



# Discovering Doreen

Week Ending 13th December, 2024

From Dave

What a spectacle our students put on last Friday night at the PAC! Feedback from the community has indicated that our Concert was a BIG HIT and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. It was a fantastic opportunity to step it up a bit, showcase our performances, highlight our bands and more so, provide the students with the opportunity to perform in a theatre like environment. A thank you goes out to all our teachers and staff who put in countless hours of extra work to ensure the night was a success. A thank you to those parents on our School Council who pitched in, managed parking with umbrellas and monitored tickets upon entry. Overall, a fantastic night which represented the quality we have within our students and staff at DPS.

Christmas raffle tickets are still available from the office! **A reminder that we are still seeking Christmas themed donations** for the raffle. If you can spare a donation/gift, no matter how big or small, please pass it into the office! We would also appreciate help to wrap prizes if you can spare some time next week.

To avoid any confusion with the **School Saving Bonus** we are asking all parents to follow the instructions overpage to submit the full \$400 to the School Activities option. This will enable us to allocate your bonus to Camps and Excursions as well as Uniform. It would be appreciated if you could complete this asap.

On Wednesday, Mrs Green and I took the Year 6 students on the **Grade 6 City Bike Ride**. We rode along the Yarra Trail, stopped by the MCG and Shrine and included some small passages of city road riding. Thank you to Mrs Green for organising the day and to our parent volunteers for coming along!

Yesterday, students had the opportunity to spend an hour with their new teachers for 2025. I'd like to welcome **Miss Molly Jarvie** to the Doreen Primary School team. Molly is enthusiastic and the right fit for our staffing and student profile. Students across the school were very well settled and excited for next year.

Today, our Year 5 students went off to **Mill Park Secondary College** for a taste of what Year 7 looks like. A range of activities were on offer which I'm sure will have been an eye opener to some.

Next week Tuesday will see the whole school undertake a **Christmas/Festive Craft day**. We will have four different craft activities that students will rotate through, these will be culturally based. On offer, we will explore festivities from Australia, China, India and Italy. Students will be coming home with a variety of completed activities. Something new and something fun to finish off the year.

**Grade 6 Graduation** details have all been sent out and confirmed. We look forward to enjoying a lovely night next week Wednesday as we celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 students. Then Thursday will see our Year 6 students head out for a fun day filled with bowling and pizza! A nice way to wrap up Primary School in my opinion.

Teachers are currently proof-reading reports. **Reports will come home with students on the last day of school.**

**The last day of school will be a Christmas themed dress day! No need for a gold coin donation, simply dress up in Christmas themed attire!**

A reminder to parents that on the last day of school, we will finish at 1:30pm. An assembly will begin at 12:30pm and parents are more than welcome to attend. We will open the oval for parking. The Christmas raffle will also be drawn and we hope those that win are in attendance to take their gift before we break up for Christmas.

We've pencilled in a **Playdate Working Bee for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of Jan, 2025!** Check out the flyer attached! A big shout out to Asha (Minnie's mum in Grade 2) for organising! We hope to get a strong attendance on the day!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Grade 6 Graduation	18 Dec
Grade 6 Bowling	19 Dec
<b>LAST DAY TERM 4</b> Christmas Theme Free Dress Day 12.30—1.30pm Assembly, band, raffle, Grade 6 Good-bye	20 Dec

## 2025

Playdate Working Bee (see flyer)	23 Jan
<b>All Students Begin</b>	29 Jan
Life Education Gr5 & Gr6	25, 27 Feb
<b>Labour Day</b>	10 Mar
NAPLAN Begins Gr3 & Gr5	12 Mar
School Photos	18 Mar
City Camp Gr3-6	26, 27, 28 Mar
<b>Last Day of Term</b>	4 Apr

### PLEASE NOTE:

All dates are subject to change. We will notify the school community of any changes as soon as we can.

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# SCHOOL SAVING BONUS

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If you are having trouble please come in and see Lisa or Kelly in the office.

Please see below for instructions.

Access via <https://www.schoolsavingbonus.vic.gov.au/s/>

Sign in using details from your SSB Email.

Choose the School activities tab.

Select the \$400 option then choose next. This will then take you to the confirmation page.



# SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISING



## LOCAL MATTERS

We're big on giving back to the communities we're part of and supporting issues that matter most to locals. To date, we've gifted over \$7 million to 30,000+ local community groups, organisations and projects.

