

Edition 16, Friday 15th October, Term 4 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope that our school community enjoyed the holiday break as best as possible. We are all very excited about the planned return to school as part of the Victorian Government's Roadmap, with onsite learning returning full time on Wednesday 3rd November.

We continue to express our gratitude to our BSDS families for supporting the online learning activities that have been running since Term 4 commenced. We have seen some lovely holiday sharing Webex chats, with staff and students excited to see each other once again.

I would like to give my first Principal's Award for Term 4 to Noah, for the wonderful work he has been doing at home. Noah's mother created a very special picture story to share with his teacher all of the achievements that Noah has made at home and all of the things he likes to do when learning and playing at home. We are so proud of you Noah.



Please find attached to the newsletter our updated school uniform price list. Should you need to purchase a new uniform for the return to school, please refer to this updated version.

Please continue to maintain the safe health practices that keep us all protected. Many vaccination hubs have been set up in the local community over the last month, many with interpreters onsite for support. Please refer to previous emails sent to our school community should you want further information about these vaccination locations.

Take care, continue to remain safe and please continue to check your emails for any updates as we move forward. Thank you again to all of our BSDS parents for remaining so engaged with the school and supporting our students to participate in their online learning.

Susi Wirth Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4 2021

DATE	EVENT TO REMEMBER
Monday 1 st November	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 2 nd November	Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup
Tuesday 14 th	Christmas BBQ
December	
Friday 17 th December	Last Day Term 4

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ROOM 17 AND 18 LOVE THEIR RETURN TO TERM 4 WEBEX

To welcome our students back to school for Term 4, we had a fun catch-up Webex. We took it in turns to share about what we did on the school holidays. Then we got to play some games together. We played a choice game, where we got to choose our favourite out of two different options by either putting our hands on our head or our knees. We also played a game where we had to find the initial sounds and match pictures.

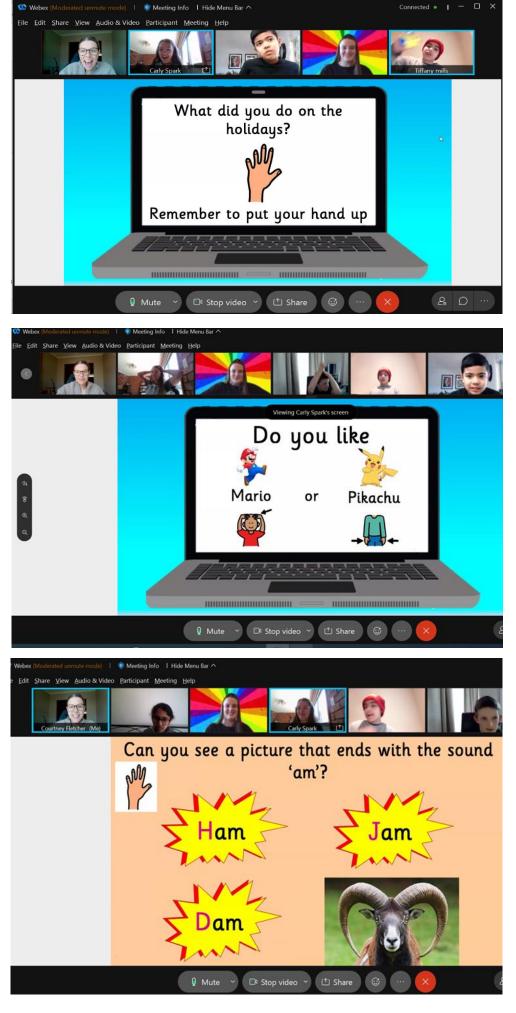
We were all very excited to see our friends and can't wait to get back to school very soon!





