



# St Mary's Primary School Warners Bay

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We acknowledge the Awabakal People – the first custodians of this land

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## Office hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:15am-3:30pm  
Friday 8:15-3pm

## Upcoming Events

For more events please refer to our  
Community Calendar on Compass

## Advanced Notice:

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October  
11:30am & 6:30pm  
School Musical 'I Wonder...'



*As we witness the unrest in Afghanistan, we pray together:*

***For the small group of Christians in the country*** who are uncertain who to trust. We pray that they find strength, wisdom, and peace in God's promises. ***Lord, hear us***

***For the displaced.*** A new wave of refugees is expected to come from Afghanistan to many parts of the Middle East and the rest of the world. Pray for God's protection and provision over them in their journeys. ***Lord, hear us***

***For the women and girls.*** Many women fear that the Taliban rule would mean they would be stripped of opportunities for education. Women involved in education during the past years could also be at risk – we pray for their protection. ***Lord, hear us***

***For the sick.*** Covid-19 cases are spiking in the country and hospitals are limited in what they can offer. There is no certainty as to how the healthcare system will be able to sustain itself with the new Taliban government. We pray that the healthcare system will not collapse. ***Lord, hear us***

***We ask these prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen***

Dear Parents and Carers

As we navigate our way through this Covid journey it's important to keep things in perspective and remember that, like all challenges, this too shall pass.

## Our season will change

As the seasons changed, the apricot tree shed her leaves,  
as she prepared for the long winter ahead.

It rained, it poured.  
And it was ever so cold.

But soon enough, the warm sunshine greeted her;  
the seasons were changing again.  
As they always do.

Her blossoms began to sing  
with a sweet scent of hope.  
And soon her leaves will sprout  
and there will be fruit

Our season will change.

Jason Tyndall

## Catholic Faith

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With this week being Wellbeing Week, it brings to light the importance of looking after ourselves and those around us. Our life is a precious gift to be cherished. This includes not only looking after our physical and mental health, but our spiritual health as well. With everything that is going on in the world around us, we are called to live our lives guided by the Spirit of Jesus.

Essential to our spiritual health is maintaining the health of the Holy Spirit's life within us. As Christians, we know that spirituality is about doing good, and every happening is an opportunity to do good. While our 'normal' lives and routines are on hold right now, let us take this as an opportunity to develop a healthy spiritual practice. This may include prayer, social contributions, deepening relationships with those close to us, words of optimism, forgiveness and expressions of compassion.

Jesus said "I have loved you, so you must love each other" (John 13:34). Let us use this time as a reminder of what is important in life. The wellbeing of our community is a collective responsibility. It takes all of us working together, checking in on one another and acting with calmness and empathy, united as we face any challenges ahead.

Our sincere sympathy to the **Pfeifer** family, (**Cohen, Kinder Blue**) on the recent death of his grandmother.

