

Dora Creek Public School

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Creekside News

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Term 4 Week 3

Upcoming Events

- 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
P and C Meeting
- 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
Party Day

NOTES SENT HOME

Interest Group Notification
Swim School
Grandparents Day
3-6 Camp Medical Forms
3-6 Camp Student Agreements
Junior Woolworths Cricket
Crazy Hair Day

Grandparents Day is Almost Here

Dora Creek Public School is looking forward to welcoming you all to our *Grandparents, Family and Friends Day* tomorrow, Friday, 2nd November. All of our students and teachers have been busily rehearsing special performances, creating beautiful pieces of art and craft that will be for sale on the day, or reciting poetry, in order to demonstrate their appreciation of the love and support provided by grandparents, family and friends throughout the course of their everyday lives. We look forward to what promises to be a great day and hope that you take the opportunity to make your way into the school to be a part of this fantastic celebration.



Just a reminder that the day begins at 10.40am, with a morning tea provided by our extremely supportive, hard-working P and C, followed by an official welcome; class items; and special prizes awarded to some of our lucky visitors. Following this, student artworks and craft items, such as those displayed here, will be available for purchase; and there will also be a pop-up book store operating. At lunch, the school will provide a FREE sausage sizzle for all students and their guests. Hope to see you all there.

Graffiti Removal Day Update

As outlined in the previous newsletter, Sunday 21st October was **Graffiti Removal Day**, and members of our local community worked together to remove graffiti from the Dora Creek railway bridge, and to repaint the brickwork. Over the next few weeks, students from Dora Creek Public School will be making their way down to this area with brushes and paint to personalise the new, locally significant designs that will soon adorn the bridge.

As a result of this, and to support this initiative, we are requesting that you please search for any leftover paint (in any colour) that is usable and no longer required by you; or that you may have lying around your house, in the garage, or outside in the yard, which can be donated to the graffiti removal group and our students to assist in completing the new design. Please ensure that, if you do donate, the paint is **not** oil-based. Narrow brushes are also required to assist the group in supporting our kids to complete some of the finer brush strokes that make up some of this artwork and students will also require a paint smock or an old t-shirt to prevent this paint from making its way on to school uniforms. Because your child/ren will be walking down to the bridge, and will be under the supervision of teachers at all times during painting, our students are covered by the general permission note for this project. Whilst we believe that it is vitally important that students at Dora Creek Public are provided with the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to our local community, we also understand if you have objections to your child/ren participating in this project. Please let your child's classroom teacher know if you **do not** wish your child to take part.

P and C News

Please note that the next P and C meeting will take place Monday, 12th November at 7pm in the school library. The AGM will be held on November 28, with all executive/ committee positions declared open and available to be filled by enthusiastic volunteers. Are you one of these people? Do you have some great ideas that you believe will help support our school and its students? If so, then **we need you!!!**

No previous experience is necessary and the only things we require from you are:

- Time and Enthusiasm
- A heart that is in the right place
- An ability to hear the ideas of others, and;
- An ability to provide support for the P and C and our students

Nomination forms for executive positions are available at, and may be returned to, the school office. Anyone wishing to vote at the A.G.M. is required to be a financial member of the P & C (\$1.00 to join), which can be taken on the night of the AGM.

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.

PBL Assembly Awards



Congratulations to our deserved students who at Monday's assembly were presented with PBL awards after demonstrating safety, respect or engagement during the course of the previous week.

Jason- Safe Riley- Respectful Ollie- Engaged

Cylis- Respectful Ella- Safe

Meika-Engaged Nikita- Respectful

Well done! You have set a tremendous example for all of the students at DCPS. Keep it up!

Interest Groups Begin

Yesterday, Wednesday October 31, students across the school took part in the 2018 edition of *Special Interest* activities. In what was a change of direction from previous years, which was in part due to our students' overwhelming desire to participate in cooking with Mrs Green, teachers have provided a range of different activities for students to sample over a five-week period- with TWO lots of cooking included :-). Some of these activities include mindfulness/ yoga, STEM, Art/ Craft and Fishing (for students in years 5 and 6 who have chosen this activity for the 5 weeks). I am reliably informed, as are my tastebuds (thank you, Grace), that there were some delicious, healthy treats prepared by Miss Talty's and Mrs Green's week one cooking groups; and I'm sure that the remaining students who are yet to undertake cooking cannot wait to have their chance to get amongst the cooking activities as they rotate through these activities over the five week period.

Meanwhile, down at the local jetty, a number of fish were caught by our eager "fisherpeople" within the first few casts, with much excitement and exuberant body language on display as the fish were brought ashore; before they were kissed and released and sent on their merry way back into the creek. Thank you to those students who are attending fishing; your behaviour outside of the school, while in the public eye, was exemplary. I look forward to our next fishing adventure. Check out some of the great catches below.



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.

