



DIXONS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL 1585

February 2, 2017

Upcoming Events

Tuesday February 7

Meet & Greet Class teachers

Friday February 10

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday February 14

Parent Information Night

Wednesday February 22

5/6 Kayaking @ Lillydale Lake

Thursday February 23

Year Two Sleep Over

Monday February 27

Hawthorn FC Player Visit

Friday March 3

Family Fun Afternoon

Tuesday March 7

Swimming Carnival (Healesville)

Friday March 10

CERES Excursion (TBC)

Monday March 13

LABOUR DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday March 14

School Photos

Saturday March 15

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

Monday March 27

Leadership Conference

Thursday March 30

AFL Girls Gala Day

FORMS DUE BACK:

Meet & Greet

Kayaking

2017 TERM DATES

Term 1: 31 Jan to 31 March (2:30 finish)

Term 2: 18 Apr (Tues) to 30 June (2:30 finish)

Term 3: 17 July to 22 September (2:30 finish)

Term 4: 9 October to 22 December (1:30 finish)

*Our vision for Dixons Creek Primary School is to empower students to embrace learning; to achieve their personal best and to build their emotional, social and physical well-being so they may actively contribute to the local and global community in a child safe environment. All members of the school community will value, and **REACH** to be: Resilient, Energetic, Accountable, Caring and Honest.*



PRINCIPAL PREAMBLE

Hayley Bawden

Welcome to new members of our school community and welcome back to everyone else. While it has been a very busy last few months, I am really excited to welcome you all back to what will be another fantastic year at Dixons Creek Primary School.

As most of you are aware, our principal Sharon Walker had hip surgery yesterday afternoon and whilst she is recovering I will be in the Acting Principal position. Sharon came out of the surgery well and she is already looking forward to coming back when she has recovered. While I am in the Acting Principal role I warmly welcome Rob Fallon into our school and the 3/4 classroom. Margot Pope will be teaching in the Foundation/One classroom for Term One while Melanie Jacobs is away on leave. We also welcome Ben Murray to our teaching team. He has settled straight into our school and has enjoyed first hand the joys of 5 Star Jumps on yard duty! Welcome back to Kylie Schabel and all of our support staff as well.

We have four classes this year with 9 students in the F/1 classroom, 16 students in Mr Murray's 2/3 class, 16 students in Mr Fallon's 3/4 and 24 in Mrs Schabel's 5/6 class. With fewer students at school this year there has already been noticeable changes, with more space to play in the yard and smaller class sizes.

Parent support is crucial to the running of our school and this drop in students also means that we have fewer parents around as well. There are many ways that you can help out our school and these will be communicated to you through newsletters, notes and meetings from myself, school council,

Parents Club and teachers throughout the next few weeks.

A huge thank you to Robert Burpee and Mark Hull who already donated their time to clean up our grounds beautifully in preparation for the first day. A big thank you to Tracy Ewan, our Parents Club president and Cindy Watts as well who I know have been working over time to ensure we have a great year. If you would like to volunteer your time or expertise please don't hesitate to talk to any of our staff members. Don't forget that there is also the suggestion box in the office where you can provide suggestions for school improvement.

Over the next few weeks there will be a range of notices that will go home involving school activities, student permission slips etc. Please return these at your earliest convenience. For anyone who drives more than 4.9km to their nearest or next nearest school may be eligible for conveyance allowance. If you believe you are eligible please come and collect an application form from Kerrie. If you currently receive this allowance a new application must be filled out each year. If you are a holder of a health care card you may be eligible for Camps, Sports, Excursions funding. Application forms are available in the office. Applications need to be made annually.

It has been lovely to start the new school year with such positivity in the air. With so many smiling faces around, I'm sure we are going to have a fantastic year together.



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YEAR TWO SLEEPOVER

Parents of Year 2 children please be aware that each child will need a sleeping bag and tent unless sharing with others. We leave it to parents to arrange sleeping details. It is great for a few children to share a tent however some children prefer to sleep alone. The tents are put up with the children on Thursday February 23rd, at 3.30pm. The \$20.00 cost of the sleepover includes entertainment, dinner, supper and Friday's breakfast and lunch. We encourage all Year 2 children to attend.

INFORMATION NIGHT

The principal, and teachers, will conduct a school Information Night on Tuesday February 14, from 6-7.30pm in the Year 5/6 room. Topics covered will include the school discipline policy, homework, uniform, School Council elections, and education programs for 2016.

At 6.45pm the teachers will conduct information sessions in their classrooms. Parents will have the opportunity to hear the teachers talk about classroom routines, expectations and specific curriculum.

Parent Choice Activities

Students from the senior school will be invited to attend a range of parent choice activities throughout the year. When this occurs, parents are required to provide or organise transport to and from the activity and supervision of their child/ren for the duration of the event. Prior to the day there will be a list of attending students on the office door to assist with transport arrangements if required.

Meet and Greet

Tuesday afternoon's 'Meet and Greet' sessions are a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher one on one. Beginning at 3:45, meetings will run for 10 minutes and give you the opportunity for you to share important information about your school with their new teacher. Don't forget to fill in and return your slip as soon as possible.



