

Dora Creek Public School

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Creekside News

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Term 4 Week 1

Upcoming Events

- 22/ 10** Burwood Girls High School Band Performance
- 25/ 10** Invictus Games Excursion
- 26/ 10** Yr 6 RAP Day, Morisset High School
- 29/ 10** *Diversity* in-school Presentation
P and C Meeting
- 30/10** Jarjums Soar
- 1/ 11** 2019 Kinder Orientation 1
KG Outdoor Classroom
- 2/ 11** Grandparents Day
- 8/ 11** School Disco
2019 Kinder Orientation 2
- 12/ 11** K-2 Responsible Pet Visit
- 19/ 11** 3-6 Camp Morisset (2 nights)
- 22/ 11** K Orientation Picnic Day
- 23/ 11** K-2 Reptile Park Excursion
- 3/ 12** Swim School begins
- 4/ 12** Morisset High Orientation Day
- 14/ 12** Final day of Swim School
- 17/ 12** Presentation Day
Year 6 Farewell
- 18/ 12** Year 6 Excursion
- 19/ 12** Final Day of School Year

NOTES SENT HOME

2/3 and 4/5 Procedures

Welcome Back

Welcome back to what promises to be an extremely busy term for us all at Dora Creek Public School. As you can see from the *Upcoming Events* over on the left hand side of this page, there are many commitments that we have made towards our students and community over the course of the term, as we count down towards the end of the school year, and we thank you in advance for your support.

PBL Awards

As you are all aware, Dora Creek Public School is a PBL school and the journey has been, and will continue to be, a long one as we implement the program across the school. After a successful launch, Dora Creek PS is now well along the way to embedding PBL processes within the school and the language around **safety, respect and engagement** is becoming well-established among our staff and students. The next phase of this process has now begun and our school has introduced weekly PBL awards to complement student wellbeing processes at DCPS. These awards will *usually* be presented at assembly each week to deserving students who have demonstrated safety, respect or engagement during the course of the previous week. These students may be **SPOTTED** being safe, respectful or engaged by teachers who are on duty; or by our student leadership team during the course of a school week. To get the ball rolling, and to introduce the process, today we selected **TARA BOON** as the **VERY FIRST** recipient of a DCPS PBL award, due to her ability to demonstrate **SAFE** participation practices while competing in 3-6 sport yesterday. Congratulations Tara! Well done! We are sure that all of our students will strive to follow your great example.



Graffiti Removal Day is THIS SUNDAY!



This Sunday, 21st October is **Graffiti Removal Day**, where members of local communities band together at sites around the nation to remove unsightly graffiti from prominent places, such as buildings, or at sporting fields and train stations. Local community members from Dora Creek have chosen the Dora Creek Railway bridge as a target area for our community and have formally nominated this site at graffitiremovalday.org.au. They have asked that the school makes our students and their families aware of this noble cause and are seeking your support in undertaking this initiative this weekend. Students from our school and their families who assist for even a small period of time will have the opportunity to participate in repainting this area and may even have the chance to put a personal stamp upon the wall in the form of a handprint in the future. Further information is available by calling 1300665310, or by visiting graffitiremovalday.org.au.

P and C News- SCROLLS ARE BACK!

The canteen committee would like to welcome you all back for term 4 and remind you that **the canteen reopens on Wednesday 24th October**; and with some fantastic additions to their new menu. **Can't wait!**

Please note that the P and C meeting, which was due to take place this coming Monday, 22nd October, has been postponed until the following Monday, 29th October at 7pm.

2019 Enrolments Now Being Taken

If you are aware of any students in the community who are intending to enrol for Kindergarten in 2019, or you know of people who are seeking a change regarding their child's education in 2019, please suggest that their parents contact the school office as soon as possible. **IMPORTANT:** Whilst there will **always** be places available for local students at DCPS, a change in a number of circumstances within the school has meant that there may be places available for students who might not be within the confines of our local zoning area. We are proud of what we offer our students at Dora Creek Public School and we encourage anybody who seeks a holistic education for their child- along with kind, caring, compassionate and talented staff who value every child we teach- to come along and enquire today about an education at our great school.

Tell Them From Me Survey

We would like to invite our community to participate in the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* survey designed for parents and carers. This process is extremely valuable for our school and we use information gleaned from your opinions and points of view to work even harder to provide a meaningful, supportive learning environment for your child.

Why you should participate:

Parents and carers are an important and valued part of our school community. We will use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

What it involves:

This online survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and is anonymous and voluntary. If you have more than one child at this school, and you feel that your children's experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once. Importantly, we know your time is valuable, so you can access the survey in your own time until **October 26, 2018**. Please copy this link into your web browser bar – it should open at the Parent Survey page.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/mxfnr>

COMMUNITY NEWS

A **family funday market** will be held on **Sunday October 21** from 9am to 2pm at Cooranbong Park. There will be games and activities as well as the *Respect All* farmers & artisan market stalls.

HOME READING

Home Reading is a valuable part of your child's learning journey and has been proven to assist in developing students' skills in this area of learning. As you are aware, an effective Home Reading program relies upon a child's exposure to an extensive range of texts that are at their instructional level; and, importantly, regular turnover of appropriately levelled texts. In the past, our program has been supported by parent helpers and we are hoping that this will continue in the future. If you wish to volunteer to assist in the changeover and maintenance of our Home Reading program please let the office know.



Greta Edwards, Master Portrait and Exhibiting Photographer is looking for models for her 2019 marketing campaign - Girls and Boys aged 4 - 16.

Contact Greta on 0437 102586 or
imgretpostersma@gmail.com for further information.

The studio is conveniently located on Bulstitute Rd, Brightwaters.

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Are you thinking about becoming a foster carer?

 **Family & Community Services**

Hunter Child and Family District Unit
Carer Development team
Ph: 40882001
<http://ochidstory.net.au/>
<http://www.fosteringnsw.com.au/>

It is said, "It takes a community to raise a child".
Your Community needs you!

Across the Hunter we are recruiting for carers of all ages and backgrounds to meet the needs of our resilient, courageous children and young people up to the age of 18!

We are looking for motivated people to open their hearts and homes to children and young people requiring short-term assistance. Foster carers may be individuals, couples or families who are able to provide care on weekends, for a few days in an emergency, or for a few weeks until a more permanent home is available. All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance. Our Community is in need of passionate caring people especially if you are willing to care for children who are: older than 7, part of a sibling group, have a disability or health needs and/or from an Aboriginal or culturally diverse background.