

Derrimut Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Edition 1



2023 Term Dates

Term 1: 30 January- 6 April, 2.15pm finish

Term 2: 24 April- 23 June, 2.15pm finish

Term 3: 10 July- 15 September, 2.15pm finish

Term 4: 2 October-20 December, 1pm finish

Curriculum Days

Term 3: 14th August: Berry Street Trauma Informed Practice

Term 4: Induction, TBC.



Camp Dates

Year 3: 26th July-28th July

Year 4: 21st- 23rd November

Year 5: 7th June – 9th June

Year 6: 23rd August -25rd August

Important Dates

Family Conference and Specialist Event Day:
Wednesday 21st June



Principal Message



As we approach the end of another eventful term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we have shared together at our school. This term has been filled with memorable experiences, significant achievements, and a few challenges that we have overcome as a resilient and united school community.

Sporting Events:

Our students actively participated in numerous sports competitions across the term, such as inter school sports, soccer and cross country. Our students showcase their skills, sportsmanship, and teamwork in various inter-school events. I am proud of their achievements and the commitment they demonstrated in representing our school with pride.

Staffing

As many of you may be aware, there is a teacher shortage across Victoria. This term, we continued to face staffing challenges that required us to adapt and find solutions. I want to acknowledge our dedicated staff for their resilience, professionalism, and commitment to ensuring a high-quality learning environment for our students. We continue to actively work on resolving these challenges.

First Camp for the Year:

Some of our Year 5 students embarked on our first camp of the year. Through challenging activities and teamwork exercises they have strengthened their resilience and formed lasting bonds with their peers. I would like to thank our dedicated staff who worked tirelessly to ensure a safe and enriching camp experience for all.

Exford PS Fundraiser:

I am proud to announce that our out of school uniform fundraiser for Exford Primary School raised \$1543.75. It was heartening to witness the collective efforts and generosity of our families and staff. Thank you to our community for your generous donations. No doubt this money will support the needs of the students, staff and families of Exford PS.

As we conclude this term, I want to express my sincere gratitude to our entire school community—students, families and staff—for your support. Together, we have created a nurturing and inspiring environment for our students to thrive. I encourage you to take this well-deserved break to rest, recharge, and create beautiful memories with your loved ones.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another successful term 3.

Jade Seddon

Year 5 Camp

The rain didn't dampen the spirits of the Year 5s. They spent time doing a range of fun activities like archery, aqua ponding, flying fox and canoeing at CYC Adanac in the Yarra Junction. Disco and Trivia Night was run to end the nights.

It was so popular last year that we had to go again, and we didn't regret it one bit.



Calm Club



This term, we introduced the Calm Club, a tranquil space spill off from our sensory garden for students to relax, rejuvenate, and practice mindfulness. The serene environment and engaging activities have provided our students with another quiet space away from the hustle and bustle in the yard.



Girls and boys Soccer



Congratulations to our girls and boys soccer teams who participated in the Deer Park District District Soccer Tournament. Our girls finished in 3rd position and played some fantastic games winning 3 matches and drawing one.



Both teams showed incredible sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the day.



Dreamtime at the G!



Derrimut Primary School was kindly selected by the AFL to receive a handful of family passes to Saturday nights DREAMTIME at the 'G clash between Essendon and Richmond! It was an epic night for our footy fans!

We are incredibly grateful to the AFL ticketing team for their generosity!



Creative Arts Group



We are fortunate enough here at Derrimut Primary School to have this 'Creative Arts Group' running for our students. Every Wednesday small groups of students from years 3-6 have participated. It is a wonderful way that we can support our students to develop self-esteem and self-confidence and to express their feelings, emotions, and reactions through art.

This program will continue throughout the year. If you think your child could benefit and you would like for them to participate in this program onsite at DPS, please contact the office via email.



"When I come to the art group I feel better about myself. I can concentrate, feel calm and I feel more confident. It is a safe place for me to express myself." - Grade 3 participant, Darley PS.

IN SCHOOLS...

School engagement is critical for students for academic performance, school attendance and student happiness. Many students are experiencing difficulty staying engaged. Schools and parents are feeling the challenge of re-engaging students back into a routine.

ABOUT THE GROUP

Wyndham Arts Therapies provide customised creative art group for primary school students year 3 to 6. Each group is facilitated by qualified and experienced Arts Therapists.

Through art making and creative self-expression, students learn how to identify their emotions, get to know themselves, and others (peer acceptance) and develop problem solving skills. All which supports a more positive outlook and an increased sense of self.

