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Term 3 Issue 5



## COATESVILLE HOUSE POINTS 2020

Congratulations to everyone that participated in the walking / running / riding challenge last week. Based on your responses, the year level that travelled the furthest was....

### GRADE 5

A big congratulations to Lachie Crawford who travelled the furthest distance in the whole school this week.

HOUSE	POINTS
MACKIE	3854
COATES	3846
MARRIOTT	3789
GOULD	3968



A big Happy Birthday to all of the students below who have celebrated a birthday since our last newsletter on 20th August.

### PREP STUDENTS

- \* Isabella V - 21st August
- \* Isaac B - 25th August

### GRADE 3 STUDENTS

- \* Nichele V - 26th August

### GRADE 5 STUDENTS

- \* Harjas Singh C - 24th August

### GRADE 1 STUDENTS

- \* Ashton H - 21st August
- \* Eason Q - 23rd August
- \* Eleni T - 23rd August
- \* Delia V-C - 26th August

### GRADE 4 STUDENTS

- \* Angus D - 27th August

# Decodable Books

As many of you may already know, we have access to decodable books online. Previously we were trialling a free account, and on Tuesday this switched over to a paid subscription which means that our username and password changed as well. Here are our new details:

**Link:** <https://www.decodablereadersaustralia.com.au/online-book-list/>

**Username:** 18319

**Password:** 210820

Decodable books are a crucial part of structured literacy, which is the evidenced based approach to teaching literacy which we employ at Coatesville. These books are used for students who are learning to read. When a child reads a fully decodable book, he can use his knowledge of phonics and his word analysis skills to decode unfamiliar words. Because the child can figure out every word in the book, he feels successful, which in turn helps him build fluency and develop good reading strategies. Once students have built up their fluency using decodable books they move on to less controlled text where they continue to dig into the complex aspects of reading.



As we all know, not every word is decodable (eg. said & was) so as you have probably noticed, we teach these 'irregular words' alongside the decoding skills. This enables students to be able to either decode, or remember the words that they are most likely to encounter. We do not want to overload the brain by using the memory technique for words that can be decoded (eg. on, can, went etc) and so we teach the sounds and we practise blending them together. This is a far more efficient and effective strategy and as a whole school program is called structured literacy.

If you would like to learn more about decodable books you can go to the Spelfabet website to find out more (<https://www.spelfabet.com.au/?s=decodable>).

If you have any questions, please email and ask me. My email is [Jen-nifer.jakobi@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Jen-nifer.jakobi@education.vic.gov.au) and I love talking literacy and helping people to understand the reasons why we do things the way we do!

Keep well, keep safe, keep sane and lose yourself, with your child, in a book!

Kind Regards,

Jen Jakobi

Leading Teacher – Literacy

P.S. The 1000's of decodable books we have at school, were getting sad and lonely so I have booked in a little pamper for them. They are having a little spruce up and a few new friends are joining them. When they are allowed, they look forward to showing you their new look! (Spoiler alert – I've organised for them to get some extra staples, tape to hold pages together and some contact, all of which will prolong their life).

# GRADE 1 ZOOS VICTORIA WEBINAR

On Monday 24th August, Grade 1 students logged onto a Zoo's Victoria webinar. We listened to Amanda the Zoo Keeper and learnt about the special features of Bella the Seal, Lamaroo and Pinarroo birds and a Corroboree frog.

I learnt the Corroboree frog is poison. They are yellow black. They are very small – Louis 1CF

I learnt that seal skin is slimy – Archer 1CF

I learnt that parrots have a strong beak – Ashton 1CF

Something I learnt is the male bird is green to camouflage with the trees. The female bird is pink and purple so that is easy to find – Charlotte 1CF

The thing I found interesting was that Bella the seals flippers helped her on land too - Alicia 1LJ

I learnt that the Corroboree frog is poisonous - Evelyn 1LJ

The Lameroo and Pinnaroo birds are colourful, so it is important to look up, look down and look all around - Michael 1LJ

I learnt that a Corroboree frog does not jump it walks - Levi 1MR

We were learning about frogs, seals and birds - Ivanka 1MR

I learnt that the Lameroo is a boy and he can camouflage in the treetops and it helps him hunt for food - Piper 1LB

I learnt that the Corroboree frog is really tiny in size - Jesse 1LB

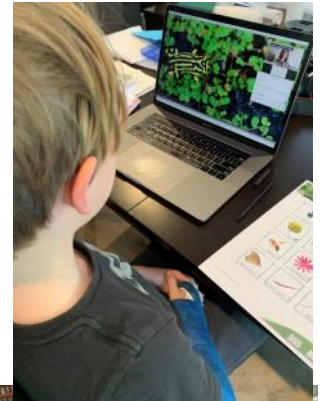
I learnt that Bella is a very cool seal - Jensen 1LB

The frog is yellow and black and it is poisonous - Stellan 1BS

I learned that some male birds are not very colourful. I thought that in all species of birds the male birds were the colourful ones. Something interesting was the corroboree frog has different patterns like humans fingerprints - Max R 1BS

One thing that I found interesting was the seal eats the whole fish, eyes and all! - Ben 1EB

Today at the zoo I enjoyed looking for the frogs - Willow 1EB



# Creativity at Coatesville!

As part of our Friday Funday celebrations Grade 2 got creative. Students showed pride in our school by dressing up as anything starting with 'C' for Coatesville.

We saw cricketers, cooks, clowns, captains, Collingwood fans, cats and even a curtain and cereal box, amongst many other clever costumes!

We were blown away by the students imagination and resourcefulness to create a costume.

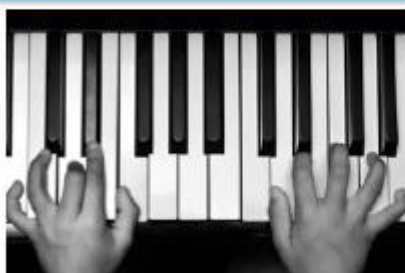


# Guitar & Drum Lessons

Many of our guitar and drum students are continuing their instrumental lessons on line. Many thanks to the parents who have taken the initiative to transfer their children to online learning with Ian Duchesne and Jesse Glass. Ian and Jesse are delighted with the commitment



**Online Music Lessons- Term 3**  
Direct to your home via video link to our tutor



## Lessons still available for Term 3 !

- Primary Music Institute now offer online instrumental music lessons – a fun, flexible option that students can access from home whilst they are learning remotely this term. All you need is an instrument, and an internet connection!
- Lessons are held once per week. Only \$18.50 per child per small group lesson (for 30 minutes)
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website

P: 1300 362 824

E: [admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au](mailto:admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au)

[www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au](http://www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au)



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## RETAIL TRADING HOURS UPDATE

IN LIGHT OF RECENT COVID-19 DEVELOPMENTS, WE WILL BE ADJUSTING OUR RETAIL STORE TRADING HOURS FROM MONDAY, JULY 20.

**TUESDAY - FRIDAY 10am - 5pm**  
**SATURDAY 10am - 1pm**

\*\* NOTE: **SUNBURY STORE** // WED, THU, FRI 10AM - 4PM & SAT 10AM - 1PM  
**KINGSFORD STORE** // WED, THU, FRI 10AM - 5PM & SAT 10AM - 1PM