

Dear Willandra Parents

Below are a variety of interactive websites that can be accessed free of charge to keep your kids entertained and learning whilst not at school.

The three (3) in **green** however, are for parents specifically to provide you with information and tips on how to discuss what is going on with your kids.

You will need to click on the website link to access the online activities.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RESOURCES: LEARNING @ HOME

...Department provided resources for students to access for learning at home.

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home>

TIPS FOR DISCUSSING CORONAVIRUS WITH YOUR KIDS:

https://www.telethonkids.org.au/news--events/news-and-events-nav/2020/march/tips-for-discussing-coronavirus-with-your-kids/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=Coronavirus&fbclid=IwAR3F41kOVOij5JbF-18jUxcQ47fODRrCuCrzPTUP53nexplDCV2AULeQIOfg

HELP KIDS DEAL WITH THE NEWS:

...5 tips for talking to kids about the news.

https://education.abc.net.au/newsandarticles/blog/-/b/2568657/5-tips-for-talking-to-kids-about-the-news?sf231577401=1&fbclid=IwAR3s_9VIAyUeepZ-KTrbmps03mlOrTMRalZ5byua3RCWCMCOEwrewm2Qj_U

SOCIAL DISTANCING:

...what it means.

https://scontent.fper8-1.fna.fbcdn.net/v/t1.0-9/fr/cp0/e15/q65/90705746_10163046567515408_5533214313126297600_n.jpg?nc_cat=100&nc_sid=110474&efg=eyJpljoibCJ9&nc_ohc=rK_MtsVFjfiAX_97JX1&nc_ht=scontent.fper8-1.fna&nc_tp=14&oh=727435f3aacf3c5a806b2f65bdf2766c&oe=5E9B3BE5

STUDYLADDER:

...a comprehensive programme of online educational activities for students aged 4 to 12, mapped to the curriculum.

<https://www.studyladder.com.au/>

KHAN ACADEMY:

...daily schedules for students ages 4-18 to keep them learning.

www.khanacademy.org

twinkl

...teaching resources: PP – 2, 3 – 4, 5 - 6

<https://www.twinkl.com.au>

MATHS:

...a collection of maths activity websites.

https://www.weareteachers.com/best-math-websites/?utm_content=1584278640&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR0Dclkt9RAdCxi28IIMdM2xOmdZK0OdgWnQntY4UOg1rHofluKOrbTKsAs

K7 MATHS:

...Open Login for 10 Weeks

* K7Maths is an 'open access' site for the period of the Covid-19 event.

* Parents and teachers are welcome to login to K7Maths for 10 weeks.

* More open time will be provided if required.

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.k7maths.com%2Fhelp%2F2107&data=02%7C01%7CMark.Smith%40education.wa.edu.au%7C0422901a76ad4cd0f0c08d7ced6d64d%7Ce08016f9d1fd4cbb83b0b76eb4361627%7C0%7C1%7C637205294421596263&sdata=owwztClEb2azLEE%2Baib%2BbDR7SaeX3XKwyuK4Zngd5nc%3D&reserved=0>

DR PAUL SWAN:

...maths activities

<https://drpaulswan.com.au/teaching-at-home>

STARFALL:

...a free educational resource for K – 3. It is available as an app for smartphone and tablet users.

www.starfall.com

BTN (Behind The News):

...current news presented for kids.

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/>

STORYLINE:

...famous actors reading story books aloud.

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

STORYBOX LIBRARY:

...familiar Australian actors reading stories aloud.

<https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/>

VOOKS:

...a streaming service for kids where storybooks come to life!

<https://watch.vooks.com/>

ASTRONAUTS READING STORIES:

...astronauts from various missions in space read popular children's books while floating about.

https://www.scarymommy.com/astronauts-story-time-in-space-kids-books/?utm_source=FB&fbclid=IwAR0WpnmCFDXyIF1sqFf_Y1ad4Hirb_p_MrrQ86_8vCO5ZV3vb0vEZk9-Ejc

271 Audible English audio book for kids: free / Ausroid

...famous people reading stories aloud.

<https://ausroid.net/2020/03/21/271-audible-english-audio-books-for-kids-free-during-coronavirus-pandemic/?fbclid=IwAR0nZUeslogPRoVU-7D61Pn1sWBbLBtRVElepTONt2Bkfq77IH9nkwG1cjE>

National Geographic Kids:

...includes a wide range of resources covering all the main curriculum areas.

