

COOK'S LOG



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Well, what a week it's been! We have all been on a steep learning curve, to say the least, both academically and technologically. Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents and carers who have been making sure our students are supported while learning from home. The home-school partnership is essential and without you our teachers and support staff would not be able to provide the quality learning that we are.



We appreciate and have been listening to your feedback around this new learning landscape. We are continuing to meet remotely as a staff and are preparing for the next home learning packs, with your feedback in mind. We will be making some modifications to our current delivery in order to reduce some of the pressure and anxiety around online learning. This will focus on less screen time, both face-to-face and task time, and more off-screen time to complete tasks, including specialists' sessions.

New home learning packs will be available for collection next Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th April between 2.00 and 4.00pm. The pack will also include an, 'Offline Challenge Pack', for each student. The Challenge Pack will contain a number of self-directed tasks and activities, which come with instructions and the resources to enable the students to engage in and complete. The level of direction/instruction required will vary, depending on the age of the students but will require input from the students who will direct the tasks to their own outcomes. Many of the tasks are hands-on and can be recorded either by photo submission or returning the end products to school when we eventually return for a 'Post COVID-19 Exhibition'.

'Device-Free Fridays' is also a modification to our delivery model and begins this week, Friday 24th April. The 'Offline Challenge Pack' will come in handy for Fridays but are available for use on any given day should the students complete their set tasks and are looking for something extra to do. This week however, could be used as a finishing off/catch-up day. All that we ask is that students check in for roll marking at a time specified by the teacher. Details will be communicated by your child's teacher.



We might be isolated at the moment, but there's no reason why we can't still celebrate our Mums on Mothers' Day. Your children can't come to our Mothers' Day Stall, so we've decided to bring the Mothers' Day Stall to the children! You can find details on how to purchase your Mothers' Day gifts, in time for them to be collected with the next home learning packs next week, on the next page.

Anne

*"The struggles I'm facing
The chances I'm taking
Sometimes might knock me down but
No I'm not breaking
I may not know it
But these are the moments that
I'm going to remember most yeah
Just got to keep going
And I, I gotta be strong....."*

(Miley Cyrus, 'The Climb')



Brain Game No.8 – PALINDROMES – Find which words below spell the same statement when read forward or backward (ignore commas)

**TIMID, I AM IT
TANGY GNAT
STEP ON NO PETS
RAW SAW WAR
TOO BAD, I HID A BOOT**

Brain Game No.9 – In the grid, order the odd numbers from least to greatest



87	41	56	86
93	44	97	52
4	81	1	62
60	78	11	21



It's that time of year when we get to show our mums how much we love and appreciate them.

Things are a little different at the moment, but we didn't want you to miss out on the opportunity to purchase something special for your mum. Our annual Mother's Day Stall will be held online this year, with purchases being made through the QKR app. All purchase made before 4pm on Tuesday 28th April will be available for collection from the school on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th April between the main building and Module 1, when you collect your next home learning pack. All gifts are priced between, \$1.50 -

\$5.00. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, we will only be accepting online orders through QKR. Items are available in limited numbers, so orders will be filled in the order in which they are received.

If you need help downloading or navigating the app, please contact us in the office or email the school at james.cook.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you don't already have the QKR app, now is the time to download it so that you don't miss out! Qkr (pronounced - Quicker) is a **FREE** app to enable mobile payment for school-based accounts to save parents time. The app enables parents to use their smartphone or tablet to make payments for school fees and excursions without having to give their children cash to carry to school and can be downloaded from the Apple iTunes store or Android Google Play store.

For those without access to a smart device, a web-based version of Qkr is available at:

<https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/#/home>

More detailed instructions on how to start using QKR are on the next page.

Belinda Moore – on behalf of the JCPS PFA



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Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app.



Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register.

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

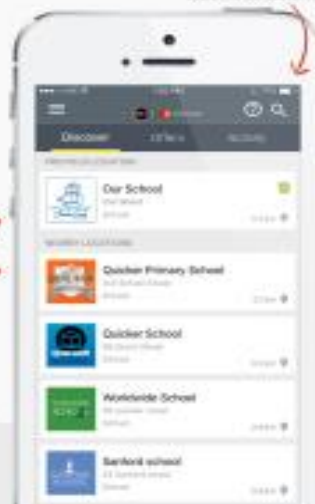
Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Locations'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name



Add your children's details in Student Profiles



Purchase school items



Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



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Everyday Activities That Count as Learning

1. Cooking
& Baking



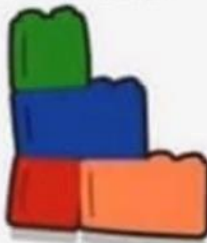
2. Meal
Planning

3. Budgeting



4. Checking
the Weather
Forecast

5. Building
with LEGO



6. Playing
Card Games

7. Playing
Board Games



8. Doing
Puzzles

9. Imaginative
Play



10. Listening
to Music

11. Reading



12. Coloring,
Drawing, Painting

13. Listening
to Podcasts or
Audiobooks



14. Writing
Letters or
Emails

15. Taking
a Walk



16. Cleaning
& Doing Chores