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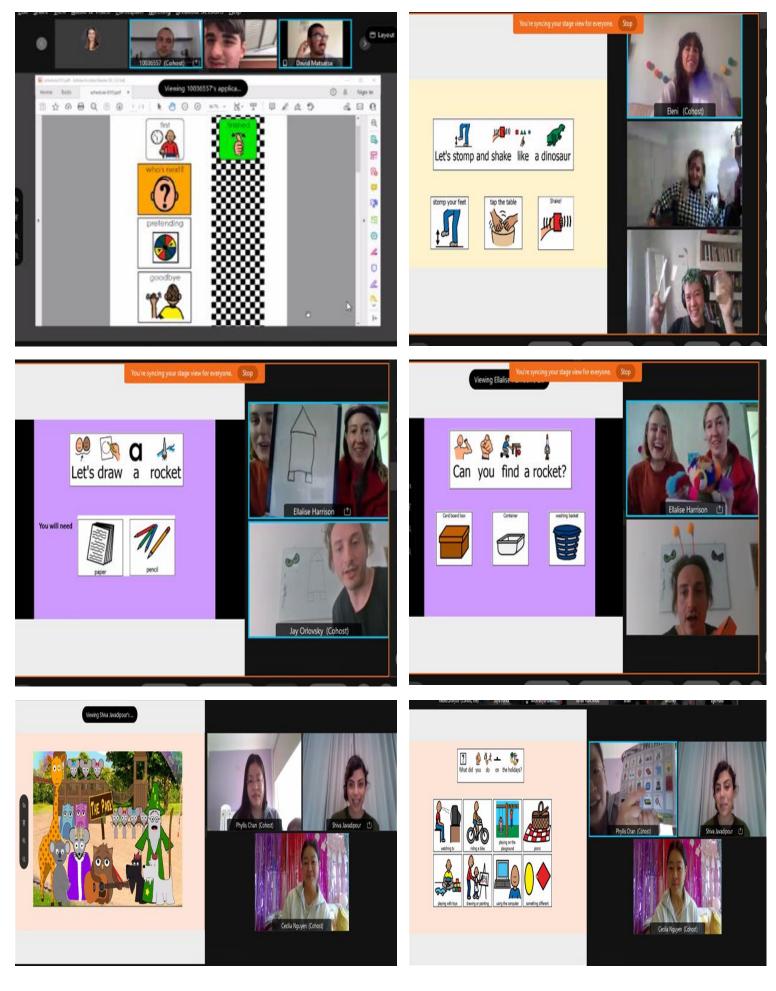
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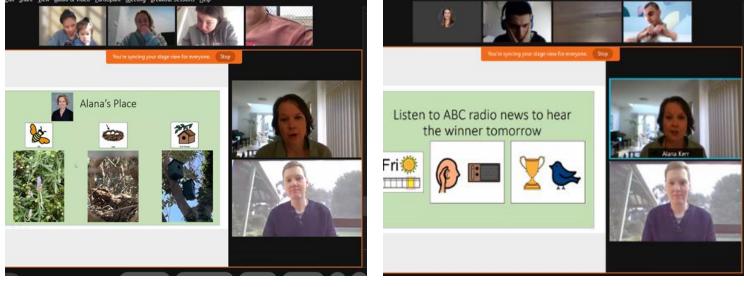
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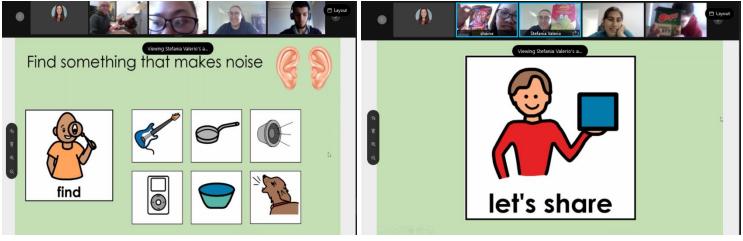
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NOAH'S SCHOOL HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

Noah and his mum had such a busy holiday embracing the BSDS Bear School Holiday Challenge. Noah completed so many of the activities set out on the bingo card. He helped with household chores such as cooking and laundry, played lots of news games, tried different crafts such as making cards and decorating with stickers, and so much more!

