



# Discovering Doreen

Week Ending **21st March, 2025**

From Dave,

Doreen PS is running a **Fundraiser Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Mernda on Saturday 29th March**. Just as we did last year, we are calling for families to donate soft drink cans (Coke, Coke Zero, Solo, Lemonade, Fanta) and bottles of water. These can be dropped off any time at the general office. We are currently organising a roster of volunteers to cook and serve throughout the day. If you are able to help, please text Felicity on 0407 280 683. If you have other commitments that day, please consider donating some drinks or a small Coles/Woolies gift card to help us purchase other items such as the bread and sausages. Last year's sizzle was a big success and it was thanks to everyone pitching in!

**Camp for our Grade 3-6 students** is coming up next week. Information such as what to bring, where to drop off luggage and where to meet has all come home with your child. If you haven't received this information, reach out to your child's classroom teacher. I will be attending Camp over the three days and will not be onsite during this time.

**NAPLAN** for our Year 3 and 5 students has concluded, inclusive of catch-up sessions. Thank you to our families for your support during this time.

I'd like to personally thank our **JSC (Junior School Council)** on organising and running an amazing school Disco. Glow sticks, face painting, light up glasses and Zooper Doopers were some of the items on sale on the night. A big thank you goes to Mr David Skinner (a grandfather and DJ on the night) for the amazing work he did on the night. Our teachers volunteered their time to put further smiles on our students faces and bring our community closer together. A big thank you to our amazing staff for their attendance. I'd love to acknowledge every family, parent, grandparent and sibling that helped set up, pack up and provide assistance on the night. Our community presence on the night was great to see, we truly have a remarkable school.

**Interscholar Sports is a go ahead** for our year 4-6 students and we've locked in a few new schools to join us in home and away style matches. Doreen PS, Ivanhoe Grammar, Upper Plenty PS, Panton Hill PS, Kangaroo Ground PS and Wattle Glen PS will all participate in our new look format. Each school will field a Football, Netball A+B, T-Ball and Rounders team. The top two teams on the ladder at the end will play off in a final. Like previous years, we aim to provide an opportunity and platform for our students to participate in team sports, regardless of the results.

Our first **School Council meeting** took place on Tuesday and plenty was discussed. New roles were elected for the 2025 school year and I congratulate the below councillors on their election;

School Council President: Simon Roylance, Vice School Council President: Jason Dirx

Treasurer: David Jovanovski, Secretary: Lisa Welch, Gardens and Grounds: Asha Wood

PFA and Fundraising: Felicity Gordon, General Members: Eloise Kennett, Michelle Barrile, Nat Malpas, Gabrielle Gray and Chrissy Wallis.

I am pleased to inform you that since the roof has been completed on the **new building**, **progress** has been moving forward at a rapid pace. We are currently targeting a handover date around the start of June, although this timeline is subject to the progress made during the holiday period.

At present, we have a significant number of **tradespeople working on-site**, which has led to a high volume of vehicles in the car park. I fully acknowledge that this has caused some challenges regarding parking availability, particularly with the increased presence of tradies. I will be meeting with the builders on Monday to discuss potential solutions for alleviating the parking situation and ensuring that it does not cause further inconvenience. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work to complete the project.

I would like to kindly remind everyone that the **Prep/Grade 1 Car Park** is designated specifically for families with children in the Prep and Grade 1 levels. It has come to my attention that some families outside of this group have been utilizing this parking area. If you **DO NOT** have a child in Prep or Grade 1, I ask that you please use the back car park instead. We all value this space, and I understand the convenience it provides, particularly when our own children were in these year levels. To ensure fairness and keep the space available for those who need it, please refrain from using the Prep/Grade 1 Car Park.

I would also like to bring to your attention an important matter regarding the use of our school's **Staff Car Park**. Recently, we have observed that some parents have been accessing the staff car park to perform U-turns after school. Additionally, we have noticed some parents walking their children through the car park to enter the school before the school day begins, or at the completion of a school day. Please be reminded that the **Staff Car Park** is reserved exclusively for staff use unless you have an agreement in place with me. We kindly ask that parents refrain from using this area for U-turns or pedestrian access. For the safety of all, we request that students be walked in and out of the school by parents via the designated paths and the yellow-painted (posts) entrance located opposite the Basketball Court. In simple terms, for the safety of all, **please stay out of the Staff Car Park**.

**The Kiss and Drop Zone** is to be used for exactly that. Kiss and Drop. If your child/ren cannot exit and enter the car by themselves, you'll need to use the bottom carpark. For the safety of our community (students, parents and staff), parents are **NOT** to exit their car in the Kiss and Drop Zone.

