



DPS PREPARES

Important Dates

TERM 2

FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

20th April

CHECK INSIDE FOR EVENTS CALENDAR

WHO IS BLIZZARD THE LIZARD?



Read and find out ...

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6	25th May	26th May	27th May	28th May
7	1st June Whole School Showcase	2nd June	3rd June Year 5 CAMP	4th June Year 5 CAMP
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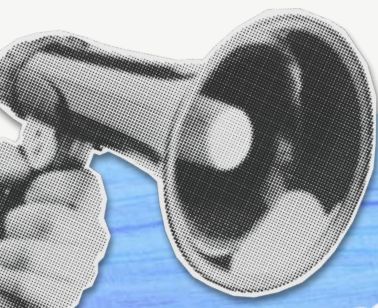


Acknowledgement of Country

Derrimut Primary School
acknowledges the Bunurong
people of the Kulin nation, the
Traditional Owners of Country
on which our school stands.

We pay our respects to the
Elders past and present, for
they hold the traditions, stories,
culture and hopes of
Indigenous Australia.

We must always remember that
under the concrete and asphalt,
the land, sea and waterways
were, and always will be,
Aboriginal land.



WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

School News, Events and Announcements



HARMONY DAY

Written by Molli, Charlotte and Alannah



On the 20th of March, our school celebrated Harmony Day - a day celebrating the different cultures that make our community.

We were excited to learn about and appreciate each other's cultures, languages, outfits, and food.

Harmony Day reminds us about how lucky we are to be in a community that is so diverse and that racism has no place in our world.

Can we make you laugh?

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

Check the back for the answer!





OUR NEW SCHOOL VALUE: **SAFETY**

Written by Ryan, Harkirat and Alannah

At the end of 2025, the SWPBS captains announced the new school-wide value of 'Safety' during Showcase.

Following the change of the value, the School Wide Behavior Expectation matrix was also changed to add 'Safety' and removed unnecessary topics.

This change was made because our families thought 'Safety' would be better for our whole school environment. Our DPS Leaders also thought our school needed a unique change.

Let's hear from a few students around the school and see what they think about this change

First up is Aidan from 3D Anthony.

What are your thoughts for the Safety value?

Is it better than excellence?

"Yeah I think it's better than Excellence."

Do you think the other values should be changed?

"No they're good. I think if you add all of them together it equals excellence really."

Let's hear from one more student - Maryam from 5B Steve.

What are your thoughts on the NEW Safety value?

"Excellence is like doing your work correctly but Safety helps stopping bullying and much more than Excellence."

Do you think some of the other values should be changed?

"No, I think Respect & Responsibility are really good value and should stay."

CROSS COUNTRY

Written by Ryan and Harkirat

On Wednesday the 25th of March, the Year 3-6's competed in Cross Country.

What is Cross Country you may ask? Cross Country requires students to run laps around the oval. If you manage to run 5 laps under the time limit and place in the Top 10, you qualify to the next round where you go against other school. Oliver from 6B expressed 'I was proud when I won first place. I felt very confident and prepared, and then after the race I was happy and relieved.'

Good luck to all the students who made it to the next round!



EPISODE 1:

BLIZZARD THE LIZARD

Hungry and craving a blueberry, Blizzard woke up and crawled out of his hiding place. All he could hear were students talking and chatting about him. Blizzard started to feel overwhelmed.

But he had only one thing on his mind.

A blueberry.

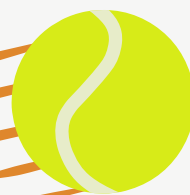
Blizzard thought about a place that for sure would have one.
The Gallery.

Blizzard looked around the cold air-conditioned room and scurried into Amber's class to dig through the students' bags. His smile turned upside down. There were no blueberries insight ...



INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

Written by Rithvik



The Handball team lost their first 2 matches against Deer Park North and Burnside but they won their third match against Deer Park West. The team were then met with their toughest challenge yet, Kororoit Creek, but sadly they lost. The scores were close (10 to 11) but since it was a 'friendly round', this didn't affect the rankings and the team will bounce right back.



The Tennis team had a great time and dominated their matches by winning their first two games against Deer Park North (11 to 1) and Burnside (16 to 0).

Basketball team A: Won both their games against Deer Park and Burnside.

Basketball team B: Lost their games but their passing and shooting got significantly better. In the friendly round against Kororoit Creek, both teams tied.




The Softball team all had a good time and displayed great sportsmanship. They won their first game against Deer Park North but their game against Burnside was a tough challenge. On their third match, Deer Park West did not have a softball team so they won thanks to forfeit. For Match 4, Derrimut was up against Kororoit Creek, an extremely competitive school who we think we might face in the finals. Although it was a friendly, the scores were tied.

