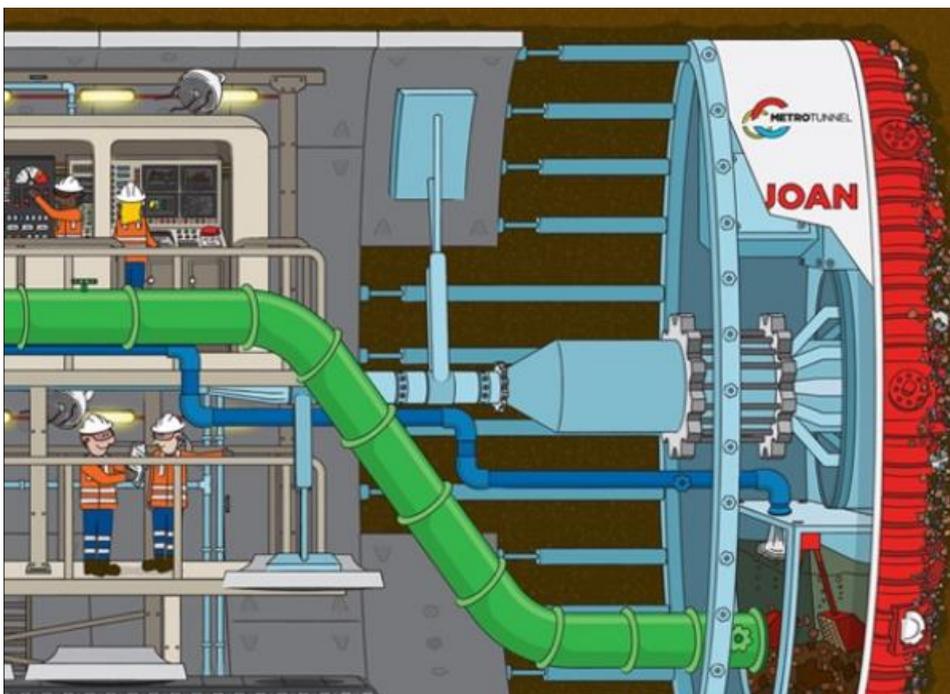
## Assistant Principal's Report

AMANDA SEACH

Curriculum and Pedagogy

### Wishing you all a safe, healthy, happy holiday

If you are looking for some activities (online!) to entertain your children these upcoming holidays a collection of educational activities and opportunities based around the [road and rail projects of Victoria's Big Build](#) are available. I live not far from where the new underground Metro Tunnel Anzac Station is being constructed with a view over the site and the construction is truly awesome. I'm sure there will be some children who will marvel at the tunnel boring machine videos and just how gigantic this project is.



Children can explore and connect with the Big Build projects in ways that will capture their imagination and creativity through science, technology, design, arts, mathematics and history. They can also explore future career opportunities in the Big Build projects.

Some of the activities on offer include:

- Minecraft Mini Melbourne — exploring a scaled model of Melbourne in Minecraft
- Metro Tunnel Mastermind — learning about construction and tunnel boring machines through games and activities
- Regional Rail Revival — playing railway activities and games online. Suitable for primary school students.



**THANK YOU!**

Thank you Families for the great support you have given your children this term. Thank you Teachers for your commitment to doing the best you can for our learners while being physically distant. Thank you to our Education Support staff for continuing to approach each day with flexibility and a smile. And lastly, but most certainly not least, thank you to all of our young Learners for working through another long stint of remote learning with perseverance and gratitude. I hope everyone has the chance to experience some unscheduled time in the sun over the next fortnight.

Kind regards

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**DR JODI RICHARDSON**  
BUILDING RESILIENCE  
FREE VIRTUAL WEBINAR

As students continue to adapt to this extended period of remote learning, some may be feeling a sense of anxiety or disengagement. In partnership with parents, we're committed to equipping our students with the tools they need to thrive.

Join Dr Jodi Richardson at our **'Building Resilience to Boost Wellbeing and Engagement'** virtual seminar on Thursday 7 October at 6pm. Register via [bit.ly/3hrArXc](https://bit.ly/3hrArXc)

**Thurs 7 Oct**

## Jump Rope for Heart Newsletter

Dear Hughesdale Community,

Special thanks to parents, teachers and students for their support and involvement in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser this week.

