

## Lilydale Primary School: Grades 3-6

### Writing Extension - Diary Entries about 2020

Well what a year 2020 has been so far! I asked the students in writing extension to pick any events that have happened this year (good or bad) and create a diary entry. We spent some time discussing and exploring what a diary entry looks like and read some examples. Please keep in mind that many of these are fictional but based on real events of 2020. We hope you enjoy reading these.

Mrs K.

#### **January 2020**

The bushfires are still going and it's so sad. All the innocent wildlife are getting hurt or even killed! It makes me really sad. All their homes and families are lost. It's all over the news. Not only are animals getting hurt, so are people.



The firefighters are risking their lives to save everyone. They are our real superheroes. There are so many donation sites to donate to. But we don't know which one to donate to because some of them are fake.

*By Stephanie.*

#### **Dear Diary,**

Today I woke up to a bright red sky and smoke rushing through my airways, I had heard of the fires and I knew they were around me but I didn't expect them to come so close so soon. I ran to my mum's room to wake her up and then we both ran to a safe spot. We are still here now in a small town hall, it is the last thing left in our area. Soon we will have to set up at another place.



I hear sirens and screams and I feel like the world is going to end, I can't breathe properly and my eyes are burning from the smoke. I feel animals and people barging into me after running out of their homes and I slowly see trees fall and sparks fly. It was a mess! I have no idea how we will ever get back to normal or even how we will survive, but I hope it gets better soon!

A few firemen came up to me and my mum asking if we had any animals or anything that we left behind and that's when I remembered this book! I asked them to bring it with a pen and they did, even though it didn't mean a lot they got everything that the people wanted. I am now writing on a slightly burnt page and I can't really see what I am writing. I hope to look back at this one day, that is if I do survive, but if I don't I hope somebody will read this and understand the pain we went through! You never know, this diary might be in a museum one day with all the stuff left behind.

This is an event I will never forget! Two people have died and several have been injured. I have a burn down my leg and a cut through my thumb, it hurts so bad to see everything go right in front of you. All my memories and dreams are crushed!

*By Isie.*



**Dear Diary,**

The screaming was so loud, the energy was magical. As the lights turned off I knew it was about to begin. The feeling was electrifying. I knew by the end of the concert I wouldn't have a voice anymore.

I felt so happy and grateful to be there, I was having the time of my life. I didn't want it to end. But the show ended with a banger and I left the concert fulfilled with joy.

It was definitely one of the best nights of my life. the screams that echoed around the building, the groups of people dancing. It was truly something special and I was a part of it!

*By Gemma*



**26/1/2020**

Kobe Bryant died today.

I have to admit, I don't follow basketball but I did know some basketball players and I knew Kobe.



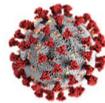
He was such a hero, not only did we lose Kobe but we lost eight other people, one being his daughter. Gigi (Gianna) Bryant died alongside her dad. She was only 13 and had her whole future planned for her. She was guaranteed a spot in a basketball league and was awesome at basketball.

The other people that died were a 13 year old, 14 year old, 45, 46, 56 year old and the pilot was 50.

It's a horrible way to die and just makes me want to spend as much time with my family and loved ones as possible.

Everyone is upset about Kobe and Gigi but we need to remember the other lives that were taken too. It's the worst way to die and I make sure everyday I kiss and hug my family when they go or I go. You never know which day will be their last.

*By Stephanie.*



**March 2020,**

There is a new thing called Coronavirus in China. I don't think it will get to Australia and it can't be that bad. Even if it does get to Australia it probably won't effect us because it can't be bad right. I don't know what to think of it though, what if it is really bad and it gets to Australia and I get it and die! I doubt that though. I don't really know what to write, I think that's it!

*By Emma*

**28/3/2020**

I went shopping with my mum today. It was so weird! Ever since this Corona thing has entered Australia, people have been panicking and taking all the toilet paper! I live in a family of 6 and we are desperately in need of toilet paper. Even if it's just 1 pack!

Everyone was panicking and buying as many supplies as possible. I didn't think that there was any reason to panic!



Anyways, we managed to get 2 packs of toilet paper, we were lucky! We got more bread and milk and we made sure to use the hand sanitiser on the way in and out.

We were lucky because we got Maccas on the way back! It was delicious. I thought about eating all of it, so my sisters don't get any. Yep, I'm evil.

*By Inara.*

**March 2020**

In 2020 there was a new virus called Coronavirus or COVID19. I'm not sure if that's short for Coronavirus because there's no 'd' in the word.



