

# Stanhope Primary School

Stanhope Primary School is committed to creating and maintaining a positive and safe learning environment, where our children are protected from abuse and where we maximise individual academic and social growth through explicit teaching and taking responsibility for all our learning.

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LEARNING  
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*Inspiring Lifelong Learning*

## REMINDERS & THINGS TO DO

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Accessing the NBN Education Internet Access Package for Families

#### NBN Education Package

NBN Co announced that they would be **waiving access fees for internet service providers (ISPs)** to enable the ISPs to provide disadvantaged families with internet access at **significantly reduced or no cost**. The families need to meet certain criteria, including:

- they reside in an NBN serviced area
- they do not have an existing NBN service
- they have school aged children living at the residence
- they are in receipt of a Job Seeker Allowance or Family Tax Benefit

#### Advantages of the NBN Education Package

Having the NBN service will provide WiFi internet access to **all students in the household**. This is a considerable advantage over a dongle that needs to be assigned to individual students.

#### Accessing the Education Package

To date there have been two ISPs who have established this service for disadvantaged families. These providers are:

**Superloop** - <https://www.superloop.com/education/>. This service can only be accessed by the family. \$0 a month for Superloop's 25/5 unlimited Online Learning Plan!

To be eligible for our Online Learning Plan, you must:

- have a member of the household receiving the JobSeeker Payment or Family Tax Benefit Part A or Part B;
- have a school-age child living at your address;
- be at an address covered by the NBN network; and

Must not have had a service with Superloop, and have not had a NBN service with any other provider since March 1 2020.

**Aussie Broadband** - <https://www.aussiebroadband.com.au/>. This service requires a school to register interest before families can access. This program provides families with a free 25/5 connection for 6 months.

# From the Principal

## Don't forget to check in with uEducateUs!

uEducateUs is where you will find our weekly newsletter, from now on. Please make sure you are connected and check each Thursday afternoon for the latest edition. Newsletters can also be found on our website. <http://stanhopeps.vic.edu.au/>

## Taking Care of Yourself

As the weeks go by, I'm aware that many families are struggling with juggling family responsibilities, work and supporting your children with their school work. Please note, that I am NOT using the term 'home schooling'. Home schooling is entirely different and requires the parent to plan, prepare, deliver and assess all the curriculum for their child or children.

What is happening now, is families are being asked to support the teaching and learning programs, the teachers have prepared. You are not expected to teach your child/ren. Student in the Early years may need instructions read to them and some equipment prepared or provided for them, but the actual work should be done by them. Students in grade 3-6 should only need encouragement (or perhaps insistence) that they complete their set tasks. This is still school. Students should be working to their best at all times.

***The work they are doing now will form part of their assessment and ultimately their end of semester report, which is fast approaching.***

In this newsletter, I am including a number of key points for parents, suggested by Michael Grose. Michael Grose does run some parent sessions, but that is not my purpose here. The points he raises are things I have spoken of with families individually, and in the community via newsletters and other formats. These points form the basis for stability and resilience during challenging times.

## Hard Copy Home Learning Packs

So far, hard copy packs have been delivered to some families who were unable to connect on Class Dojo and uEducateUs. Now that internet connection is available, the number of hard copy packs will reduce as families are able to access the online programs teachers have provided. Hard copy packs for those without internet access, will now be available **for collection from school, each Friday**, starting tomorrow. If you miss collecting your home pack on Friday, make sure you pick it up on Monday. Packs should be returned each Friday as the new pack is collected.



**Christine Owen**

## CLASS DOJO FAMILIES CONNECTED

Congratulation to those families who have connected up to Class Dojo—a fantastic **91%** across both classes.

Which class will be the first to have 100% of parents connected?

Michael Grose is the founder of "Parenting Ideas", an author of 12 books for parents with 30 years' experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies, specialising in parenting education.

### Build the foundations for good health

- Eat a healthy diet
- Get plenty of exercise
- Maintain good sleep patterns

### Add the pillars of good mental health

- Maintain social connection
- Stay in the present
- Enjoy yourself at play
- Spend time in nature

### Practise protective behaviours

- Keep foundation behaviour
- Practise deep breathing
- Check in on feelings

## FROM THE

## **Business Manager**



**Mica will still be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I am happy to discuss confidential payment options for fees or camps and excursions with you.**