BENEFITS

1. Increased positive outlook
2. Improved social and emotional wellbeing
3. Ability to recognise their strengths & capabilities
4. Reduced anxiety / worry
5. Improved focus & engagement
6. Increased self-esteem & confidence

WYNDHAM ARTS THERAPIES PROVIDES:

- Experienced Arts Therapists
- Weekly groups within school curriculum
- 45 to 50 minute duration
- Max 8 students per group
- Evidence-based art activities



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Uniform



Winter is here! We would like to take a moment to remind families that our uniform provider (Academy Uniform) have some great jackets/jumpers to keep students warm. Our new school beanies are also super warm on these colder days. These can be purchase at the office for \$12.

We have made our uniform options as easy and cost affordable as possible. Uniform provides identity to our students, we ask that families to ensure all students are in full school uniform. If any families are experiencing financial hardship, we have avenues that we can access to support clothing for students.



	BE RESPECTFUL	BE RESPONSIBLE	SHOW EXCELLENCE
ALL SETTINGS At DPS, we...	listen and respond to others. use kind words. share and take turns. give others their personal space.	place rubbish in the correct bins. keep our bodies to ourselves. are in the right place at the right time. solve problems when we are calm. put equipment back where it belongs.	aim for our personal best. learn from our mistakes. attempt challenging tasks or situations. wear our school uniform with pride. ask for help when we need it. own our mistake.
CLASSROOM At DPS, we...	show 'Whole Body Listening'. wait our turn to speak. allow others to teach and learn. ask to use other's belongings.	focus on our learning. find the best spot for our learning. ask for permission to leave our learning space.	complete set tasks during class time. encourage others to have a go and try their best. come to class ready to learn.
TOILETS At DPS, we...	keep let e		
TRANSITIONS At DPS, we...	mov walk ente mak		
YARD At DPS, we...	use quiet wait use liste use		
EXCURSIONS/ CAMPS At DPS, we...	use follo and care		
RESOURCE CENTRE At DPS, we...	worl the look		
OFFICE SPACE At DPS, we...	wait use		
ONLINE At DPS, we...	obta fore care for all ICT equipment. only use our own username and login.	only use our own iPad at school and at home. carry our iPad to and from school in our school bag. keep our personal information private. only communicate with people we know and trust.	bring our iPad to school fully charged. only use appropriate websites and apps for learning. use our iPad to learn and show our best work.

SHOW EXCELLENCE

- aim for our personal best.
- learn from our mistakes.
- attempt challenging tasks or situations.
- wear our school uniform with pride.
- ask for help when we need it.
- own our mistake.
- complete set tasks during class time.
- encourage others to have a go and try their best.
- come to class ready to learn.

SWPBS

Throughout the month of June, students have been and continuing to practise this whole school expectation **showing Excellence** by **completing set tasks during class time**.

The SWPBS Team used data to inform what we needed to focus on as a whole school.

Students have been using multiple strategies to ensure they complete the set work in the time they are given and are receiving positive feedback when they have done this. Well done to everyone!



Reminders



Second Hand Uniform

Has your child grown out of their school uniform or you are leaving the school and you don't know what to do with it? Donate it to the second hand uniform shop. You can drop off your child's outgrown uniform to the front office. All second hand uniform is \$5.00.

YMCA - Bookings are now open for before and after school care.

Breakfast Club 2023 - Monday - Friday. If you would like to attend breakfast club, please be ready and waiting at the front of the school at 8:30 where a member of staff will come and collect your child.

All our school policies are available for reading via. our website www.derrimutps.vic.edu.au or alternatively you may collect a hard copy from our office.

**THANK YOU
COLES DERRIMUT
VILLAGE!**



Coles kindly provides us with weekly donations to help run our Emergency Lunch Program for students who come to school with no lunch.



Kiss 'N' Drop Zone



Between 8am- 9am the Kiss N Drop zone is a No Parking Zone.

The Kiss and Drop Zone is an area near the school gates that enables you to drop your child off **SAFELY** and **QUICKLY**.

The intention is that parents do not park in this zone and that they stay in their vehicle so that traffic is streamlined and queues are minimised, a maximum of 2 mins is allowed for drop off.

If you wish to walk your child to class please park in appropriately signed areas located around our school. This helps with moving traffic safely through our shared zones and ensures the safety of our staff and students.

Please note that Council inspectors do patrol the Kiss 'n' Drop zone and the parking zones surrounding the school from time to time and will issue infringements to those found to be in breach of the rules.