Noah also celebrated his 6th birthday over the break. We wish him a very Happy Birthday and look forward to celebrating this milestone with his peers on his return to school.

Everyone at BSDS is so proud of Noah's efforts and achievements, both over the school holidays and this school year. We look forward to watching this clever boy shine in Term 4.



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Learning Beyond Words BSDS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TIPS

HEAVY WORK AT HOME

Engaging in heavy work can be a really useful way to support children to feel calm and ready to engage in learning.

The easiest way to complete heavy work is through using your body. Moving, lifting or engaging in any movement using all of your body weight is the simplest way to get a lot of input through muscles and joints.

Heavy work ideas at home: Routine jobs:

- Taking out the rubbish
- Pushing a vacuum cleaner
- Mopping or sweeping
- Carrying heavy items such as a full laundry basket or groceries
- Cooking (e.g. stirring or kneading dough)
- Re-arranging furniture

Heavy work outside:

- Jumping on trampoline
- Playing catch with a heavy ball
- Riding a bike
- Swinging on monkey bars
- Climbing a tree

Activities and games at home:

- Twister
- Yoga
- Squishing playdough
- Animal walks
- Push ups

















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Learning Beyond Words BSDS PHYSIOTHERAPY TIPS

READY.... SET.... JUMP!

Jumping is a basic gross motor skill. Students at BSDS develop and use jumping skills in a variety of activities including during outside play, social ball games, during PMP & PE programs and during movement breaks / movement activities (e.g. - action songs). Jumping is great for:

- Physical fitness
- Building bone and muscle strength
- Motor planning
- Sensory input (vestibular and proprioceptive)
- Body awareness
- Participation in physical and social games
- Improving balance and coordination can carry over to other motor skills e.g. walking on a variety of surfaces, running, climbing, stair and bike riding

Jumpingskills: A progression from foundation level

Level 1

- Squatting down, then rising back up
- Stepping over objects
- Bouncing (e.g. on soft springy surfaces such as a cushion, trampoline, hopper ball or fitness ball)
- Coming up on tiptoes (e.g. to reach up high)

Level 2

- Jumping on a soft, springy surface (e.g. cushion, trampoline, peanut ball)
- Jumping down from a low height with hands held
- Jumping with 2 feet on the spot with hands held

Level 3

- Jumping forward a few centimetres with 2 feet
- Jumping "over' a small object
- Higher level skills (e.g. broad jump, jumping jacks, hopping, jump rope, dance, sport play)

Positioning the body to jump tip: show and practise the preparation "squat" position and landing "motorbike" positions.

Jumping activities to try:

- Action songs with jumping:
- o 5 Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed
- o Walking in the Jungle https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GoSq-yZcJ-4
- Jump onto cut-out coloured shapes
- Hopscotch games (draw with sidewalk chalk)
- Come up on toes / jump up to pop bubbles or to tap a balloon
- Obstacle course (sticks, hula hoop, bean bags, small toys, jump rope)
 o Step over
 - o Jump over
- Jumping onto bubble wrap
- Jump down from a curb, low ledge, the last step
- At the pool: jump into shallow water or into pool
- At the playground:
 - o Jump on the "swinging bridge"
 - o Jump off the bottom of the slide
 - O Jump across stepping stones
 - o Trampoline
 - o Ball play (basketball, football)



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Learning Beyond Words BSDS SPEECH PATHOLOGY TIPS

HELPING YOUR CHILD TO FIX COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWNS

When a message is not understood, we call this a **communication breakdown**.

We all have experienced a breakdown in communication at some point. As adults we already have several strategies we have learnt to repair or fix the problem so that we are understood. Your children are still developing these skills and may need help.

Acknowledge that you do not understand

The first step to fixing a problem is knowing that there is a problem. Saying something like "I don't understand!" or asking "What do you mean?" This lets your child know that there is a breakdown.