Congratulations Hughesdale Primary School on **being** active during lockdown in an exciting way. You've completed an obstacle course, a ball game, a race, a workout **and a variety of other activities** all in one week!

Our total physical exercise for the whole week was 575 hours and 5 minutes! Great work! We passed this goal by 75 hours and 5 minutes!

Thank you to everyone who donated money on the Jump Rope for Heart website. There was a total of **\$6,212** raised! Wow, that's a lot of money to be raised in 1 week. Congratulations to everyone who donated. This is an enormous amount of money, and the money will be used for lifesaving heart disease research.

We hope that you all enjoyed this fundraiser, especially since we had to shake things up a little and change the plans of the fundraiser because of the lockdowns. We hope you had fun, and thank you for reading this.

Kind Regards,

**The JAG Representatives, Mr Carey and Mr Irvine**



## Happy Birthday to the wonderful staff and students at Hughesdale who celebrate their birthdays in September



Phoebe 6A  
Toby 6C  
Felicity 6B  
Jack 6B  
Shelby 6B  
Ethan 6A  
Cassandra 5B  
Nicholas 5A  
Abigail 5C  
Pranjal 5b  
Archer 5A  
Timothy 5B  
Sarah 5A  
Evelyn 5B  
Sarah 5A  
Evelyn 5B  
Arrsh 5A  
Zheng 5C  
Taylor 4B  
Dimitri 4A  
Nicholas 4B  
Jessica 4A

Harry 4A  
Finn 4A  
Sarah 4C  
Lily 3D  
Maxiangru 3C  
Elly 3A  
Peta3B  
Dijana 2D  
Ben 2C  
Khoa 2D  
Sofia 2B  
Alphonse 2B  
William 2D  
Max 2D  
Dashiell 2C  
Vincent 1B  
Maddox 1C  
Zachary 1C  
Harvey 1C  
Alyssa 1D  
Cohen FA  
Natalie FB

Mila FC  
Dimitri FD  
Param FC  
Grace FA  
CHarlotte FB  
Jemma FB  
Nixie FB  
Yashaswin FD  
Mila FD  
Eliana Rose FC  
Jaikav FB

And out wonderful staff:  
Graeme  
John  
Miss Daly  
Miss Ray  
Mrs Breedon-  
Walton  
Rachel



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# THOUGHTS ABOUT ZOOM IN 1D

“I CAN SEE BACKGROUNDS AND  
PEOPLE, IT IS PRETTY COOL”

“I LIKE TO SEE MYSELF ON  
CAMERA”

“I LIKE HOW WE GET TO LEARN  
SOMETHING AND HAVE  
BACKGROUNDS”

“I LIKE HOW I GET TO PAT MY  
DOG”



“I LOVE ZOOM BECAUSE I GET TO  
SEE MY FRIENDS AND TALK TO  
THEM”

“I REALLY HATE IT”

“I DON'T LIKE ZOOM”

“I LIKE IT BECAUSE WE DON'T  
HAVE TO STAY ON FOR 6 HOURS  
LIKE SCHOOL”

“I LIKE SEEING MY FRIENDS BECAUSE IT IS BETTER  
THAN NOT SEEING ANYONE AT ALL”

“I GET TO HAVE A BLANKET ON  
MY LEGS AND NO ONE ELSE CAN  
SEE IT”

# Zooming with 3C!



## What have we been up to?

In Level 3 we have been learning about Point of View and Perspective in Reading. Today we dressed up in bright colours and Miss Ray read a book to us called *'The Black Book of Colours'* by Menena Cottin which was written from a young boy's perspective. This young boy is blind.

The book was about a young boy who described what some colours looked, smelt and felt like to him.

He also described what he thought about the colours, and how they looked (e.g white smells like a fresh new book, blue is sometimes as sweet as blueberry jelly, green can make your tongue tingle with mint ice-cream and yellow tastes like lemonade).

By Sofia.



## What did we learn?

The author's message of the book *'The Black Book of Colours'* is to be grateful to be able to see and touch all the different colours of the world. We are so lucky because we can enjoy life in colour.

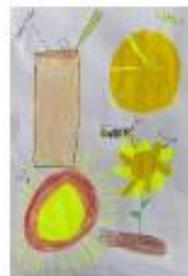
By George.



By Oscar



By Andreas



By Zara



By Cara