<https://www.natgeokids.com/au/?fbclid=IwAR3Wcl1x-3oxjq5PQ5snf0YtFINCZTrGijf0vUSJecbK2Wxk8z6hZCrV5DY>

12 Famous Museums offering Virtual Tours:

...go on a tour around these famous museums.

https://people.com/travel/stuck-at-home-these-12-famous-museums-offer-virtual-tours-you-can-take-on-your-couch/?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=social-share-article&utm_content=20200313&utm_term=7728056&fbclid=IwAR0bVJ142pMg49eYAXvFqwKdDzmnrVtFjoUL2-C9WSlcAcfcFychezLVJ0w

NASA: entire library publically accessible:

...search through 140 000 photos and other resources; you may find something interesting.

https://www.diyphotography.net/nasa-makes-entire-media-library-publicly-accessible-copyright-free/?fbclid=IwAR3uea7MtcR81fVkuuwP5UBGUmjkaIN9CeQs4Eirx_KlleFnFCbU8ZWivx8

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS and TOURS:

...come on a journey...to anywhere...

<https://www.discoveryeducation.com/community/virtual-field-trips/>

<https://www.weareteachers.com/best-virtual-field-trips/>

<http://howtohomeschoolforfree.com/huge-list-of-virtual-field-trips/>

<https://www.brisbanekids.com.au/world-zoos-that-offer-virtual-tours/>

<https://vft.asu.edu/>

SPELD SA PHONIC BOOKS:

...the books are grouped in a developing order based on the order of sounds introduced in the Jolly Phonics early literacy program, www.jollylearning.co.uk Each book is published with suggestions on how parents, tutors and teachers can get the most out of the book. SPELD SA provides phonic readers free of charge that suit a variety of ages and abilities. Please use these readers at your discretion accounting for your child or children's abilities, ages and needs.

<https://www.speld-sa.org.au/services/phonic-books.html>

DECODABLE COMICS:

...decodable comics that follow the teaching sequence of Letters and Sounds

<http://www.phonicsplaycomics.co.uk/comics.html?fbclid=IwAR1ht-1My2SxJ1VQkY9NxQDC861UW0i0w8FOZQgvdhT69oS8Jv9uSqW0ZE>

FUNBRAIN:

...provides free educational games, comics, books and videos for children in grades K – 7. Content is organised in grade level and the site does not require you to enter logins, passwords or personal information.

www.frunbrain.com

CHROME LAB MUSIC:

...enables students to explore music and its connections to math, science and art.

<http://www.musiclab.chromeexperiments.com>

CLUB SCIKIDZ:

...offers daily science activities and experiments that you can easily do at home.

www.clubscikidz.com

GONOODLE:

...free app and website with tonnes of games and videos designed to manage kids' energy levels. Activities include: Zumba exercise videos, Wii-like sport games and mindfulness videos.

www.gonoodle.com

ABC TV EDUCATION:

...a whole heap of educational, Australian resources.

<https://education.abc.net.au/home#!/resources>

TED-ED:

...presentations on a range of topics.

https://ed.ted.com/lessons?content_type=animations+talks&direction=desc&sort=publish-date&user_by_click=student

VIRTUAL WAR MEMORIAL AUSTRALIA:

...discover Australia's war history.

<https://vwma.org.au/>

MTA DIGITAL READING PROGRAM:

...MTA supporting remote, online and home learning with the Wushka Digital Reading Platform - no cost access to June 30, 2020. No Subscription Fee. No Student Fee. No Student Limit.

<https://go.modernstar.com/webmail/265212/454935145/53cf161bd8990f4480080412b2c89ffd3af88cefc9fcc05efc8d94e04e6948c8>

POBBLE:

...free, online writing prompt resource.

<http://www.pobble365.com/>

SCHOLASTIC LEARN AT HOME:

...day-by-day projects to keep the kids reading, thinking and growing.

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

HAWKER BROWNLOW DIGITAL:

...free CARS and STARS (reading comprehension) online programme access.

<https://www.hb-digital.com.au/support-schools-communities>

BBC BITESIZE:

...a variety of activities to help with the learning at home.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

SESAME STREET:

...games, videos and learning activities to keep the kids busy.

<https://www.sesamestreet.org/>

TINKERGARTEN:

...free weekly activities, coaching and an online community to help your kids become ready to learn, ready to thrive, ready for anything.

