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## Dates to Remember

- **Monday May 25th– all students will return to school full time.**
- **Wednesday 27th May Simultaneous Storytime** Wear your best bling! Sequins, feather boas, gold and silver (fake), fashion rings and shiny things.

## This week's message direct from DET media release-

*The success of the phased return to face to face teaching has demonstrated that the education system and community are ready for school to come back full-time.*

*Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell thanked school communities and parents for their patience during this difficult time.*

*Ms Berejiklian said a return to full-time face to face teaching and learning is crucial for the education progress of every child in NSW from Kindergarten to Year 12.*



*"Since starting a managed return to the classroom, we have seen a strong degree of confidence from our school communities in managing COVID-19 and a clear desire for all students to be back at school," Ms Berejiklian said.*

*"We expect schools to stick with the health advice – increased cleaning, access to hygiene supplies and compliance with hygiene practices – and look forward to seeing all students back on campus five days a week.*

*"The health advice is very clear; a return to full-time face to face teaching is safe."*

## From the Principal's desk-

Over the past few weeks, students have enjoyed catching up with one another at school. While Literacy and Numeracy learning continues to be the focus of our days, other opportunities for learning have been embraced.

Our senior students created 'forts' from felled palm leaves and trunk sections, using their imaginations, problem solving and co-operation skills to build unique play spaces within our beautiful school grounds.

Social Distancing has affected the way we do things at school, including P&C operations and fundraising. We are looking for creative ways to ensure that Market Day fundraising and school projects continue as best they can. Please think about how this might look moving forward. I would love to hear your ideas for unique activities and opportunities. For example; online meetings, auctions and/or fundraisers through Facebook or another platform.

Afterlee now has a Facebook Announcements page (managed by Staff) which will be used to keep the community informed about our school activities. All parents have indicated via enrolment form that they give permission for students to appear on our Website, Newsletters, blogs and social media pages. If this is no longer your wish, please inform the school as soon as possible.

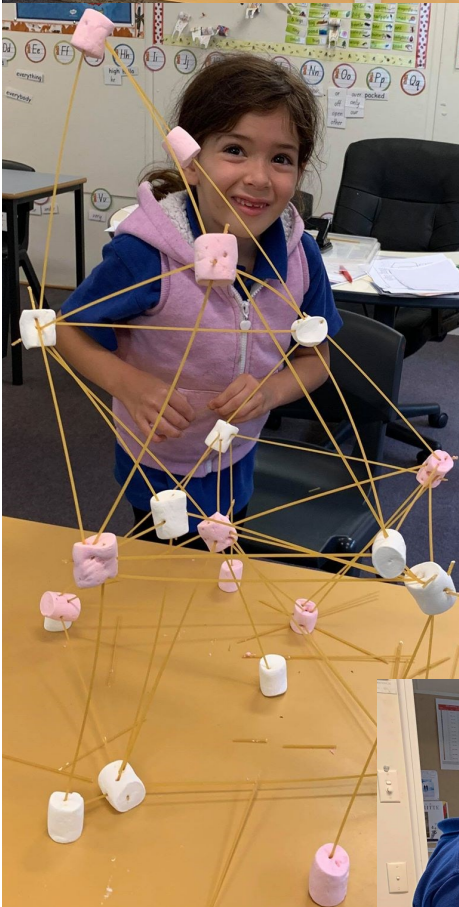
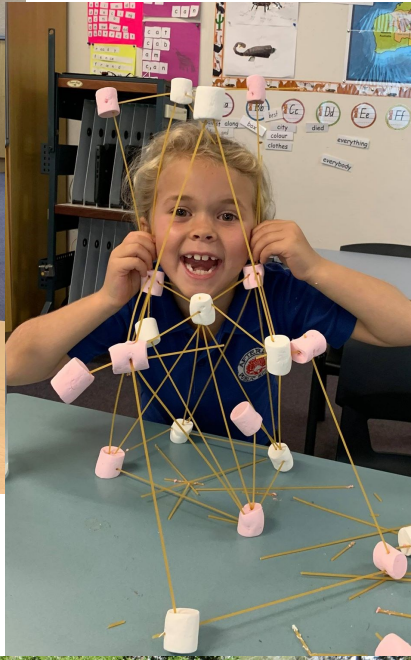
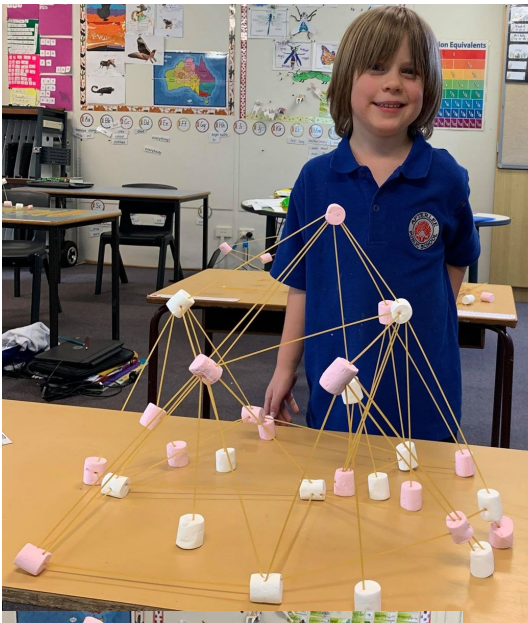
Thank you for your continued support and cooperation with only entering school grounds on appointment, washing hands on entry and maintaining 1.5 metres distance from other adults.

