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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

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My goodness, so much has changed since the last newsletter. Hopefully you are all doing okay with the children at home. I am unclear as to how school will look in Term 2, but at this point I expect the learning will be online. In the meantime, make sure you enjoy the holidays and relax with your children.

On Line Learning Platform: CONNECT: Term 2

The Department of Education's online learning platform is CONNECT which is the program Malvern Springs Primary School will use for term 2. Older students – Year 4 to Year 6 – should be able to log in themselves. Teachers are still setting up the programs and you should receive more details soon on how to log in. Don't worry if you find it tricky to start with – there will be instructions sent to all families next week and there will always be help available – either through class dojo, seesaw, email or telephone. For younger students (Kindy to Year 2) we are making learning off line as much as possible. We will be sending home learning packages and giving suggestions of household items to assist with the learning next term. All parents will still need to access CONNECT to find out daily and weekly plans.

It is important teachers stay in touch with children and their parents/carers during these times. All classroom teachers have attempted to contact parents through class dojo or seesaw but many parents are still to respond. Thank you to those parents who have responded.

Please Note: Next week children will be supervised but not taught at school. We encourage parents to keep children at home.

Home Challenge: Indoor Cubby

Mrs Van Der Steen came up with the idea of a Family Challenge! This week's Family Challenge is to build an indoor cubby house from household items! Children must build the cubby house, and adults can be the design consultants. Please send a photo of your completed cubby by next Tuesday 7 April to malvernsprings.ps@education.wa.edu.au.

The winning structures will win a roll of toilet paper for the family!



Happy Holiday Time

Please enjoy your holidays. Stay safe and have a Happy Easter. **Term 2 begins on Tuesday 28 April.**

Kind Regards,
Dr Jenny Kuhn
Principal

MERIT CERTIFICATES. . .

The following students have received Merit Certificates

Leroy P	Blake H	Jasmine A						
Shirin B	Mackenzie B	Addison S						
Kurt B	Mishella S	Kadek N						
Regan D	Sienna-Rose	Alex P						
Manawa M	V	Maddison B				Eli B	Tiana R	Layla-Rose H
Jordan T	Kai G	Lillian J				Aspen J	Liam P	
Shaeden M	Chol T	Ella V				Kyra B	Gatwech G	
Aaliyah H	Amelia G	Garang D				Lilly S	Jaii G	

FATHERING PROJECT. . .

Weekly Tip

Talking about COVID with kids



Coronavirus has the whole world talking and it can be overwhelming to many, including your kids.

Use these tips to help your kids feel safe and loved in these uncertain times.

Before you chat:

- The most important thing to do is educate yourself – see links to the most relevant and verified information [here](#).

For younger children:

- They will respond to your stress, so stay calm and positive with your messages. Keep it simple and brief.
- Acknowledge that some people are getting sick with a germ that might make them cough and sneeze. "You don't need to worry; we are doing lots of things to make sure we are well."
- Focus on the things you can all do – like washing hands often.

With older children:

- Sit down and talk to them in a calm and reassuring way to ensure they are getting accurate information.
- Translate essential information into terms they understand ahead of time, rather than needing to address misinformation and rumours coming from classmates or online sources.
- Keep checking in with your kids to see if they need reassurance, or if they have any new questions.

see more COVID family tips:
www.thefatheringproject.org