



Keyneton Primary School

'hand in hand'

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*We value: respect, responsibility, honesty, integrity and personal excellence
"OK isn't excellent"*



Diary Dates

All of our planned events involving students have been cancelled or postponed so no calendar is provided at this stage.

We'll let you know of new plans as soon as we can reschedule events.



FRIDAY MAY 29
Pupil Free Day

This is a school-based day and teachers will be looking at assessment and reporting.

Please put this date in your diaries.

THURSDAY JUNE 18
School Photos



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Welcome back to Term 2! Teaching and learning could have looked very different this term, but I am very glad, as I'm sure you all are, that things seem almost "normal". It was great to see the students so obviously enjoying playing together on Monday. I heard from some parents and from the children that the hardest thing during the holidays was not seeing friends.

With the extra days for preparation in Week 11 teachers are very well-prepared for the term's learning and we are loving the look of a "clear" calendar.

As mentioned at the end of term, Kate is now teaching 4 days and Alice is at school on Thursdays and Fridays. I teach the Primary class on Mondays, and Tuesday and Wednesday mornings—a minor change. Narelle now works Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays providing classroom support and intervention, as well as managing the library.

Mattika and Kyla Hansen have moved from Keyneton and sadly we didn't have a chance to farewell them properly. I have been in touch and I'm sure we all wish them the best at their new school.

Safety Measures

To ensure everyone's safety, the Department continues to support all sites with extra cleaning. Our cleaner comes in before recess and spends 2 hours to ensure all the playground equipment has been sanitised, as well as cleaning tables, computer keyboards, door knobs etc. This is in addition to her end of day clean.

Everyone is reminded about frequent hand-washing, and the students have been great at doing this. There's sanitiser in all rooms and also at the gate, for anyone entering.

Whilst children don't need to practise social distancing, adults still do, so if you need to come to the office, please check that you can maintain the 1.5m rule before entering.

We've had a reduction in visitors too, with only our IT support people and preventative maintenance workers entering the school.

If your child is unwell at all, do not send them to school. Staff will also follow this guideline.

Please make sure your child has a drink bottle, as they cannot use the drink fountains except to fill bottles.

South Australia is on a very positive trajectory at the moment. Let's all remain vigilant and stay safe.

ICT News

Last Thursday Jim and Lachie, our wonderful IT techs, completed the last step to update our internet service. On Friday I received this email from Scott Bayliss, the Department's Executive Director ICT.

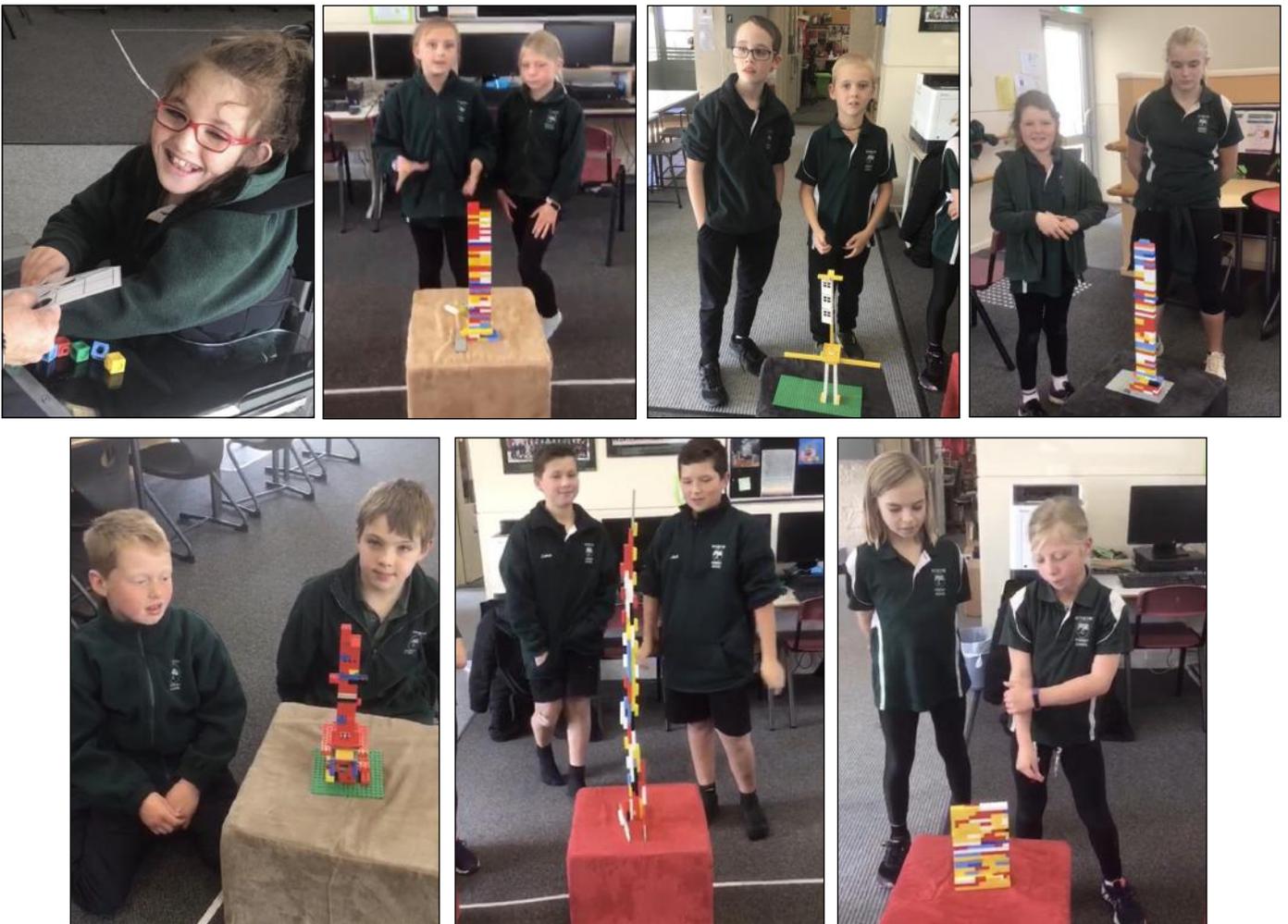
"Congratulations—High-Speed Internet Connection (SWiFT)

Your school became the 467th site in the state yesterday to be connected to our system's new high-speed internet connectivity solution, SWiFT, a dedicated 50Mbps/50Mbps uncontended, business grade connection – congratulations.

Receiving our system's new high-speed, fibre optic internet connection is a landmark moment you should be very proud of. Not only is this a game changer for your school, staff and students, it's also helping to elevate the standard of education right across our state. Your new connection will be faster and more reliable than your previous one and your teachers and students should experience a real improvement.

This initiative is driven by equity, giving all teachers and students throughout the state the same teaching and learning opportunities regardless of location. I am so pleased that we have been able to get it to you. I have personally viewed the test results that were performed at your school following the connection being implemented and the new service is performing as expected—and a significant improvement over your previous connection."

Having this new connection added to the 20 new computers we received with the Federal Government grant, AND the upcoming provision of a new curriculum server, funded by the Department, is wonderful news for our school!



Block Challenges Grace is putting blocks on spots, and pairs of students were given 10 minutes to plan and build the highest building they could with LEGO. Good team-work and planning to stabilise the structure made for success.