**Regards Kirsty Kelly**





STEM and science challenges were undertaken, with some amazing results.



Tie Dyeing with food dye has begun this week, with students choosing their own colour selections and decorating calico library bags. We can't wait to see what they look like after rinsing and drying next week.



Joe and Peppa learn about soluble and insoluble ingredients.

Noah and Juliet constructing train tracks in the COLA





## DET Guidelines—Safety and hygiene

Research has shown limited transmission risk associated with school children in the school environment however we are encouraging physically distancing where possible.

### Physical distancing requirements remain for adults.

All adults must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m) including teachers and support staff, and parents. Schools should limit the number of staff in common staffrooms or in large staff meetings, and avoid shared items as much as possible.

Staff should exercise good hygiene and cleanliness around staff spaces and shared usage areas. Schools should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable parents to physically distance from one another and from staff.

### Main Summary Points

- There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential.
- Wherever possible, P&C and parent/carer/teacher meetings should be conducted online.
- Schools will need to maintain the measures and precautions they have put in place for the foreseeable future, including no assemblies and excursions.
- Teachers will be focused on identifying where their students are at in their education and we will be supporting them to recognise and assist those students who need additional help.

### Find the Hand Hygiene Words

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Dirty  
Dry  
Germs

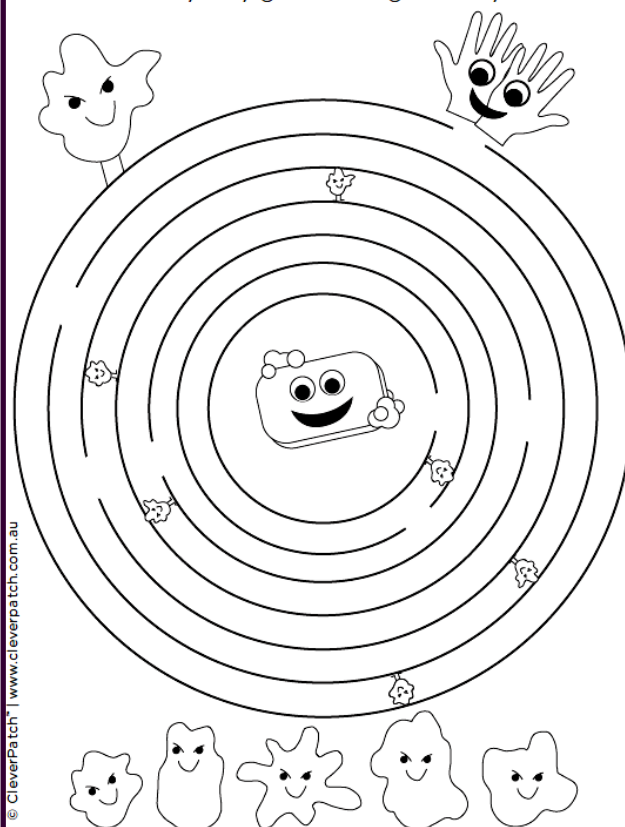
Hands  
Hygiene  
Sanitiser  
Scrub

Sink  
Soap  
Wash  
Water

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### Germ Maze

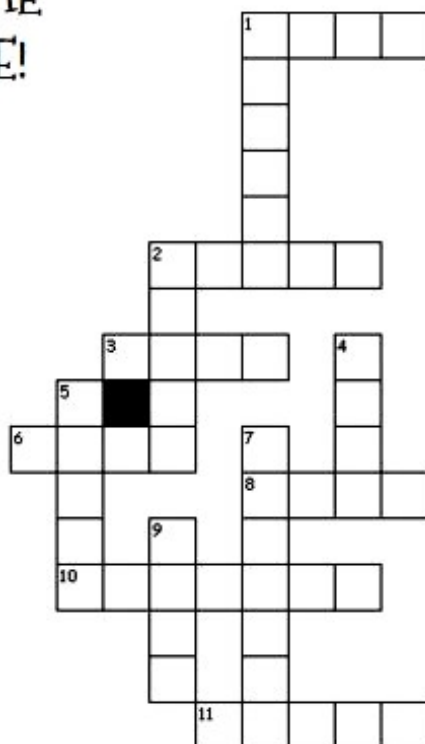