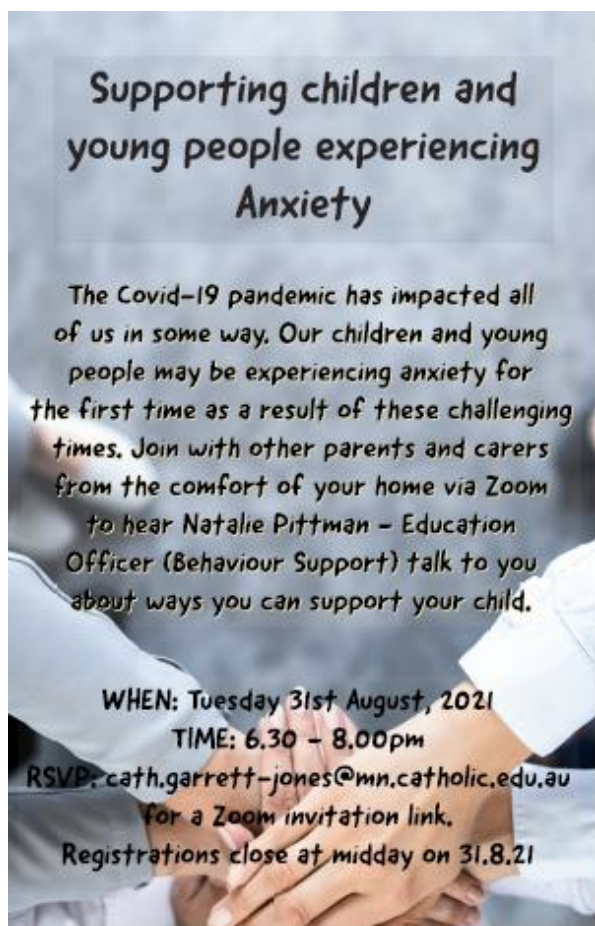
## Learning

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An important skill when learning is being able to think creatively. Well done to the children who completed last week's creativity challenge and designed their dream lockdown house. You can see their fantastic designs later in the newsletter.

## Wellbeing

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**Supporting children and young people experiencing Anxiety**

The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted all of us in some way. Our children and young people may be experiencing anxiety for the first time as a result of these challenging times. Join with other parents and carers from the comfort of your home via Zoom to hear Natalie Pittman – Education Officer (Behaviour Support) talk to you about ways you can support your child.

**WHEN:** Tuesday 31st August, 2021  
**TIME:** 6.30 – 8.00pm  
**RSVP:** [cath.garrett-jones@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cath.garrett-jones@mn.catholic.edu.au)  
for a Zoom invitation link.  
Registrations close at midday on 31.8.21



**Emerging Minds.** National Workforce Centre for Child Mental Health

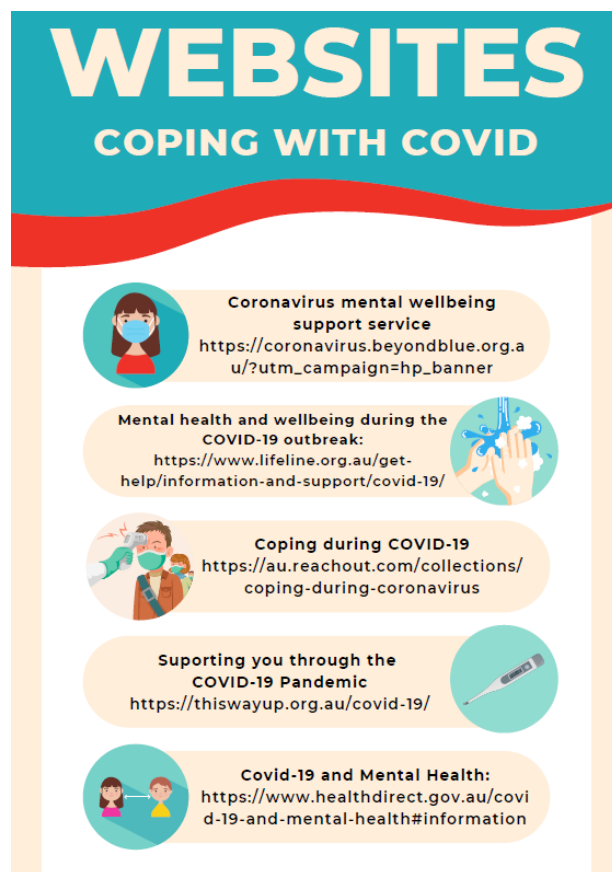
**Need help supporting your child's mental health during COVID-19?**

This free online toolkit includes videos, fact sheets, podcasts and guides to help your family navigate the pandemic. Scan the QR code to get started.

**emergingminds.com.au**

For translated resources available in 18 different languages, check out:

- Helping children cope with stress during COVID-19
- Using play to support children during COVID-19



## Canteen

Please see a separate attachment with the newsletter from Canteen Cathy.