Corona means crown and virus means a type of germ so tiny that they can go inside your body and make you sick. I'm sure that Corona means crown, so they called it Coronavirus because the germ looks like a crown.

The first day I heard it on the news was in March. They said 'Novel Coronavirus' in some parts. I thought someone had made a best selling book about a virus! But unfortunately it was real. I also heard on the news that a cruise ship infected everyone (mostly) that's how it came to Australia.

In April, it was the first ever remote learning. I didn't like it at all! What I hate about it is that lots of people have technical problems.

*By Reema.*



**Dear Diary,**



I haven't written one of these in ages! Sorry, but I'm really scared now! THE VIRUS IS VERY BAD AND HAS GOT TO AUSTRALIA. IT HAS ALSO KILLED SOME PEOPLE! Some people wear masks but it's not mandatory yet. We also can't see our friends or go to school. We have to do online school, but I kinda like it!

*By Emma.*

**Tuesday 24 March**

Today we were going to start something new for school... home schooling. My sister was a bit nervous and funny and mum was a bit stressed but trying to keep things organised. I thought it would be fun and exciting but I was a bit nervous too. I was nervous because I had never done online schooling before.



Mum taught me how to get online and to see the planners. When I got online I saw all my friends and my teacher Miss Doensen. I saw the whole grade ready to start the day. I said hi to everyone. On the start of the Webex session it said to get our writing book and pencil out. [Diary it was a bit boring when I had to do it every single day.] I wish I could play with my friends, not just see them online. We had less work to do though, so I was done with my work pretty quickly.



*By Spencer*

**June 2020**



I am so excited that school has started again. My head is racing with so many questions. What will it be like? Will half the class still be doing remote learning? Will we still have to social distance? Will the tables be one metre apart? And that was only half of the questions! Although school is only for two weeks it is going to be a whole new experience.



It was all so different. Staggered pick ups and drop offs and then we had to put on hand sanitisers, which I absolutely hated because they smell awful! But I really liked the staggered pick ups and drop offs because you get 30 minutes just to play games and watch movies. Yesterday was my third day of school again.

We had to wait in the car for ten minutes because we were early and we have to be exactly on time. When I got out of the car it was so cold, as it was winter. Then we had to put hand sanitiser on. When I finally got in the classroom it was so warm the heater had been left on for a really long time. I immediately saw my friends playing four in a row. I quickly joined them. The day ended as quickly as it began.

*By Pal*

### **Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of July**

“Charlotte, today is the day!” I whispered in my sisters’ ear eagerly. “Wake up, wake up, wake up! It’s the day the first chick hatches!”

“Go away! I’m not ready to wake up yet,” she groaned as if she had stayed up till midnight last night.

“Suit yourself,” I said snobbishly. I ran down to the bathroom where the chick was going to hatch, nothing it hadn’t even pipped. I was drowned with disappointment and sorrow, tears pricked the back of my eyes, but I held them back. I walked out of the room. I didn’t feel very happy, I asked my Mum if I could put the TV on.

### **2 Hours later...**

“OK Grace time to turn the TV off!” Mum yelled very loudly.

“Seriously?” I replied, “But I don’t want to!”

“TV off now!” Mum bellowed.

“Fine,” I walked into the room where the chicken was... It had pipped! I ran down as fast as I could to tell my Mum.

“What? Really?” she ran down to the bathroom to see. Yep, it definitely had! We both started skipping around the house while singing “the chicken is hatching the chicken is hatching the chicken is hatching!”

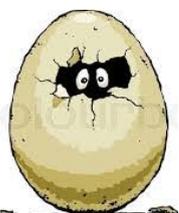
### **3 Hours later...**

“Mum, I’m worried that the chicken hasn’t hatched yet” I said fearfully.

“So am I, to be honest I think we have to be ready for it not to hatch”... I felt horrible, out of five eggs only one was fertile and it might not even hatch.

### **About 6 PM...**

“Gracie! Charlie! The chicken’s hatching!” We both thundered down to the bathroom, the top of the egg was just starting to lift off. Everybody was there watching the chick. The top of the egg just popped off; the cute, little chick rested. She gave one last push. It had happened...



The chick had finally hatched! All the doubt flooded out of me and was replaced with happiness. Despite how much my dad says that he hates chickens he certainly fell in love with this one!

### **1 Day later...**

“Mum! Can I hold the chick?” I yelled.

“Oh, go on then” she replied.

