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The 'I wonder...' Project

Dear Parents and Families,

Children's views and ideas offer important perspectives that can help families take positive approaches to the changes that come with starting school. A child's view brings insight into things that adults may not otherwise consider. For our school community, children's voices provide valuable feedback about what we can do to support children and families at this time.

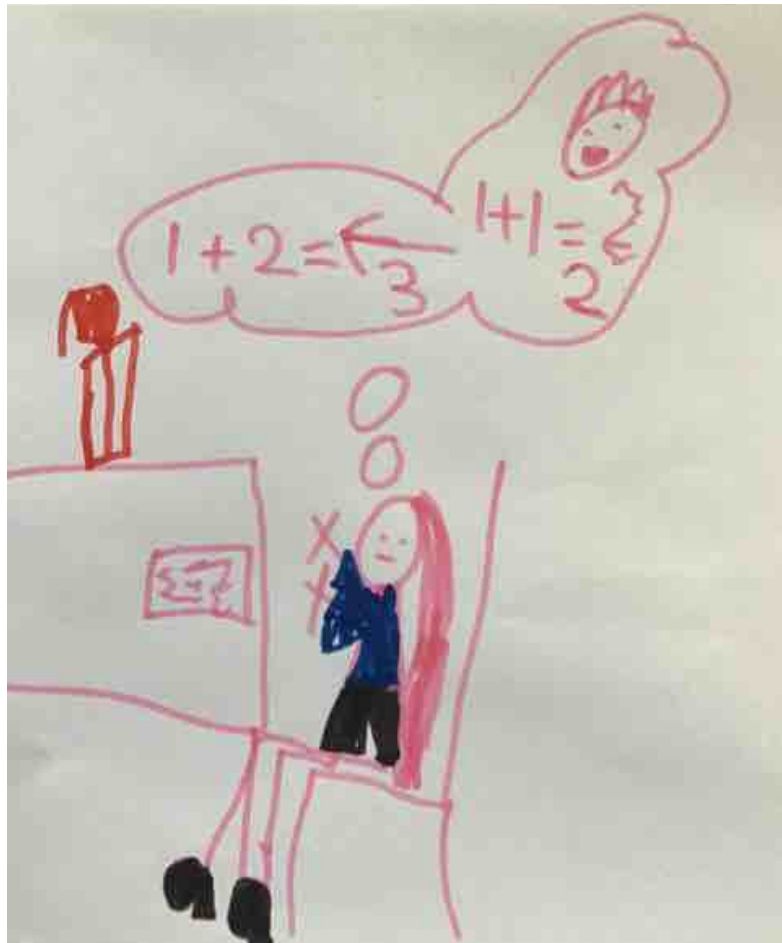
The 'Coburg North Primary Wondering about School' ebook, is a welcome gift from our school community. It captures the voices of all the children beginning school for the first time in 2021 with returned messages from our older students, who will be their older buddy when they start school. The important messages in this book will be those that children want to hear before starting school, to help them feel relaxed, safe and confident about their first weeks and months at school.

When you read this book together, we hope that their voices start conversations between you and your child to help you all make a positive start. We also hope that this eBook signals to you that we are excitedly preparing for your child's successful transition to our school community.

To get this project started, we ask that you start to have a conversation with your child and get them to think about any wondering questions they have about school. If they get stuck, you may wish to prompt them.

Some questions may be... What do you learn at school? How is school different from Kindergarten? What kinds of things happen at school? Some questions may be very personalised.... Do they play Minecraft at school? Questions can be about anything that they are interested in, excited for, or concerned about.

On a blank piece of white paper, ask your child to draw a picture of their question. Please encourage your child to make their picture as detailed and colourful as possible. You can choose whatever way your child wants to create their illustration (e.g. paint, felt pens, pencils, crayons). Once complete, scribe their question on the back of the sheet. Your child can also write their name on the paper. An example can be seen below.



Will we learn Maths at school?

We will ask you to bring the completed drawing to the office, where your child will have the opportunity to see the front of the school and meet the office staff.



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After we have received the wonderings, your child's older buddy will draw and write a response to answer their question. We will then compile all of the wonderings into an eBook for you to enjoy with your child and your family.

We look forward to receiving your child's wondering and capturing these precious moments to keep for a lifetime.

Kind regards,

Foundation Team