## ASPIRE

Please click on the sound file attached with the newsletter to hear the **Doyle Family (Zoe 6G, Sophie 1G and Cleo Year 8)** speaking about their ASPIRE experiences on the radio.



## Library

### **BOOK WEEK 2021**

We would like to take this opportunity to Congratulate this year's Book Week winners... Authors, Illustrators and Publishers.  
Here are the winners for the books that we have in our Library collection.





### Book of the Year: Early Childhood

*Entries in this category may be fiction, drama or poetry and should be appropriate in style and content for children who are at pre-reading or early stages of reading. Ages 0-6 years.*

WINNER			
Libby Hathorn & Lisa Hathorn-Jarman (illus. by Mel Pearce)	No! Never!	Hachette Australia	9780734418906
HONOUR BOOKS			
Anna McGregor	Anemone is not the Enemy	Scribble Kids' Books	9781922310118
Briony Stewart	We Love You, Magoo	Penguin Random House Australia	9781760896904

### Book of the Year: Younger Readers

*Entries in this category may be fiction, drama or poetry and should be appropriate in style and content for readers from the middle to upper primary years. 7-12 years (NB: Some of the titles in this category may only be suitable for readers who are in the upper primary years as they contain mature themes, including violence. Parental guidance is recommended).*

WINNER			
Kate Gordon	Aster's Good, Right Things	Riveted Press	9780648492573
HONOUR BOOKS			
Jaclyn Moriarty (illus. by Kelly Canby)	The Stolen Prince of Cloudburst	Allen & Unwin	9781760875060
Sally Murphy (illus. by Sarah Davis)	Worse Things	Walker Books Australia	9781760651657

### Picture Book of the Year

*Entries in this category should be outstanding books of the Picture Book genre in which the author and illustrator achieve artistic and literary unity or, in wordless picture books, where the story, theme or concept is unified through illustrations. Ages 0-18 years (NB. Some of these books may be for mature readers).*

WINNER			
Matt Ottley (text by Meg McKinlay)	How to Make a Bird	Walker Books Australia	9781925381894
HONOUR BOOKS			
Philip Bunting	Not Cute.	Scholastic Australia	9781760972387
Felicita Sala (text by Maggie Hutchings)	Your Birthday Was the Best!	Affirm Press	9781925972535

## Eve Pownall Award

*Entries in this category should be books which have the prime intention of documenting factual material with consideration given to imaginative presentation, interpretation and variation of style. Ages 0-18 years.*

WINNER			
Pamela Freeman (illus. by Liz Anelli)	Dry to Dry: The Seasons of Kakadu	Walker Books Australia	9781760650285
HONOUR BOOKS			
Sami Bayly	The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Dangerous Animals	Hachette Australia	9780734420015
David Hartley & Kirsty Murray (illus. by Dub Leffler)	Strangers on Country	National Library of Australia	9780642279552

## CBCA Award for New Illustrator

*This Award aims to recognise and encourage new talent in the field of Australian children's book illustration. Ages 0-18 years.*

WINNER			
Zeno Swarder	This Small Blue Dot	Thames & Hudson Australia	9781760761110

We would also like to share with you a Book Week poem written by Mike Lucas on the Theme: Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds.

## Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds

A billion trillion twinkling stars  
Across this Universe of ours  
Warm endless worlds we'll never know,  
Too far away for us to go.

But don't despair, for there's a way  
To see a different world each day.  
You do not need to travel far.  
In fact, you can stay where you are.

These worlds are not up in the sky.  
No need to pack or say goodbye.  
No need to sail to distant lands.  
These worlds of words are close at hand.

So many worlds to be explored.  
So many worlds – you're never bored!  
So many worlds – not two the same.  
So many worlds, so many names.

There's...

...Nevermoor, Neverland, Narnia, Oz.  
There's Lilliput, Camelot too.  
There's Middle-Earth, Spiderwick, Fairyland,  
Grimsdon  
And Whoville (the home of the Who).