“She’s so fluffy” I said. The chick was small and fluffy, she had a yellow belly and a black back. I was so happy she made it!

### **2 Weeks later...**

Polly is now a happy, healthy chicken and snuggles with dad, under his beard, on the couch all the time! Its really funny, I’m really glad we decided to try and hatch those eggs!



*By Grace*

## **July 2020**

We were at home with the telly on, watching the news. My mum was making dinner. Me, my dad and my sister were sitting on the couch. I usually find watching the news quite boring but today I didn’t find it boring because they were actually talking about things like what is the next thing that we’re going to do about the COVID-19. They were talking about if we should move to the fourth stage of lockdown. Until... suddenly I heard the telly say we ARE moving to stage 4 lockdown...



I was really surprised because I never thought that it would ever come to stage 4. That made me remember the first lockdown, when the news told all the people that the beaches were closed. But no one really listened, they were all still going to the beach. That was until they said on the news that anyone who went to the beach will get a fine. I thought that if most people didn’t follow the rules about the beach then how many people won’t follow the rules about stage 4?

Fourth restrictions meant: Only one person could go shopping. You have to wear masks and you can only go 5km away from your house. We are lucky that we all went to the shops two days before these restrictions were made. So in other words the only place kids can really go is on a short walk with a mask. Nothing really to keep us busy anymore. Although, there still is remote learning. For kids you’re almost completely locked in your house. The last time I went on a walk each and every road was filled with people with masks, I had never seen so many people walking at the same time! I thought that maybe it was because you really can’t go anywhere besides on a walk. So for kids you’re almost completely locked in your house.



I think it’s going to be really hard for everyone to stay only 5km away from their homes. You have to buy groceries and you have all sorts of things that you need to do but you can’t because you have to stay ONLY 5km away from your home.

*By Pal*

**Dear Diary,**

Today I found out the worst news ever, we were going back into lockdown.



I can't bear the thought of not being able to see my friends and family again. If being in quarantine is keeping everyone safe, then I guess we just have to deal with it.

I just hope that us Grade 6s still get a graduation. I know that it won't be the same type that the year before had, but I and I'm sure everyone else would be grateful for whatever we do.

As long as everyone just follows the rules, even though some people aren't.

*By Gemma.*

### **Quarantine: My "Fun" Adventures**

So my family and I are in lockdown. ("yippee!") The reason, well it all started a long time ago (March sometime)

So I'm watching the news. Agh stupid Coronavirus thing, oh well at least Australia doesn't have it yet. It all started in China. Rumours saying from eating a bat or something. I don't know, I just get so frustrated with this stuff.

Aghh, spoke too soon. Some princess boat brought it over or something. I don't really like listening to the news, it's scary and keeps me up at night. Hopefully it doesn't go big here. We already suffered with bushfires.

Ok I'm really jinxing this now. We have had thousands of new cases. Not really, only a couple hundred, but I feel like I need to add more drama to this story! The Premier is saying that we might have to lockdown and do school from home. I'm nervous, because I feel like I will fall behind in school. (without having Mr GD hovering over my shoulder 24/7) But then I'm also excited! I can wear my pjs, (waist down so the camera can't see) slippers, eat whenever I want... oh and do work at my own pace! But I really don't want to lockdown.



GUESS WHAT!? We're in lockdown :( I'm not allowed to see my friends or go anywhere. I'm doing school from home and the best part is I can wear pj pants and slippers and my teachers won't even realise! (Well they will now when they read this.) But I miss my friends, and it gets so boring around here sometimes.

We are going back to school! Yay! I'm so happy! We still have to keep our distance and make sure we don't really hug or touch anyone.

Agh, I swear school only lasted for a week! And we are already back in lockdown. We had our last dinner with friends before the restrictions started. But now we can't see them. So we said our goodbyes and held back the tears. (Not really, but kinda)

So my friend, the Premier, said we have to start wearing masks. Only when we go outside and to places. But they are so claustrophobic! I don't think I'll last to the end of this year. But I am willing to do anything to help Australia get out of lockdown and have things be back to normal as possible. (And so I can have a graduation this year!)



Well this is basically where we are up to. Still in lockdown, wearing face masks, fighting coronavirus. Oh yeah and we have a curfew we have to be inside at 8pm and not leave until 5am the next day. But I know for a fact the doctors are doing their very best and are trying to come up with a vaccine. The teachers are doing really well as well. So are the other essential workers and I am very grateful to live in a country where everyone works together to help each other out.

*By Stephanie*