<https://www.tinkergarten.com/>

FRENCH:

...some websites to continue learning French at home.

www.french-games.net

www.duolingo.com

Indoor Scavenger Hunt

COLLECT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN A BAG OR BASKET. CHECK THE BOXES AS YOU FIND EACH ONE.

- A TOY WITH WHEELS
- A BOOK WITH THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR NAME IN THE TITLE
- A PAIR OF MATCHING SOCKS
- 4 THINGS THAT ARE GREEN
- SOMETHING VERY SOFT
- A TOY SMALLER THAN YOUR HAND
- SOMETHING ROUND
- A BOOK WITH NUMBERS IN IT
- 5 LEGOS THAT ARE ALL DIFFERENT
- A PHOTO OF SOMEONE YOU LOVE
- AN ITEM YOU CAN SEE YOURSELF IN
- AN ITEM THAT MAKES YOU FEEL COZY
- A TOY THAT HAS 3 DIFFERENT COLORS
- A MOVIE THAT HAS "S" IN THE TITLE
- YOUR SNUGGLIEST STUFFED ANIMAL

Ready for snack? Make sure everything gets put back where it belongs!

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

COLLECT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN A BAG OR BASKET. CHECK THE BOXES AS YOU FIND EACH ONE.

- 5 LEAVES THAT LOOK DIFFERENT
- A STICK THAT IS LONGER THAN YOUR HAND
- A ROCK WITH SPOTS ON IT
- A FLOWER
- A FLAT ROCK
- 10 BLADES OF GRASS
- SOMETHING YOU LOVE TO PLAY WITH
- A PIECE OF TRASH YOU CAN RECYCLE
- SOMETHING THAT IS BROWN
- SOMETHING THAT IS HEAVY
- SOMETHING THAT IS VERY LIGHT
- SOMETHING THAT NEEDS SUN TO LIVE
- AN ITEM SMALLER THAN YOUR THUMB
- SOMETHING THAT STARTS WITH "M"
- SOMETHING THAT SMELLS GOOD

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Seize the Opportunity of Home Quarantine

Instead of lamenting the hardship and boredom of this weird time in history, assume it is a blessing in disguise. Use it to rejuvenate, discover new passions and do those things you never have time for. Tick the ideas you're willing to try and share this list.

- Sort and tag your [digital photos](#)
- Make into a [collage or poster](#)
- Research your **next holiday**
- Do a [photography project](#)
- Attend a [Twitter Conference](#)
- [Declutter](#). Baby steps.
- Research a [charity](#) to support
- Prep and [freeze some meals](#) for when you're sick or back at work
- Create a [digital](#) scrapbook
- Start a [gratitude journal](#)
- Write letters of love or thanks** to your people. Post them.
- Research something** you have always wondered about
- Have a **scented bubble bath** with candles and music
- Write an advice letter to the **teenager you were**. Write another to **yourself in 20 years**.
- Learn a [heritage skill](#)** like: baking, woodwork, preserving, mosaic, ceramics, cheese making, fermenting, foraging, quilting, slow cooking, soap + candle making, crochet, permaculture, knots, fire building, home remedies.
- Draw an apple using a different [style](#) each day, for a week.
- Attend a [virtual symphony](#)
- Catch up on [great movies](#)
- Learn to say a favourite phrase or quote in **7 different languages**
- Try [Creatively Visualising](#) goals
- Create a detailed spreadsheet of **how you would spend \$10 million**
- Write a [poem or story](#)
- Start a [Journal](#) or [Blog](#)
- Read [the books](#) you never have time for
- [Yoga](#) or [exercise](#) class
- [Spruce up your CV](#)
- Start your [novel](#)
- Try an [art project](#)
- Binge on [iView](#)
- Revamp your **garden**
- Practice [mindfulness](#)
- Try an [eLearning course](#)
- Make a [cook book](#)
- Create [homemade gifts](#)
- Phone **old friends**
- Play [parlour games](#)
- [Fix broken stuff](#)
- Design a **dream home**
- Practice [forgiveness](#)
- Plan your [next party](#)
- Kick a [bad habit](#)
- Try [adult colouring in](#)
- Join a [virtual bookclub](#)
- Find [great podcasts](#)
- Update your **goals**
- [Upcycle](#) something
- Build a [free website](#)
- Re-arrange **furniture**
- Start a [dream journal](#)
- Binge **TED Talks**
- Join an [online community](#) of likeminded people
- Reach out** to someone who lives alone or is feeling anxious
- Host a Skype / Zoom [dinner party](#)
- Or a [virtual support group](#)
- Get [some positivity](#) into your social media feed
- Try [positive psychology](#) activities
- Cook an [amazing breakfast](#)
- Create an amazing **treasure hunt** or clue-trail for a family member
- Get familiar with **online grocery shopping**: create favourites lists
- Or **virtual dance party**: You dress up and groove to the same music
- Organise your **music playlist**
- Reorganise your [wardrobe](#)
- Delete all the apps you don't use and [discover some new ones](#)
- Hold a family or street [singalong](#)
- Try some [science experiments](#)
- Deliver supplies to **those in need**
- Rediscover** a dusty appliance, instrument or boardgame
- Research [training opportunities](#) for when the world reopens
- Build something amazing with [Lego](#) (You know you want to)
- Brainstorm **marketing ideas** for your business, club or charity
- [Write to your MP](#) about an issue
- Create a list of ["Things to be Happy About"](#): add to it each day

