



Week Ending March 1, 2019

Discovering Doreen

| <i>Diary Dates:</i> | |
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| • Grade 3-6 Queenscliff Camp | 5-8 Mar |
| • Labour Day | 11 Mar |
| • Curriculum Day NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL | 12 Mar |
| • Responsible Pet Ownership | 14 Mar |
| • National Gallery Victoria Art Excursion Grade 5 (Note to come) | 18 Mar |
| • National Gallery Victoria Art Excursion Grade 6 (Note to come) | 20 Mar |
| • Book Fair | 20, 21 Mar |
| • Book Fair Dress up Day | 21 Mar |
| • Animal Incursion Whole School (Note to come) | 27, 28 Mar |
| • Grade 5 Parliament Incursion | 3 Apr |
| • Last Day of Term | 5 Apr |
| • First Day of Term 2 | 23 Apr |
| Dates are subject to change | |

TERM DATES 2019:

Term 1
30 Jan—5 Apr
(Teachers return 29th Jan)

Term 2
22nd Apr Easter Monday
23 Apr—28 June
25th Apr Anzac Day

Term 3
15 Jul—20 Sept

Term 4
7 Oct—20 Dec

From Glenn.....

It would appear that summer has slipped a little and Autumn might be a little warm this year. All rooms are air-conditioned and we still use the simple cooling method after lunch of walking under spray for those children who want to. (Mr Simondson hosed us today might be the story you get). I am also trying to keep our grass alive, so have the sprinkler running sometimes. It is tank water, so please remind your kids not to "accidentally" run under it. The sprinkler is engraved with "Stolen from Doreen Primary School", so hopefully it is left alone.

School Camp to Queenscliff is on next week. Grades 3-6 leave on Tuesday morning from school, around 9.00am, so there will be 2 big buses in the bottom car park. Unless you are dropping campers off and are waving goodbye, I suggest a kiss and go. Perhaps even a walk from the corner store. You can actually U-turn down there. I will open the school gates on the oval and about 20 cars can fit there. If you must park in the bottom car park, please do so along the back. If your car blocks the buses in, it holds up our camp. PLEASE consider saying goodbye and leaving, especially for our experienced older campers.

For our P-2 parents, it is week 6, so children might like to try the kiss and drop technique for a change. Perhaps even a walk from the corner store.

I will be around doing some parking direction duties.

CAMPERS should take their bags/suitcases to the buses, with their labels on them. They should keep their backpacks with them however.

Medications should be dropped off in the staffroom to Mrs Mollard and Mrs Dunt

We are hoping children are here at 8.15am.

On Friday 8th, children will return between 3.00pm and 3.30pm. Lisa will SKOOLBAG the ETA. **THE BUSES WILL STOP AND UNLOAD IN THE DROP-OFF AREA. (YES THEY WILL FIT).** Bags will be unloaded by children and any parents who wish to help **BUT** will be **collected from the Basketball court.** That way we don't have a mass of people in the drop-off area. The Basketball court is perfect for this.

Camp will be a fantastic experience for all, it is a brilliant venue.

On Monday Max T. from grade 5 is competing at the **Divisional Swimming Championships**, representing both our school and the Sugarloaf district. Well done Max!!!!!!!

We have finalised our touring group for China. Using our original criteria of those who were involved in Homestay here as a base - seeing what their visitors face and as the trip is only available because we do the Homestay - we have 10 students who are travelling. Six Parents are in the travel group, as well as 2 staff, Ben Miller and myself. Our children are supplemented \$1000 by our host travel group, whilst parents pay full price. It is an exciting activity and very few Primary Schools undertake this activity in the way we do. Homestay and going to school with their Chinese Buddy. Feedback from our last students about Homestay was very positive and many are still in contact with their hosts in China. Obviously the first night will be "interesting", but as all said from the last trip, after a couple of nights it was like being at home.....even better at times. We will spend a lot of time making sure it is a soft landing. Ben and I will visit each child in their homestay over the first few nights. Feedback from the Homestay families here and in China pointed to having a day on a week-end to spend time with the Host family in their community. We have added this aspect and the extra day we are there is Children's Day in China, so our travellers are in for a treat. We also get to visit Beijing, The Great Wall, The Forbidden City and lots more.

TO HELP BUY GIFTS AND UNIFORMS FOR THE CHINA TRIP, THE CHILDREN WILL BE SELLING ZOOOPER DOOPERS AT LUNCHTIME ON MONDAY FOR \$1.00.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR CHILD HAVING A ZOOOPER DOOPER, PLEASE SEND ALONG A ONE DOLLAR COIN IN AN ENVELOPE WITH THEIR NAME AND WE WILL SUPPLY ONE. PROCEEDS GO TO THE CHINA TRIP GIFTS AND UNIFORMS.

Our Traffic situation at pick-up is still an issue. **IT IS ILLEGAL, DANGEROUS AND IF AN ACCIDENT OCCURS MAKES YOU CULPIBLE IF YOU DO A U-TURN AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. I AM GOING TO ASK THE POLICE TO SIT IN THE SCHOOL AND PROSECUTE CARS DOING U-TURNS AND IN FACT IF WE CAN USE FOOTAGE OF U-TURNS I WILL BE PASSING ON THE FOOTAGE TO THEM FOR USE IN PROSECUTIONS. I HAVE COUNTLESS CHILDREN COLLECTING NUMBER PLATES BECAUSE THEY KNOW HOW DANGEROUS IT IS. I HAVE WITNESSED 3 NEAR T-BONE EVENTS PERSONALLY.** Please put the safety of our students first, rather than the 30 seconds saved by not using the turn around in the bottom carpark. We will be setting the bottom Car Park out again over the next few weeks, thank-you to the Di Berardino family for their suggestions.

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You will see a **Calendar on the front of each newsletter**. It will have upcoming events for that term and as it gets closer to the next term, events for it. We are going to try and publish details about events and activities weeks before an event, so as warning is given as to expectations on parents. This will be our aim and it should only be last minute unavoidable events that cause a surprise.

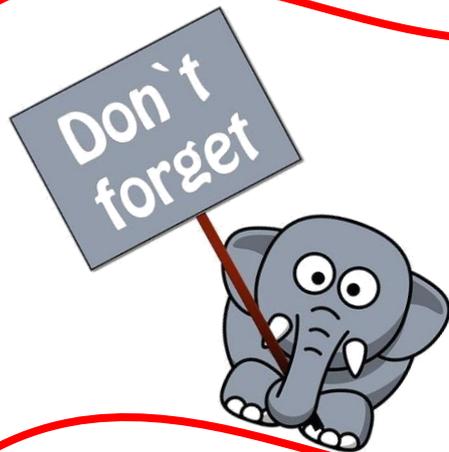
Family Life finished for grade 5&6 on Thursday. I am going to get some feedback from both children and parents as to whether it is still something we need to be providing. Stay tuned.

Our Second **Curriculum Day is Tuesday 12th March**. There will be **NO STAFF** at school, all will be in attendance of a Professional Development Day run by NESST, our small schools cluster. Staff will take part in CUST Training, Professional Learning teams and have a presentation by Educational psychologists who will present on dealing with behaviours around anxiety, trauma and defiance. Should be a great day professionally.

Our first **Student Leadership Training** day took place on Wednesday. Student leaders from 9 small schools attended and took part in training regards how to be a leader. They also heard from Jarryd Clifford regards his experience as a world class Paralympian and Mark "Squizzly" Squirrel regards his leadership experiences around the armed forces, Peace Keeping Missions and climbing Mount Everest to plant a World Food Program Flag. Children at all schools are still talking about the day. It was a blast.

School Council was nearly a full house last night, and it was a long meeting. Lots of things discussed, the traffic situation and non-paying of fees were prevalent. The minutes will be on the website. School Council President is Brent Hardy; Vice President is Leonie Craig; Secretary is Lisa Welch; Treasurer is Glenn Simondson. Other members are: Rebekah Di Berardino, Michel Kehio, Catherine Ingram, Naomi Joiner, Warren Sharpe, Ben Miller, Kirsty Branagan and Shelley Harris as our Community Rep from the Fundraising group.

I will also start some **walking groups to school and from school** to the corner in the morning and after school. I would like to start a parent roster to help supervise our younger walkers. If you wish to be involved, please send me a text and tell me when you might be able to help - morning/afternoon, frequency. I am thinking starting with a few mornings and afternoons a week and seeing how we go.



**CAMP—GRADES 3-6 TUESDAY
PLEASE BE AT SCHOOL BY 8.15AM
IF YOU ARE SENDING YOUR CHILD TO CAMP
WITH MEDICATION MAKE SURE IT IS CLEARLY
LABELLED WITH INSTRUCTIONS AND TAKE IT
TO MRS MOLLARD AND MRS DUNT IN THE
STAFF ROOM**

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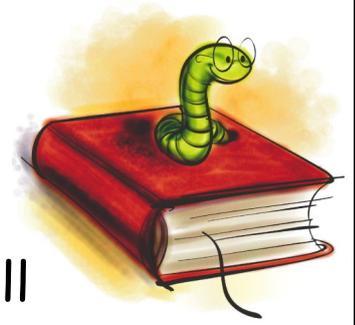
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| HOUSE GROUPS | | | |
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| 15 | 18 | 16 | 19 |

**CLEANEST
CLASSROOM:
GRADE 4**



It's Book Fair Time



Dress up as your favourite book character day is on Thursday 21st March and there will be a morning assembly and parade at 9am.

Book Sales will be open for families afterschool on both the 20th & 21st of March, students will have the opportunity to view the books on sale and complete a "Wish list" during class time prior to the event.

Please come and support our annual book fair all sales earn commission for new books for our school. Remember books make an excellent Easter present.

Book Fair Poster Competition

Students this is your chance create a poster to advertise the official Doreen Primary Book Fair.

Information to include:

Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st March

Books available for sale after school in the JSC room.

Thursday 21st March

Dress up as your favourite book character.

There are prizes for the most imaginative poster in each class and also best costume prizes.

****Posters are due back to school by Wednesday 13th March.**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