Help the hands get to the soap without running into the yucky germs along the way!



# WHITNEY and BRITNEY

Love to pass the TIME  
thinking up RHYME!

Can you fill in the  
rhyming answers to the  
crossword clues?



## ACROSS

- 1 Breathe out sadly, or with relief, rhymes with 'eye'
- 2 Farm animal, rhymes with 'asleep'
- 3 Fancy dress, rhymes with 'town'
- 6 What wings do, rhymes with 'map'
- 8 Made by chickens! Rhymes with 'legs'
- 10 Sparkly powder, rhymes with 'twitter'
- 11 What we do when we're asleep, rhymes with 'gleam'

## DOWN

- 1 Sleep, rhymes with 'shoes'
- 2 Look around or spy, rhymes with 'coop'
- 4 Bird arms! rhymes with 'sing'
- 5 Sparkly accessories, rhymes with 'ring'
- 7 Bird plumage, rhymes with 'weather'
- 9 Fabulous singer, rhymes with 'fever'



BLING	DIVAS	GLITTER	SPARKLY
BOA	DORA	GORGEOUS	TIARA
BRITNEY	FEATHER	JAZZ	WHITNEY
CHICKETTES	FOXY	PERFORMER	
DAZZLE	GLAMOUR	SEQUINS	

Schools across the nation prepare  
for Simultaneous Storytime.

The Australian Library and Information Association have brought us National Simultaneous Storytime for 20 years. Schools and students working from home, across Australia, will be participating in a virtual shared reading. Students from Afterlee Public School will join the many thousands of children reading Whitney and Brittney Chicken Divas. Written by Lucinda Gifford. Whitney and Britney are a fun pair of Chicks, who really know how to party. The book is a beautifully presented and hilarious take on stardom.

Students at Afterlee, will be able to share their appreciation for a good book by wearing their best bling, including; Sequins, feather boas, fashion rings and shiny things. We look forward to 11am, Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> May to promote the value and fun of books, particularly Australian books.

If you have younger students at home who would like to participate, you can register to at

<https://www.alia.org.au/nss>.

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# WHITNEY and BRITNEY



Find a word