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77 (MORE) Simple STEM Activities for Families



✓ Create a treasure hunt with a map & clues



□ Learn to identify trees by their leaves



□ Read a book with a STEM theme



□ Make the alphabet from sticks or other natural items



□ Make your name or words out of recycled materials



□ Interview a relative using storycorps.org



□ Take your bike apart and put it back together it



□ Make something from old puzzle pieces



□ Watch *Hidden Figures*



□ Make a LEGO maze



□ Test objects in your house to see if they float or sink



□ Write instructions to make a sandwich & let someone follow them exactly



□ Use the cards A-10 & play *War*, but see who can add, subtract, or multiply fastest



□ Play Battleship



□ Build a paper airplane launcher



□ Build a fort using couch cushions & blankets



□ Plant some flowers



□ Make something useful from duct tape



□ Invent something to solve a problem in your home



□ Make "rubber stamps" out of cardboard & pasta



□ Learn to solve a Rubik's Cube



□ Write your own book, including drawings & cover



□ Rearrange furniture in a room to improve function & movement in the room



□ Track & graph your high score in a game



□ Make ice cubes from various liquids & see how long each takes to freeze

□ Make dinner for your family

□ Determine how much waste there is from cooking a meal

□ Invent your own musical instrument

□ Try making gears using the website gearsket.ch

□ Create a secret code using a shift or "Caesar" cipher

□ Pick a word & see how many other words you can make from the letters

□ Measure & graph temperature or rain totals

□ Draw your own comic book

□ Make a time capsule to open in 10 years

□ Make artwork using shaving cream, food coloring, & a toothpick

□ Plant a butterfly garden

□ Invent a toy for your pet

□ Watch *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*

□ Freeze a small toy or coin in water & make a time-lapse video of it melting

□ Put different amounts of water in class containers & tap gently to make music

□ Make paper airplanes using foldnfly.com

□ Try sprouting a carrot top, dried bean, or fruit seed

□ Put some dirty pennies in vinegar

□ Put celery or flowers in water that contains food coloring

□ Learn bird calls

□ Build the tallest tower with 1 piece of paper & tape

□ Turn an old book into a secret hiding place

□ Learn to cook a new recipe or invent your own

□ Observe the moon each night & take pictures to make a time-lapse video

□ Measure things with a tape measure

□ Build a model city with items in your house

□ Make a bird feeder using a pinecone, suet, & birdseed

□ Count how many & what type of birds come to your birdfeeder

□ Make a mini-golf course

□ Read a book & make a "book trailer"

□ Paint rocks with encouraging words

□ Weave a bracelet

□ Learn about a STEM career

□ Write a story, act it out with your family, & record it

□ Make a sundial

□ Invent a board game using bottle caps or other small items as pieces

□ Draw something with isometric dot paper

□ Make a slow-motion video of something in nature

□ Learn to fold cloth napkins

□ Make bread using yeast

□ Draw 20 circles & turn each into something (pizza, planets, wheels, etc)

□ Build something using toothpicks or straws

□ Practice coding using Scratch or code.org

□ Learn to crochet or knit

□ Make your own tangrams

□ Learn how cellphones work

□ Draw a detailed map of a room in your home

□ Learn to sew

□ Make something from an empty toothpaste tube

□ Look at the clouds

□ Learn about the history of technology in your area

□ Make cardboard automata (movable sculpture)

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