There's the Wizarding World and the World of DC.  
There is Wonderland, Uriel, Rin.  
There are worlds ruled by Romans, Egyptians  
and Greeks.  
There are so many worlds to be in.

So...pick up a book and take a trip,  
(But not by plane or train or ship)  
To brave new worlds, to worlds of old,  
And other worlds in stories told.

And if there's one you cannot find,  
Then take a trip inside your mind  
And, using your imagination,  
Make that world your own creation.

Whichever world you want to see,  
Sit down and write – and it will be.  
And after all is said and done,  
That world can be for everyone.

There's no idea you cannot grow;  
No story seed you cannot sow;  
No kingdom that cannot exist;  
No plot that cannot have a twist;

No character that cannot be;  
No ending that you cannot see;  
No empty space that can't be filled.  
There is no world you cannot build.

So read it, write it, take the leap.  
What wonderful rewards you'll reap.  
So many worlds await your call,  
Though nobody can see them all.

And when you've been away too long,  
And people wonder where you've gone,  
Put down your book, put down your pen  
And, in a blink, you're home again.

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# 2021 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students on completing their PRC for 2021:

Campbell Hull – 3G

Charlotte Jardine, Ashley White, Peyton Gray – 4B

Mason Godbee, Zachariah Lynch, Flynn Rimanoczy, Matilda Sanchez, Elijah Wiseman – 4G

Kayla Harvey, Zac Armit, Xavier Bosworth, Phoebe Parker, Theo Pyers, Ivy Williams – 5B

Lily Edwards, Lucas Gray, Leila Kent, Harry Walsh, Mitchell Banister, Curtis Carrington, Levi Godbee, Harlow Hughson, Nate Korsman – 5G

Lachlan Willmore – 6G

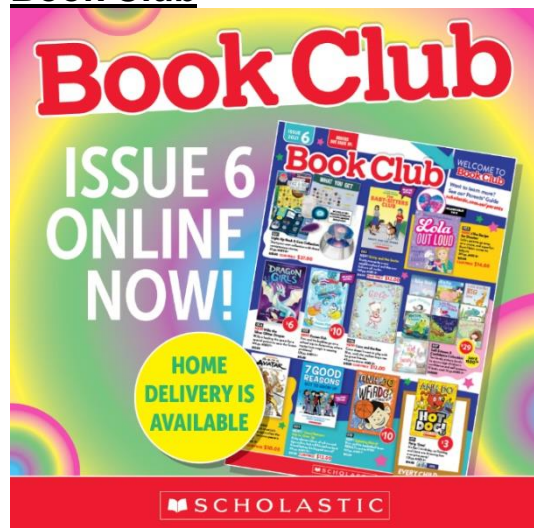
## **IMPORTANT UPDATE - RULES CHANGES EFFECTIVE 4 AUGUST 2021**

The Premier's Reading Challenge has been extended by two weeks, and the **new closing date** is now **Friday September 3, 2021.**

Challenge closes for coordinators: Friday September 17, 2021

Students are now able to include up to 10 Choice Books on their reading records. All students are able to include books on their reading records that they read collaboratively as a class, in person or online with their teacher or at home with their parents/carers. You can find more information about these adjustments on the PRC Rules page <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/rules.html>

## **Book Club**



### **Book Club Issue 6 is open and home delivery is available!**

In response to the current lockdowns, Scholastic Book Club has added the temporary option for all parents to have their orders sent directly to their homes. This option will enable you to place and receive orders while your children are undertaking Learning from Home.

- When you place your Issue 6 Book Club order, you'll have the option to select home delivery or school delivery.
- The home delivery option can be selected at the time of ordering for \$7.50
- Our school will still earn 10% in Scholastic Rewards on home delivery orders.
- Any school deliveries will still be sent to the school.

You can access the catalogue here: <https://scholastic.com.au/media/6421/bc621web.pdf>

Orders can be placed here: <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/> or through the Book Club LOOP App.

