



A DIFFERENT HAT TO BRING FUN TO TOUGH COVID-19 TIMES

They say school principals wear many hats in their day to day jobs, but Lumen Christi Primary School Delacombe Principal Murray Macdonald has been taking that to a new level. Every morning of term two, Mr Macdonald has donned a different hat and linked it to a song to greet staff and students attending during the COVID-19 lockdown.

With up to sixty students and supervising staff on site on various days, he has made it a bright start for those attending the school. For teachers, many of whom have their own children learning at home while they run their virtual classes, it has been a fun start and a brain teaser some days to pick the link between hat and lyrics.



"He's had a different hat every single day," Deputy Principal Carmel Hanley laughed. "It's been quite funny. He's got a collection, and raided his wife's wardrobe, and one of the staff members dropped in a big bag of hats for him. He's even managed to link one day directly to the school's name. Lumen Christi means light of Christ so his song of the day was *You Light Up My Life* while he wore a glittery hat and glasses. It's light-hearted and fun and I know for staff members, particularly those not able to come on site, it's a nice way to stay connected," she said.

"At drop off there's been a lot of laughs. One staff member arriving the other day has been very busy juggling her own children at high and primary school, as well as being rostered on site and providing remote learning for her own class, was looking frazzled and felt like she was running late but then she saw Murray dressed as a pirate and immediately felt better. It's good on so many levels."

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Top: Lumen Christi Primary School pupils Samantha and Marcus share in the hat fun with Principal Murray Macdonald who has donned a different hat every day this term.*