

CREEKSIDE NEWS

October 25, 2019

Welcome Back to Term 4

It's great to see such a happy bunch of students returning for what promises to be an extremely busy term 4, after a relaxing term 3 break. Teachers have begun the important process of finalising end-of-year assessments for 2019, swim school will begin in Week 8, and our Junior and Senior cricket teams will attend a gala day next week on October 31. The following week, we will welcome our 2020 Kindergarten students into the school for their very first Kindergarten Orientation visit on Wednesday, November 6. In conjunction with this, our current Year 4 and 5 students are eagerly awaiting meeting their 2020 buddies on this day and many have expressed just how excited they are to see who they have been paired up with, and just how much they cannot wait for 2020 to begin. We look forward to greeting our new Kinders in true Dora Creek style; with friendliness and open arms.

Save the Date– Presentation Day and Year 6 Farewell

Dora Creek Public School is looking forward to seeing you all at our annual **Presentation Day Assembly** on Monday, December 16, which is in Week 10, on the final Monday of the 2019 school year. The assembly will begin at approximately 11.15am, where we will celebrate the learning of *all* of our students in 2019, and witness some of the many talents that our students will have on display. It is important to remember that, whilst we award our high achieving students with prizes and accolades, we as teachers are proud of the achievements and progress of each and every child at our school who makes their way through our gates, on each and every day of school they attend. On this day, we will also announce our 2020 School Leaders, for which, the election process will begin very soon. Year 5 students will be invited to nominate a peer who they believe will set a fine example as a School Leader, and who meets the criteria for election as a School Leader for 2020. The process that is undertaken for elections is available to all parents of year 5 students at any stage of the election of School Leaders, and the description of this process will also be sent home to these families in the coming days.

Another eagerly anticipated event that will occur this same day is the Year 6 Farewell. Families of Year 6 students should have already received the details of this event, along with an intention to attend. If you are the parent of a Year 6 student who *does not* have this advice, please see Mrs Harris (Miss Bruce) at your earliest convenience. We look forward to seeing all of our Year 6 families on this very auspicious occasion, as we celebrate the conclusion of your child's primary school education journey.

Grandparents Day

Dora Creek Public School would like to express our gratitude to all who attended our **Grandparents, Family and Friends Day** in what, unfortunately, were rather trying conditions. It was great to see that the mid-30s heat, accompanied by some rather warm winds did little to reduce our families' enthusiasm for one of the most highly anticipated days in the school calendar, each and every year, and it was heartening to see that attendance was once again solid despite the weather. Ms Bretreger continues to outdo herself year after year and this event continues to go from strength to strength. I'm sure you will all join me in expressing our thanks to her for the thought, time, effort and meticulous planning that goes into a day such as this; and, as always, she was ably assisted by our incredibly supportive staff. Mrs Kay, Ms Rutherford, Mrs Fatches and Ms R did a great job in the background organising printing and decorations, for example, while Mr Wilson, as always, did a fantastic job on the barbie. Thanks also to those who jumped in to help serve the food and also to Kiri and Brett and their family, who once again went above and beyond to help out with food prep, or just generally helping out wherever needed. Thanks also to Miss Anna, Mrs Dilley, Mrs Green, Ms Bretreger and Mrs Anderson, who, together with our students, put together some of the fantastic performances that we had the privilege of witnessing on the day. All of our students and teachers put a large amount of time and effort into preparing for this event, and into creating the beautiful pieces of art and craft that were on display; and we are very grateful to all who provided their support in making a donation to take home some of these fine samples of work. We look forward to welcoming you and your families again in 2020, which as you may be aware, is our 150th year of operation as the local school. Some shots from this year's event are displayed overleaf.



Next Meeting- 7pm, Tuesday 29th October, 2019 in the School Library.

Canteen

A reminder that the canteen has re-opened for Term 4 and we are absolutely delighted to welcome back to Dora Creek PS Cheryl King, whose family has been involved with our school for generations, and who has generously volunteered to help us out in this capacity. Having said that, we are still short of canteen helpers, so if you can help out in any way, please advise either Kiri in the canteen, or the school office. We really need your support to enable us in providing this great service. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

ALSO- Stay tuned!

Christmas Raffle tickets will soon be on sale. This year's raffle promises to be simply extraordinary, so brace yourselves for the **BUMPER** array of prizes that will be on offer :-).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 31/ 10** Cricket Gala Day
- 06/ 11** K Orientation Visit 1
- 08/ 11** Jarjum Soar
- 10/ 11** Remembrance Day Service
Dora Creek Workers Club
- 11/ 11** Remembrance Day
- 13/ 11** K Orientation Visit 2
- 20/ 11** K Orientation Visit 3
- 21/ 11** SRE Christmas Assembly
- 27/ 11** K Orientation Picnic Day
- 29/ 11** Volunteers Morning Tea
- 02/ 12** Swim School begins
- 16/ 12** Presentation Day- 11.15am
Year 6 Farewell
- 17/ 12** Sapphire Reward Day
- 18/ 12** Final Day of 2019 for students
- 29/ 01** First Day of 2020 (Yrs 1-6 only)
Kindergarten Best Start 1
- 30/ 01** Kindergarten Best Start 2
- 31/ 01** Kindergarten Best Start 3

NOTES HOME

- Swim School
- Cricket Gala Day

Volunteers Morning Tea

Dora Creek Public School would like to extend a warm welcome to our volunteers to attend our **Helpers Morning Tea**, which will be held in the school hall on **Friday, November 29, beginning at 10.40am**. If you have assisted our school or our students in any way this year, whether it be transporting students to events, volunteering in classrooms, or assisting our hard-working P and C in supporting key initiatives at our school; we invite you to come and share with our staff and students a cuppa and some sweet treats. As always, we are very grateful for all of your efforts in 2019 and we acknowledge that our school would not function as well as it does without your ongoing support.

Grandparents, Family and Friends Day