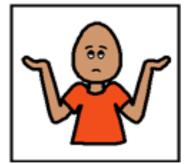
Repeat what you think you heard

It's ok that you are not sure you have understood what was said. You can repeat what you heard e.g. -"more?" This strategy works to acknowledge your child's communication attempt, lets your child know they have your attention and that you are invested in understanding what they have to say.

Suggest a supporting strategy to clarify the message

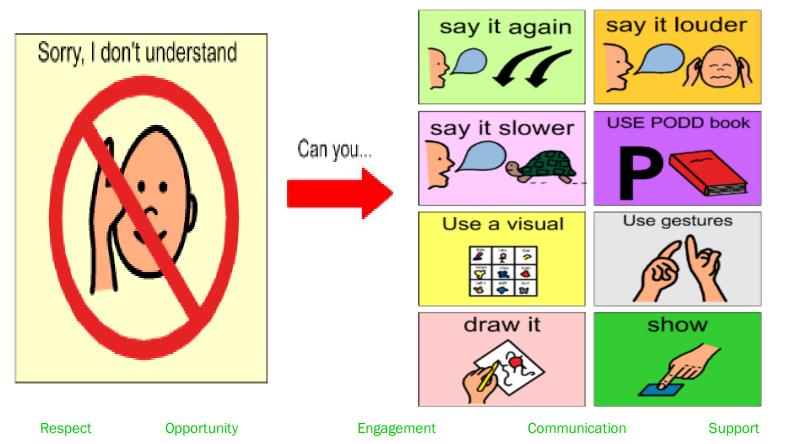
Your child can learn to clarify misunderstood messages by using a communication strategy. At first you may need to suggest a possible approach. Below are some that we use at school.

Reward your child's communication attempts by praising them for using a strategy or simply acknowledge their message was received!!









Learning Beyond Words BSDS TAKE HOME TIPS

KEY WORD SIGN TIPS - ZOO ANIMAL VOCAB

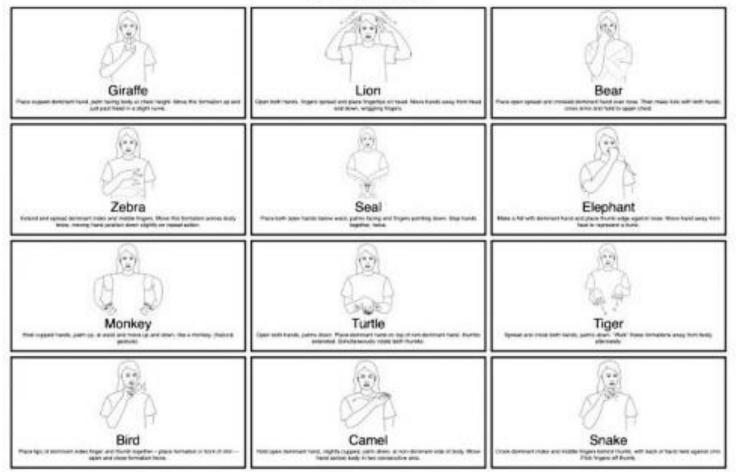
We have all seen and enjoyed the virtual zoo experiences that Melbourne Zoo have shared with the public. This edition of our Key Word Sign feature gives you a little challenge – to go on the virtual tour and see how many of these Key Word Signs you can use when you see the animals. Go on a little animal hunt, and see how much fun you have as you learn the signs along with your child.

Bring the zoo to life from anywhere around the world with live cams, Keeper Talks and other virtual updates.

https://www.zoo.org.au/animals-at-home/#visit_mz



Zoo Animals



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October 20th Orthokids clinic at BSDS has been cancelled.

Orthokids' private clinics, including Moonee Ponds and North Melbourne are currently open with a CovidSafe plan. They are able to see families for urgent adjustments, castings and fittings so it is strongly encouraged that families contact Orthokids (Phone: 9836 4480) directly to book an appointment if they feel their child needs to be seen urgently.

UNIFORM ORDER FORM



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Name of student:	Class:
Date of order:	Payment Method: Cash Card
Credit Card Details:	Expiry Date:

