



Week Ending May 10, 2019

Discovering Doreen

Diary Dates:

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| • Naplan Grade 3 & Grade 5 | 14, 15, 16 May |
| • School Council 7.30pm | 16 May |
| • Sugarloaf Cross Country | 22 May |
| • Sport 4-6—Home Game | 24 May |
| • Sport 4-6—Home Game | 31 May |
| • Division Cross Country | 5 June |
| • Curriculum Day | 7 June |
| • Queens Birthday | 10 June |
| • Chinatown Excursion Whole School | 11 June |
| • School Council 7.30pm | 20 June |
| • Music Recital St Andrews Hotel | 25 June |
| Dates are subject to change | |

TERM DATES 2019:

Term 2
23 Apr—28 June
Term 3
15 Jul—20 Sept
Term 4
7 Oct—20 Dec



Rain spoiled our trip to Kinglake West today but whilst children were disappointed, a few staff were happy not to have to wear the 5 layers of clothing. We have rescheduled for next Friday, as it was in the program as a catch-up week anyway.

This week was fairly normal, some grades did preparation for NAPLAN, we have 2 Pre-service teachers with us and of course our Mother's Day Stall was brilliant yet again. Thanks goes to all ladies involved. I hope there are many smiling faces on Sunday Morning.

Next week we have **NAPLAN**, the Government directed testing taking place. NAPLAN will take place for grades 3 and 5 (and Years 7 and 9) across Australia. I understand that next year they are aiming to have it online across Australia....that should be interesting. At this school we prepare children so they achieve their optimum results in the test but see NAPLAN as a small part of the data we use to plan, develop and present effective programs to your children. We test at the end of the year across all grades and use this as a way to track progress and evaluate the programs we are presenting. In regards to NAPLAN, it is a once a year, one day a year, one test a year process that is used by systems to look at what schools are doing. We usually do well but have always believed that if programs and teaching is effective, engaging and well planned, assessments take care of themselves. We also believe that your children should not be measured by an academic test, they are far more than that, so that is why we run Music, Art, Language, Phys. Ed., Film Making, Digital Game Making, Rocks Bands, Choirs, Dance Groups, Percussion Groups, Bike Ed., Sport, Swimming, Hooptime, Gym, Camps, Excursions, have visiting Artists, Concerts etc. Children should have the opportunity to achieve across a wide variety of areas and not just in a narrow testing regime. Interestingly standardised tests like NAPLAN do not measure Creativeness, Independence, Resilience or Thinking skills, things we believe are important for children to develop. Anyway, it's happening next week and we will make it as non-threatening as possible. Please do the same, the media does a great job at building a mountain out of a mole hill during this process.

We had our second last **Chinese meeting** on Wednesday night. It was well attended and lots discussed, lots of excitement about our trip. We have just heard we will be part of a Children's Week Festival where we will raise money for a Tibetan school and we will meet children from schools from Tibet, Macau and Hong Kong. Always something new, flexibility and being able to adapt will be two things that our travellers will see. Mr Miller and I are also presenting to groups and taking some lessons in the school. We leave on Sunday 26th May and will meet at Tullamarine at 5.00am. Grade Five and Six will be taken by Mrs T and our regular CRT's, so faces are known and there will be minimal disruption to classes. We have 10 Students travelling and 6 parents. One of the duties Ben and I will perform will be visits to the homes children are staying in. A change on this trip is that rather than a tea ceremony and the family presenting their talents, they will be giving us a meal. We visit two homes each night, so it will be a culinary challenge.

There will be an **election booth here on Saturday 18th May**. I have been approached to run a **sausage sizzle and we are calling for volunteers**. We will run the sizzle from 12 -2pm, so it will only be a short stint of 11.00 - 2.30. If you can help out, please call the school and register a time (an hour perhaps) it will be an opportunity to do your voting and help us raise some money to get our new kitchen plumbed in.

We had a **Cooking group** begin yesterday. It is a program to develop social, literacy and numeracy skills that will work across the upper grades (at present). I installed the oven yesterday and we are now awaiting the plumber. The kitchen and the hot water service were donated by Darren Green (Janine's husband) and Karen Fisher is on the track of a Fridge.

Sibling 2020 confirmation letters for were sent home earlier this week. If you have a child attending next year and did not receive one please contact

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CLEANEST CLASSROOM: GRADE FIVE

| HOUSE GROUPS | | | |
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| 15 | 18 | 17 | 15 |

Lunch Orders

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

- ☺ DOREEN GENERAL STORE—MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
 - ☺ PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE NEW PRICE LIST (AVAILABLE ONLINE OR FROM THE OFFICE)
 - ☺ PLEASE WRITE STUDENTS NAME/CLASS & ORDER ON A PAPER BAG OR ENVELOPE & HAVE CORRECT MONEY PLACED INSIDE
 - ☺ ENSURE THESE ARE PROPERLY SEALED (PERHAPS STICKY TAPE THE ENDS OF ENVELOPES & FOLD PAPER BAGS) AS SOME LUNCH ORDERS ARRIVE AT THE SHOP MISSING MONEY
 - ☺ PLEASE MAKE SEPARATE ORDERS FOR EACH OF YOUR CHILDREN

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