

Friday 6 August 2021

The lockdown week in review

Firstly, my gratitude to the amazing Salisbury students and staff to ensure that learning has continued while being at home. Each student was contacted by phone and/or email every day with the intention of checking-in for both a wellbeing chat and learning progress. We are thinking of you all and missing having students on campus.



Similar to other Brisbane schools, The BUSY School – Salisbury reduced staffing from Wednesday 4 August. A decision about the lockdown continuation or completion will be shared by the Chief Health Officer on Sunday 8 August. Should the lockdown be extended, reduced staffing will continue at the school into next week.

For this reason, students have an extension to submit school subject workbooks to Monday 9 August. To allow for the flexibility of a lockdown ceasing or being extended – workbook submission will be in person if we are back at school on Monday; if the lockdown is extended – the workbooks will be submitted electronically or by drive through collection at the school. Additional communications will be shared with students and parents/carers on Sunday afternoon once more information is known.

During the week, staff continued to meet virtually twice each day for our BUSY Connect. To bring some joy to our meetings we had a theme each day. Wednesday: Cool for school, Thursday: Hawaiian theme, and Friday: Daggy Jumper Day to raise awareness for homeless youth.



Our event **Meet the BUSY School Team** scheduled for Tuesday 10 August will be postponed. A revised date will be shared in the forthcoming weeks. The casual afternoon is for parents/carers to meet the BUSY School staff, have light refreshments and hear information about the Semester Two 2021 program.

Wednesday 11 August is a normal school day. The EKKA (Exhibition) Show public holiday will be scheduled later in the year. The date is yet to be published. Stay safe and our thoughts to you all.

As always please do not hesitate to reach out via email Toni.Banfield@busyschools.com.au or phone 0447460862.

Toni Banfield, Principal.



Employment Pathways Update

“YOU’VE GOT THIS” - is the welcome sign at our front desk. A big call when looking down the barrel of a week in lockdown and the familiar feelings that go with it. However, ‘WE HAVE GOT THIS,’ we have an awesome campus, and I am personally inspired to forge on after speaking daily with all the students. Some bored, some sleepy but all still engaged, it’s great to see. As the Employment Pathways Officer, we are reminded by these lockdowns, the effect it has on our jobs and how to remain relevant in the workplace. A time to get busy preparing resumes, actively looking for jobs online as if in preparation for an end to lockdown and a sprint to our goals. I encourage all our students to look for 5 ideal employers they would like to work for, let me know who, and we will knock on their doors. On a side note, can’t wait to see how many trees or plants we get going from our seed challenge. I have planted an orange, grapefruit and mandarin seeds in the one pot. I’m going to let them grow together to form one tree. Happy planting. **Rodney Florent**

Youth Worker Update

This is truly a challenging time and I feel so grateful to be able to assist our young people at The BUSY School to navigate the highs and lows of COVID lockdown. Rodney and I have been doing daily check-ins with the students and ensuring they get the support they need while being physically away from us. This week we have set two challenges for our young people. The first is to go out into the yard, or the local park and find a seed to plant at home and watch it grow over the coming weeks and months. I encourage everyone to take photos of the growth and share them with us. It’s a powerfully motivating factor to see new life bloom. The second challenge is to write a letter to your future self – possibly to be shared with you at graduation. How much fun will that be to see what everyone was thinking?

Take care of yourselves and each other and always call for support when needed.

Alaka Beri

Essential English Update

This week in Essential English we have continued to at autobiographical and biographical texts, namely “127 Hours” and “Survival”. We set an activity in this week’s workbook for students to watch a television show or movie based on a real-life person or event. The list of titles watched by students is diverse and we look forward to discussing these stories when we resume face-to-face learning. Looking forward to seeing you soon and remember if you need any support completing the workbooks, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Karen Danks and Tiara Chisnall

Essential Mathematics Update

This week we have been focussed on applying the correct formula to solve mathematical problems in speed, distance and time. It is pleasing to see how the students have been able to make the effort to complete the work during lockdown. These concepts are used in various industries and necessary for completing future assessments. Please email or call if any of you need any help with completing the work. **Stuart Smith**

Social and Community Studies Update

It has been a challenging week for all – learning from home and everyone doing their best to stay motivated and engaged. Wonderful effort from our students to complete their Social and Community Studies lessons. They have chosen an assessment job advertisement, analysed what the employee really wants in a new employee and started preparing interview questions. This is slightly different to the speed interviews conducted a few weeks ago; these questions are more in-depth and tailored to the specific job ad they've found. This activity is excellent real-world practise for job interviews. It will provide our students with the best possible experience in moving into the workforce and understanding what employers will expect from them.



In other news, our students are finding great ways to remain active while at home. Check out Maddie, in her brand-new roller skates! She takes a break from her lessons to do what she loves!

Go for it, Maddie 😊

Sally Avis