## Important Dates and INFORMATION

<b>City Camp Gr3-6</b>	<b>26, 27, 28 Mar</b>
<b>Bunnings Mernda Sausage Sizzle</b> Donations/Volunteers required	<b>29 Mar</b>
<b>Last Day Term 1</b> Easter Dress up day Easter Egg Hunt 1.30pm dismissal	<b>4 Apr</b>
<b>TERM 2 Begins</b>	<b>22 Apr</b>
<b>Anzac Day Public Holiday</b>	<b>25 Apr</b>
<b>Grade 5/6 Swimming</b> Hand in your signed permission forms	<b>29 Apr, 6, 13, 20 May</b>
<b>King's Birthday Public Holiday</b>	<b>9 June</b>
<b>Last Day of Term</b>	<b>4 July</b>

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

**DOREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
 Doctors Gully Rd, Doreen 3754  
 Ph: 9717 3563 E-mail: [doreen.ps@education.vic.au](mailto:doreen.ps@education.vic.au)  
 Website: [www.doreenps.vic.edu.au](http://www.doreenps.vic.edu.au)





## THINGS CHANGE, PLEASE KEEP UPDATED.....

**A Stop Press for Camp** was sent home on Wednesday. Please ensure you check details for the Drop Off on Wednesday morning, fill in the Medication form if your child requires any medications whilst on Camp and bring them to school the school library-on Tuesday afternoon between 3.30pm-3.45pm.

**Munch Monitor lunch orders** are available on Mondays and Wednesdays via their website. Please ensure you select the correct date for your child's order. You will receive a confirmation email; please check this carefully. If you do not receive an email, your order has not been placed and your child will not have lunch that day. In this case, staff will provide something for your child to eat if available. If not parents will be contacted. Other takeaway foods are not encouraged, as our school promotes a healthy eating approach.

Your **Grade 5/6** child has been sent home with the permission note about **Swimming** coming up next term (this **will not** be on Compass). Please read it carefully and look at the Financial section to see how much of the School Saving Bonus (SSB) you have remaining. You will need to choose **YES** or **NO** if you would like to use any remaining balance. If there is no SSB credit left, or not enough to cover the cost of this excursion (we will use the SSB credit first if you choose **YES**), you will be required to pay the outstanding balance shown, directly to the school bank account provided on the form. Don't forget to sign the consent form on the back and return both to your child's teacher.

**2026 Siblings**—Places for next year are filling fast. If you have a child (sibling) that will be attending Doreen Primary School in 2026 and you have not handed in an enrolment form, please get them into the office **URGENTLY!**

**Emergencies**—we are on the Bushfire at Risk Register. We are therefore instructed to close on Code Red days. These days are pre-determined, so you will get notification at least a day before if this is to happen. In event of fire, our building is a designated safer place and we will generally stay in place. This meets with CFA approval and makes sense. Please check out our Emergency Procedure plan on our website.

### SCHOOL FEES-VOLUNTARY CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS 2025

As is usually mentioned at this time of year, we try and run and actually use our own funds to support many extra programs at our school. Voluntary School Fees are something that we use to fund these programs. Over many years, parent support has seen us develop many external facilities, upgrade the whole school's computer resources and run Intervention programs in Literacy and Numeracy. We also use them to supplement some costs to you over the year.

Fees should now appear in your Compass account for each of your children and will show up as Curriculum Contributions 2025. You can choose to pay in full or per term.

Below is what we use your Fees for:

### SCHOOL FEES (CONTRIBUTIONS) 2025 !!!!!

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.	\$130
ICT replacement and programs – Sunshine Books, Maths Plus, and Soundwaves subscriptions	\$60
<b>Program Extras</b>	
Musical Instruments/replacements	\$20.00
Sports Equipment	\$30.00
Art Supplies	\$25.00
	\$75
<b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Nil	\$0
<b>Total Yearly Amount (Due Now)</b>	<b>\$265.00</b>



**advancedlife**  
photography . design . printing

# SCHOOL PHOTOS

## Doreen Primary School Online Ordering Instructions

Dear Parents and Carers,

School photographs have now been taken. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased for 7 days from photography day, after which, a late fee will be applied as late orders are processed separately.

There are three easy payment methods available: Visa, MasterCard or PayPal.