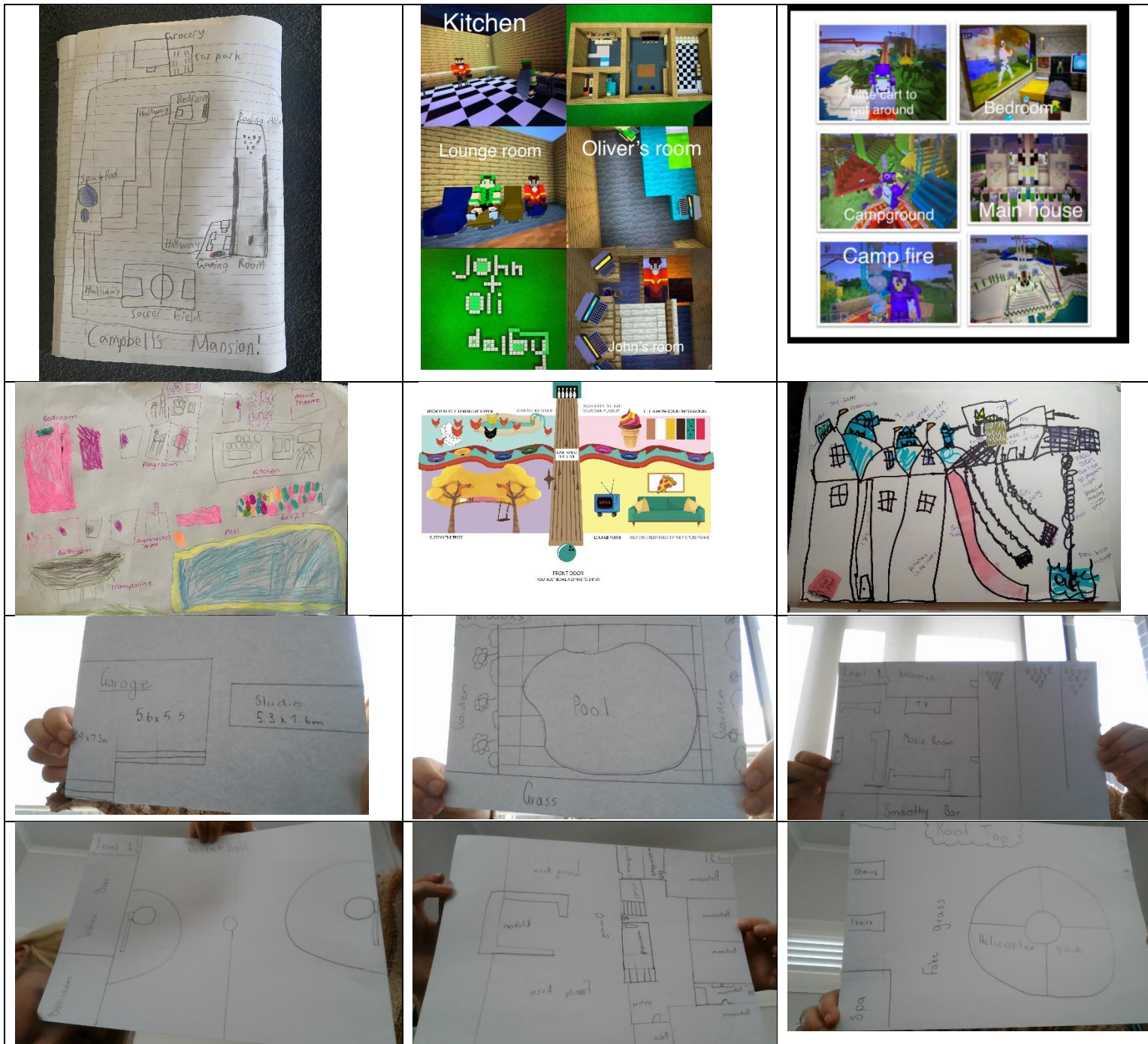


# Lake Macquarie Community Survey

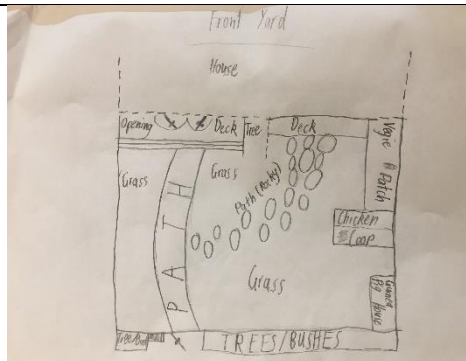
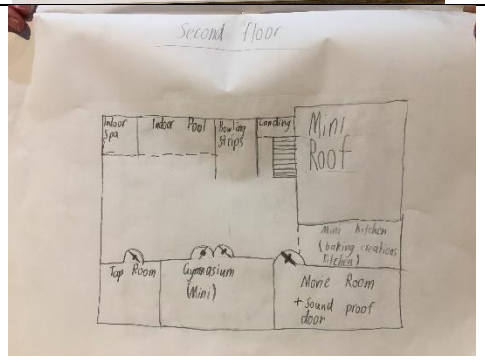
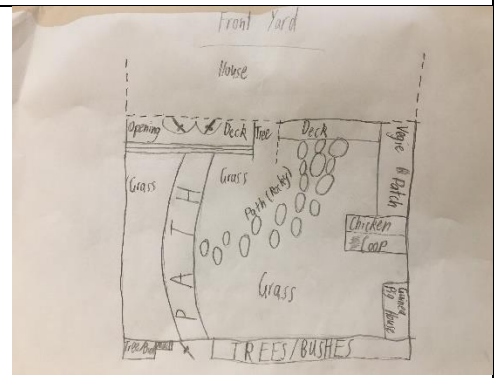
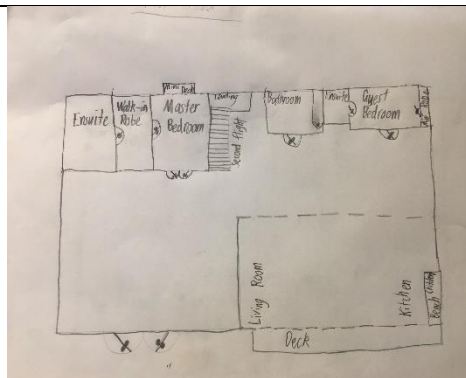
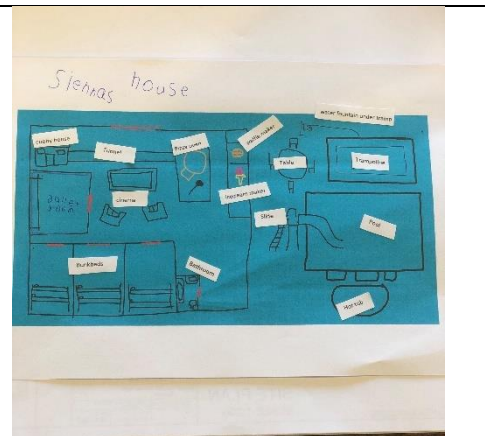
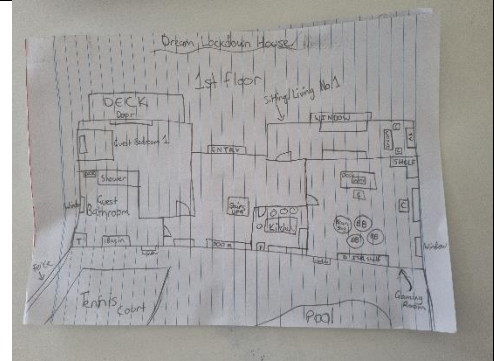
Resilience NSW has requested input from the Lake Mac community to provide information into the Disaster Preparedness of the local area.

The short survey is here - <https://www.research.net/r/RDPPsurvey> and closes on 17 September 2021.

## Dream Lockdown Homes







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