



Week Ending February 23, 2018

Discovering Doreen

Diary Dates:

• Parent Information Night Current school parents and prospective parents welcome	28 Feb 7.30pm
• Grade 6 Leadership Day	1 Mar
• 1st School Council Meeting	1 Mar 7.30pm
• Responsible Pet Ownership	7 Mar
• Family Life	8, 15, 22 Mar
• Labour Day	12 Mar
• Curriculum Day	13 Mar
• Prep-Grade 2 Excursion Further details to come	21 Mar
• Book Fair	22 & 23 Mar
• Book Fair Dress Up Day	23 Mar
• Last Day of Term	29 Mar
• First Day of Term 2	16 Apr
• Grade 3-6 Camp	1-4 May
Dates are subject to change	

From Glenn.....

Firstly, let me congratulate our new **School Council**. We had many of our long term members retire last year due to children moving on, so there are some new faces - not to say the carryover members are "old faces". Kirsty Branagan has re-nominated for council for two more years, and we have Leonie Craig, Naomi Joiner and Warren Sharpe nominating as new members. Thank-you to these parents who have nominated to help us run our school, School Council has been a major driver in the new facilities and programs we have put in place over the past five years. Secondly, I must thank our retiring group, we have achieved many of our plans over the past 5 years, and our Facilities Masterplan is in need of some new projects! I know people don't join School Council for the accolades, but looking at what we have achieved over the past 5-10 years speaks for itself.

Our First School Council meeting is Thursday 1st March at 7.30 pm in the Staffroom. I will get an Agenda home on Monday via email.

Next Tuesday 27th February I will be attending a PD in North Melbourne regards our **school Review**. Every Four years a school will go through an extensive review of its results and its programs to determine its future directions. We are still in our fourth year of our last plan, but somewhere along the line we skipped a year so now we have to catch up. The major parts of our review will be a self-assessment document which we compile, then two days where a group of "reviewers" will visit us. These will take place in the first few weeks of term three. We will have two members of the group who are here to "challenge" us. It is a lot of work, but always good to review and plan for the future. I will make sure we also celebrate our accomplishments over the past 3 years, as there is only room in the review process to challenge. We have achieved fine results academically, and given our students access to many extra-curricula programs. Our trip to China was unique, as our students lived in Chinese homes, went to Chinese schools, and were immersed in the culture. Interestingly about the process is that even though we have not been able to get the Four years to run our plan, we will be reviewed like we have had four years. This means we will not reach the targets we set and that will be recorded. Sounds very "Yes Minister".

We have a **Parent Information Night** next Wednesday night at school at 7.30pm in the Library. It is for existing and new families, where teachers will talk about their approaches to teaching their grades, specialist topics and what is happening this year. I will also give a little run-down on our school, and we will answer any questions people might have. It would be great to have a big turn-out, I am sure there are lots of things you would like to know.

The **Grade Six Leadership Day** is next Thursday 1st March. We take all of our sixes across to learn about and practice Leadership Skills and Practices. We will also have a visiting speaker, Naomi Radke, who will talk about her life as a commercial pilot and the Leadership skills she has used in getting to where she is today, running a company that supports pilots. A note will come home on Monday.

Next Friday we are having a visit by **Mr Ian Hunter**, a tribal Elder of the Wurundjeri tribe. Ian will show us many aspects of how his culture operated in our area over the past 40,000 years. It will be a day of activities and practical demonstrations. It will cost \$5.00 per student, and a note will come home on Monday.

Enjoy your week.

2019 Siblings. If you have a child that will be attending Doreen Primary School in 2019 and you have not handed in an enrolment form please do so asap.

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Student Enrolment Information Forms have been sent home for each of your children. Please make any changes necessary and send back to school. We require **all** forms to be returned even if no changes are made.



Doreen Primary School Information Night
7.30 Wednesday 28th February
75 Doctor's Gully Rd, Doreen

For existing families and those who are interested in enrolling in future years. Staff will talk about School Culture, what is happening in each classroom, how to get information, approaches to teaching and answer some questions. Should be a great night.



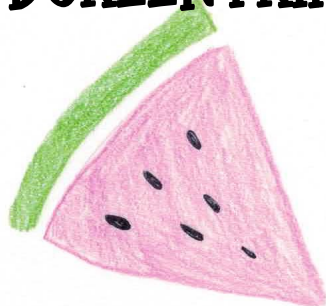
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