To purchase photographs, visit: [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

And enter online order code: H3B PFL 6KL

School photography information:

- **Online orders** - do not require an envelope returned to your school.
- **Late fees** - A late fee will be applied to each package purchased after the cut-off date due to the additional cost of producing these packages separately. Please refer to the cut-off date on the photography flyer.
- **Package delivery** - School photographs will be delivered approximately 8-10 weeks after the day of photography. Please note this delivery timeframe is dependent on proofing, the post-production process and additional photography days at your school.
- **Previous Years' photos** - Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups are also available to order under the 'previous years or group photo' tabs at your school's **advancedorder** site when you have entered the online order code. You can also order past packages, portrait images and gifts from your child's unique, individual and secure **advancedyou** image archive site using the unique 9-digit image code found on packages you have ordered in the past.

**advancedlife** would like to express our appreciation to Doreen Primary School for placing your trust in us. Please remember we offer a 100% money back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience as fast as possible, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your **advancedlife** experience please contact us at: [www.advancedlife.com.au/contact](http://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact)





# ZOOPER DOOPER COVERS

\$2.00 each

### On Sale

- During Zooper Dooper Days on the Grade 4 Deck
- Or any lunchtime between 1:30pm – 2:45pm in the Grade 6 Room



Lots of Designs to Choose From!

This is a **Grade 6 Fundraiser**.

JSC Fundraiser

# ZOOPER DOOPERS

ON SALE EVERY FRIDAY in TERM 1



ONLY

\$1.00 EACH

For sale at lunchtime - 1.40pm

ON DECK NEAR LIBRARY

Fundraiser organised by Grade 6

## LUNCH ORDERS MONDAY AND WEDNESDAYS

### MunchMonitor Parent Portal

Our friendly MunchMonitor Team are available, on 1300 796 190 or via email [info@munchmonitor.com](mailto:info@munchmonitor.com). Please feel free to reach out to them if you have any questions about the new MunchMonitor Parent Portal features and navigation.

#### IPHONE



#### ANDROID



#### DESKTOP > TABLET





**4TH APRIL**

**LAST DAY OF  
TERM**

**EASTER DRESS UP DAY**

**STUDENTS COME IN THEIR EASTER  
DRESS COSTUMES**

*There will be prizes for most  
creative Easter Hats and  
creative costumes on the  
day.*

*Each grade will have an Easter Egg Hunt  
throughout the day.*

*The Easter Bunny will inform you when  
your grade will have their Easter Egg  
Hunt.*

**1.30PM DISMISSAL**



## 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 while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a 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:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

---

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year 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 this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.







# TERM DATES

**2025:**

**TERM 1**

28 Jan (students start

29th Jan) – 4 April

**TERM 2**

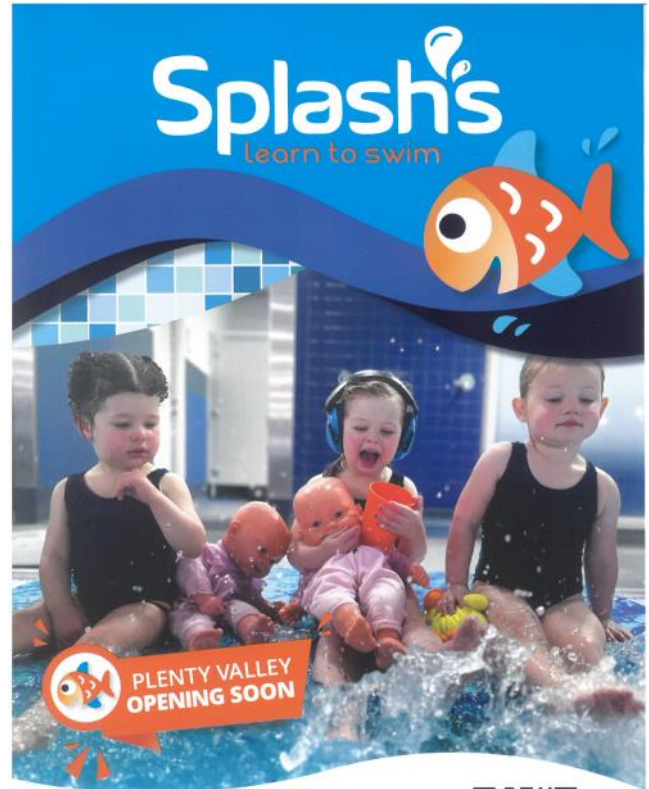
22 April – 4 July

**TERM 3**

21 July – 19 September

**TERM 4**

6 October – 19 December



www.splashs.com.au  
FOR YOUR FREE  
INTRODUCTORY LESSON



## Clean Room Award!

This award is presented to

**GRADE 5**

for having a super clean room!

**Week Ending 21st March**