Doreen PS will have a Jar on display at Grill'd in Eltham from January 1, 2025. Every purchase gives the customer a token to place in one of three jars on display. The Jar/Community Organisation with the greatest number of tokens at the end of Jan will receive \$300.



## Christmas Raffle

Tickets are \$1 each and come in books of 10. Extra books available from the school office.

All monies, tickets and donations are due to be returned back to school asap.





# GUITAR LESSONS WITH JOEL QUINN

**AT DOREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2025 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN**

**PRIVATE & PAIRED LESSONS AVAILABLE**

(PAIRED LESSONS SUBJECT TO SUITABLE PAIRING)

**ENQUIRE NOW**

**WE'LL GET BACK TO YOU WITH  
FURTHER INFORMATION**

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## TERM DATES

**2024:**

**TERM 4**

**7 October–20 December**

**2025:**

**TERM 1**

**28 Jan (students start**

**29th Jan) – 4 April**

**TERM 2**

**22 April–4 July**

**TERM 3**

**21 July–19 September**

**TERM 4**

**6 October–19 December**

## SCHOOL FEES 2024

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<b>Classroom consumables</b> Including all stationary, textbooks, readers, printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials This also includes items for activities run during the year.	\$120
ICT replacement and programs – Sunshine Books, Maths Plus, and Soundwaves subscriptions	\$70
<b>Program Extras</b> Swimming \$15.00 Musical Instruments/replacements \$20.00 Sports Equipment \$30.00 Art Supplies \$25.00	\$90
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Nil	\$0
<b>Total Yearly Amount</b>	<b>\$280.00</b>



**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**

**The Whittlesea**

**Christmas Festival**

**2024**

**Sat. 14th Dec. 4pm-9pm**

@ the Whittlesea Agricultural Society - Parking at Showgrounds

**EVENTS** Whittlesea

Proudly supported by **City of Whittlesea**

**MORE FOOD with Family Friendly Options**  
**MORE CLASSIC CARS** **MORE MUSIC**  
**MORE MARKET STALLS**

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**LIVE MUSIC & FOOD from 4pm**

**KIDS CRAFT ACTIVITIES**  
**CHRISTMAS TREE EXTRAVAGANZA**  
**SANTA & THE GRINCH**

**Community Carols from 7pm**  
 Family Friendly - Non-Alcohol Event - BYO picnic/chairs

**FREE ENTRY**  
**ANIMAL FARM**  
**BRING THE FAMILY**

Brought to you by **Horizons** church on behalf of the **WHITTLESEA COMBINED CHURCHES**

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The Whittlesea Agricultural Society presents the **WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY Christmas Tree Extravaganza 2024**

**DECEMBER 8TH - 21ST. OPEN DAILY 1PM - 8PM. GOLD COIN ENTRY**

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, GATE 1 MCPHEES RD, WHITTLESEA**

Come and explore our enchanting Christmas wonderland where you will find great photo opportunities, visits from Santa & you'll get to vote for your favourite tree!

**CLEANEST CLASSROOM PREP**

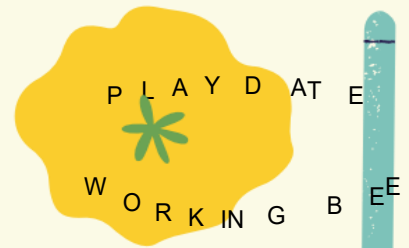
**HOUSE GROUPS**  
 Week ending 13th December

**3RD** **2ND** **1ST** **4TH**

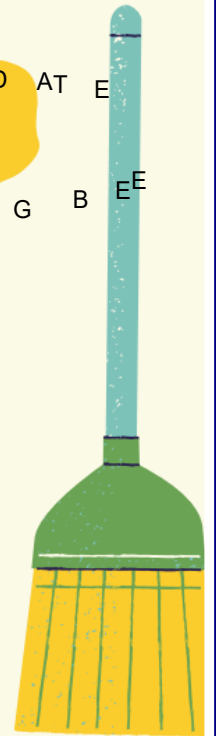




# PLAYDATE AND WORKING BEE

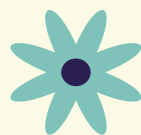


Please come along to a school playdate and mini working bee. The kids can catch up while the parents do some light cleaning around the school to get it looking tidy for the new year. BYO gloves, rake, broom, cobweb brush etc.




## THURSDAY 23/01/2025

10:00AM AT SCHOOL



**FEEL FREE  
TO JOIN!**

Please contact Asha

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