Who will win the next game?





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Key Word Sign

Key Word Sign is a tool or strategy which can be used to support children and adults with communication difficulties to understand and get their message across to others. Key Word Sign (KWS) adds signs to spoken words. The key words in a message are signed.

wait 	want 	go 	yes 
help 	more 	look 	no 
angry 	sad 	like 	same 
finish 	walk 	sit 	different 

ATTENDANCE

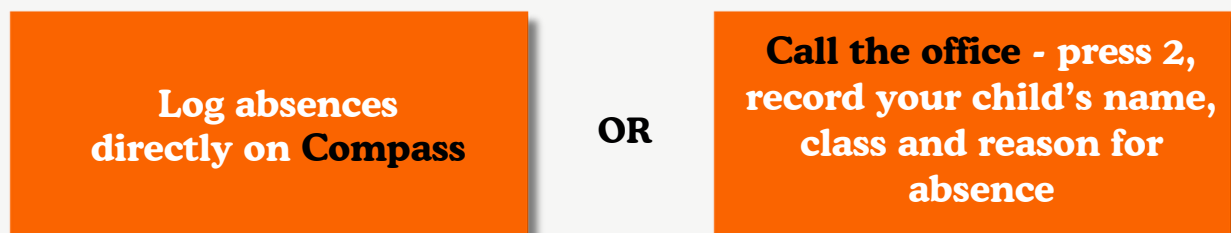
Every day at school counts... Missing even one day can make a difference over time



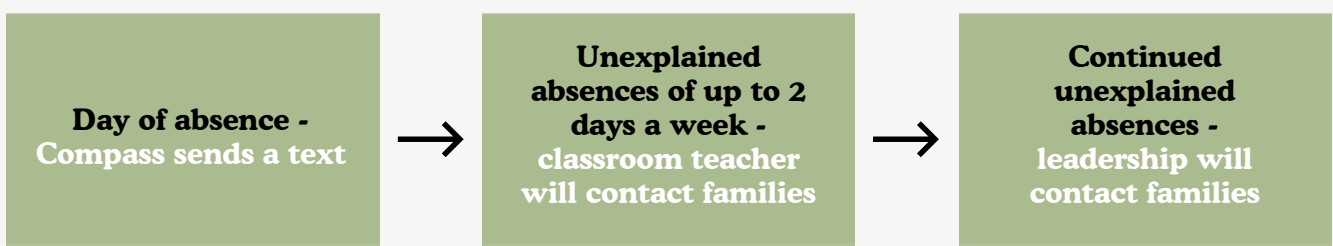
Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:



Our school's process for following up on unexplained absences:





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online
NOW for
Term 2!



Register via QR or visit soundgarage.au

KEYBOARD (1-6)

SINGING (1-6)

DRUMS (G1-6)

GUITAR (G2-6)

- \$180 per instrument/per term
- Small group lessons during school hours
- contemporary/pop music

MORE INFO

Contact Maddie

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2027 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

Dear Families, To enrol your child into 2027 Foundation at Derrimut Primary School please use the QR code and fill in the enrolment form and view all the relevant documentation, alternatively you can collect an enrolment pack from the office at, 40 Lennon Parkway Derrimut.



SCHOOL TOURS

Please join us to learn more about our school at one of the following school tours. Bookings are essential, please follow the QR Code.

Tuesday 28th April 9:30AM

Tuesday 12th May 9:30AM

Tuesday 26th May 9:30AM

Tuesday 9th June 9:30AM

Tuesday 23rd June 9:30AM (Final Tour)



2027 TERM DATES

Term 1: Wednesday 27th January (state wide student free day)

Foundation students - Monday 1st February - Thursday 25th March, 2:15pm finish

Term 2: Monday 12th April - Friday 25th June, 2:15 finish

Term 3: Monday 12th July - Friday 17th September, 2:15pm finish

Term 4: Monday 4th October - Friday 17th December, 1:00pm finish

*2027 Curriculum Days will be confirmed in 2026

**ENROLMENT FORMS MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE SCHOOL BY
FRIDAY 31ST JULY 2026**



2027 FOUNDATION FAMILIES

Join us to learn more about our school

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Please scan the QR code to RSVP for a school tour.



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If you would like to include something in our newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact us!

Send an email to:
derrimut.ps@education.vic.gov.au

with the subject title:
Whole School Newsletter



Answer:

Because the students were so BRIGHT!

