



Week Ending September 6, 2019

# Discovering Doreen

## Diary Dates:

• School Disco Night	6 Sept
• Prep 2020 Students 2nd Transition Day 9.00am-1.30pm	11 Sept
• Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser Lunch	
• School Council 7.30pm	12 Sept
• End of Term Footy Day <b>Hand in your pie order form by 13th September</b>	20 Sept
• <b>Start of Term 4</b>	<b>7 Oct</b>
• Prep 2020 Students 3rd Transition Day 9.00am-1.30pm	15 Oct
• Great Doreen Bike Ride Whole School	18 Oct
• Grade 6 Leadership Day	23 Oct
• Grade 5/6 Soccer Day	25 Oct
• Grandparent's Day	29 Oct
• Grade 6 Graduation Pho-	31 Oct
• JETS Gym Grade 5/6 <b>Notes will be sent home first day term 4</b>	1, 8, 15 Nov
• Cup Day Public Holiday	5 Nov
• School Concert	21 Nov
• Life Education Van	27, 28 Nov
• Prep 2020 Students Full Transition Day	29 Nov
• Grade P-4 Swimming	26-29 Nov
• Grade P-4 Swimming	10-13 Nov
• Curriculum Day	2 Dec
• Last Day term 4	20 Dec
Dates are subject to change	

## From Glenn

It was supposed to be raining with possible Thunderstorms, Lightning and Hail. I postponed our Athletics day due to the Weather Bureau forecast, and as usual, it has left me more than a little annoyed. We will try for **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**. Should be fantastic, and it must happen as the Division Event is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 4 weeks earlier than usual. All will be the same as planned for today, but it will happen on Tuesday.

Still a big day here today with the **Disco on tonight at school** from 6.00pm until 8.00pm. Lots of fun, tickets are still available at the door. Mr Miller and I will be Security, there will be no popcorn to underage eaters.

**NAPLAN results are back.** I ask parents to try and get here to collect them, as your teacher can explain them, and how accurate they think the test is. It is a one day snapshot only. Testing teachers do is across many weeks, and used to not only measure achievement but indicate where children need to go next. We have done well as a school, and you will be pleased to know that Victoria topped Australia in every area of Primary Schools and most of secondary. Year 9 across Australia still seems to be an area of concern, but this is probably mostly due to the lack of care about results by many of the students at those "difficult" years. NAPLAN is one form of measure of student progress that tells us the ability a child has to recall facts and concepts. It is not about creativity, thinking, real life challenges, personality traits, Leadership Skills etc., and as some do it online and some on paper is not very consistent. It does however give a standardised measure of a child's progress. We do this at the end of the year which would seem to make a lot of sense when writing reports and planning next year's curriculum. We were concerned about some areas of maths after testing in 2017, made a big effort with Professional Development and resources etc. in 2018, and the results at the end of 2018 showed great growth and justified our commitment. At Doreen we use data from testing to inform parents of progress, but mostly to drive the direction and focus of what we teach.

**Enrolments for 2020** are hotting up. We are getting calls every day. We are mostly full already for next year, but if you know anyone who wishes to come across, please let them know the sooner the better. There are a few spots at some grade levels.....and literally only a few.

**Next week is the Athletics Day on Tuesday**, as well as Prep transition Day number two on Wednesday. Thursday is the Division Athletics Day. We will have some students who will need to get to that day at Meadowglen. We will know more after Tuesday. First and second go on to the next level. Don't forget the SAUSAGE SIZZLE on Wednesday. Children just bring along their money. \$2 for a sausage, \$1 for a Prima Drink.

**Bike Education** kicked off beautifully. Sara arranged a Bike Ed expert to help us get rid of many sets of training wheels, and the sessions have been running brilliantly. Luke Davidson and Sara did the training course, so we have 2 trained "Bike Eders" and lessons run very well. A big thankyou to Barry Priest who was resident Bike Mechanic. Don't Forget the Great Doreen bike Ride on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. We need adult helpers to ride with us. When you get your note, we will ask for helpers (note will come home first Tuesday back next term)

**End of Term is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September.** It is a 1.30pm dismissal, and children get dismissed before lunch starts. It is also "Footy day". Children dress in "Footy Gear", and we have Pies at Playlunch. We do some Footy activities in the morning, and there is a match at 1pm. The match is kids Vs teachers and parents, and is a lot of fun. Yes, lots of scores are settled. Mrs Colistra is the Umpire. We will have a few little changes this year, mainly on how many kids are on the field at once. Teachers will be coaches and supervise this. Junior School Council will talk about donations etc in a Flyer home to parents. Anything football, and any Football code are fine. It is not compulsory, but a lot of fun.

**The Doreen Ivanhoe Grammar Challenge** will conclude on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Ivanhoe are supplying a bus to transport children, and we have matches at both Doreen and Ivanhoe. Matches start at 12.00pm and finish by 1.30pm. More to come next week.

You may be aware we have just been told we are receiving a **grant of a little over \$127K**. It will be focussed on maintenance. I am awaiting the instructions on how I am expected to spend the money. I am sure we will get lots of input into where the money goes, I am now awaiting the detail.....and my official notification. Danielle Green shared the news first, and she visited to get some photos.



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End of term Friday 20th is our traditional **“Footy Day”**. Children can come dressed in a team’s gear - Football, Soccer, Rugby - take part in a parade at morning assembly then have the opportunity to take part in inside footy activities and footy drills during the morning. We will have a normal recess where children can have a **“Footy Lunch (Pies)”** then at 1.00pm we will have our annual Staff and Parents Vs Students football match. Try and get there at one o’clock with your gear and join in. It is a lot of fun.....and all are encouraged to take part! We have a roster system, so all students get to play against parents and it is a very **“modified”** game. We will dismiss after the match



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**HOUSE GROUPS**

12	18	21	18
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***Sausage Sizzle***

Our Fundraising Committee is holding a sausage sizzle for the children’s lunches on **Wednesday 11th September.**

*Sausage in bread \$2.00*

*Prima \$1.00*

Please send along some money on the day if your child