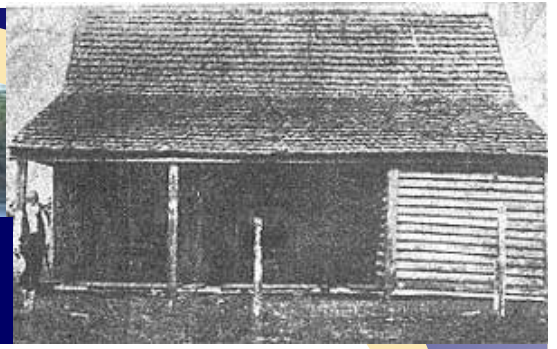


CREEKSIDE NEWS

September 11, 2020



Tell Them From Me

We wish to advise that the *Tell Them From Me 2020* survey window is now OPEN and would like to invite our community to participate in the survey, which has been designed for parents and carers to provide our school with worthwhile feedback regarding our practice. 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 outcomes to make practical improvements and inform school planning. Drama, Dance, Rock Band and Ukelele groups were last year introduced into the school as a direct result of survey outcomes from 2017 and 2018 and we're sure that you will agree with us when we say that these initiatives were widely enjoyed in 2019, and demonstrate the value that we place on the feedback of our students and community. This year, whilst it has been very different, our students have accessed the extension of these programs and continue to enjoy them immensely.

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 our 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 23, 2020. Please type/ copy this link into your web browser bar – it should open at the Parent Survey page.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/dcps2020>

Bread-making in 1/2D

Two weeks ago, 1/2D took the opportunity to become bakers, as part of their unit of learning in Science, *Spot the Difference*. With the assistance of Mr Dunlap and Mrs Fatches, these amazing students had the smell of fresh bread wafting across the playground, and straight into the staffroom, office and classrooms, as they explored how applying heat to objects can change its form, texture and flavour. Congratulations 1/2D, our stomachs and nostrils extend their thanks to your amazing cooking skills.



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 14, which is in Week 10, the final Monday of the 2020 school year. The school is in the process of tentatively booking the Workers Club in the hope that the current restrictions around school gatherings will be eased prior to the end of the school year. On this day, we will celebrate the learning of *all* of our students in 2020, 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 2021 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 2021. 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 weeks.

Walk Safely to School Day - Friday September 11

Congratulations to all those students and families who braved the early morning to participate in our annual "Walk Safely to School Day". It was great to see so many of you make the effort to join our teachers for a leisurely stroll to school in a safe, responsible manner. The streets bordering our school can occasionally be difficult to navigate safely, so it was pleasing to see our students gaining an awareness of our local area, and the traffic conditions that surround it.

We would also like to take this opportunity to apologise for the short notice regarding this event. We are aware that there were a number of students who missed out as a result of the fact that they did not see the *School Stream* notification advising of these arrangements. Therefore, as a result, **this Friday, 18th September**, we are going to **repeat** our successful Walk to School Safely day. **Anyone who would like to, may join us at the Dora Creek Post Office at 8am.** Thanks to everyone who turned up on Friday, *Walk Safely to School Day Mark 1* was a successful event for those who completed it :-).



K/1D Returns to the Classroom

Mrs Dilley and K/1D are very excited this week, mainly due to the fact that, for what seemed like an eternity, they have been unable to use their regular classroom due to some maintenance issues related to mould. Whilst we regret that they have been unable to use the room for much of this year, K/1D has been operating out of the school library due to safety reasons. We are pleased to advise that the room has received a deep clean mould treatment, along with some much-needed TLC, and our students and Mrs Dilley are enthusiastically awaiting their return to their own classroom. We thank them, and you, for your patience throughout this process.



A reminder that this Friday, September 18, Years 5 and 6 will be conducting our 2020 **Mini Fete** to raise money for our school. This event was a tremendous success in 2019 and our Year 5 and 6 students have many fun activities planned for our

students to be involved in! There will be no cash exchanged on this day, as students are urged to purchase tickets prior to the event. The cost for these tickets will be **\$5 for a strip of 10**. At the conclusion of the day's events, all unused tickets will be placed into the draw for our raffle at the end of the day, where there are lots of extra prizes to be won! **Year 5/6 students will be selling these tickets at school every day this week. It should be a great day, so do your best to support the school and our students and purchase some before Friday.**



Next Meeting— 6.30pm, Monday 14th September, via Zoom.

UPCOMING EVENTS

14/ 09 P and C Meeting

18/ 09 Mini Fete

25/ 09 End Term 3

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12/ 10 First Day of Term 4 for students and teachers

14/ 12 Presentation Day

16/ 12 Final School Day for 2020

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