A BIG welcome to our new Foundation students; Lucas, Earl, Tully and Jack, who joined us this week and have settled in quickly with Mrs Pope and the Year One students.

They will have Wednesdays off for Term One and a note will be sent home shortly with a testing schedule for these days.

PARENTS PHOTOGRAPHING CHILDREN IN CLASSROOMS OR ON EXCURSIONS

Please remember that parents do not have the right to photograph other people's children without permission from their parent. Some of our families have not given permission for their children to be photographed other than for the class photos.



CRAFT MARKET CARPARK VOLUNTEERS

There is a roster in the front office for families to sign up to volunteer for this duty. It is expected that all families aim to assist with car parking duty once or twice throughout the year. Most markets are on Sundays from 7.45am to 12.30pm. It is a great way to support the school. For every person we get there, we earn \$100 for the school. Please don't leave it to the same people. We need everyone to help.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We invite parent members of the school community to nominate for a position on School Council. There are four, two year term Parent Member positions vacant. Thank you to Mark Hull, Meridie Jackson, Michelle Maffescioni and Jane Toop for their terms on School Council. Thank you also to our 2016 co-opted member, Christine Crunden as well. Parents may self-nominate or others may nominate a parent. Forms are available from the office for the two nomination categories.

School Council meets each month to discuss school policies, finance and accountability.

Meetings are conducted from 6-7.30pm in the staffroom at school. Ongoing members of school council include: Robert Burpee and Lee Evans. Sharon Walker acts as the Executive Officer each year and during her absence I, Hayley Bawden, will act in her place.

Please return nomination forms by **4pm Friday February 17**. If nominations exceed places available a ballot will be conducted.

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a fantastic break. Art begins for all classes this Monday. We have enough aprons in the art room for each student but if children would like to bring their own cover-all smock, they are welcome and these will be stored in a tub in their own classroom. I have a plan for a mosaic later in the year, made from bottle tops. This requires your support. Could you please start collecting plastic screw-top lids of all colours. I have been collecting them over the holidays and have a growing collection in a big snap lock bag. Lids from milk cartons, orange juice, soft drink, water bottles, etc would be suitable.

Thanks, Amanda Hull



In Terms 1 & 4 students can purchase icy poles on Friday and days above 35 degrees. Students must have an icy pole card to do so. Please check with classroom teachers to see if your child has a card left over from 2016 before purchasing more. New cards can be purchased at the office for \$3, entitling them to 5 icy poles.

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are available every Thursday as of next week. Orders must be provided to the office by end of school Tuesday in a brown paper bag labelled with your child's name, classroom and food order.

Sausage Rolls and Pies—\$2.50

Party Pies and Party Sausage Rolls—\$1.20

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

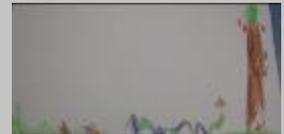
MRS POPE F/1

The Foundation students settled in very quickly on their first day with the assistance and experience of the Year One students. We will be studying a letter a week, starting with S. This week the class wrote the following poem, Scary Snake.

Scary Snake

*I found a scary, scaly snake,
Slithering over a stick.
I watched her slither smoothly along,
She was silent and quick.*

*Her body was all stripy and strong.
She had a stinky snack.
Her back was stripy, she had no home,
So she went to sleep in a smooth
soft sack.*



If anyone has any magazines that we can use for cutting out, please bring them into the classroom, they would be greatly appreciated.

MR MURRAY 2/3

The 2/3 Class have been spending the first few days getting to know each other, sharing their interests, hobbies and stories from home. They created a poster to each to share with the class.

Mr Murray introduced their 'Reading Powers' to them and they will continue to learn about these throughout the term.

A big welcome to Ella who has joined the 2/3 class this year.



MR FALLON 3/4

Mr Fallon and the 3/4 class have settled quickly into the new year, initially learning about how to be cyber safe with their online Budd:e in preparation for next week's Safer Internet Day. On the first day they put on their interviewer hats (literally) and interviewed one another about their holidays before creating unique representations of their classmate's holidays.



MRS SCHABEL 5/6

The Year 5/6 class have started off 2017 by looking at their individual goals for the year. Students developed on their own aspirations which were then collected and graphed into a terrific visual representation. Individual goal setting and fostering leadership and independence will be a big focus in the upper school this year.



School Captains and House captains will be awarded their badges at a special school assembly with our School Council President, Mark Hull, on February 17th.



YARRA VALLEY
DENTAL

HAS NOW OPENED!!

As of the Monday 13th February we will have appointments available Monday through to Friday with after school hours available.

We aim to provide care in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere that is not rushed or stressful.

Our Aim is to help young patients to develop a full set of adult teeth in good health and function.

This comes about through regular brushing using fluoride toothpaste, low sugar diet and regular dental visits to monitor their teeth and detect any early decay.

Pop down and say Hi to the Team Dr Kathleen, Amanda, and Kelsey!

We hope to see you all Soon

Yarra Valley Dental Team J

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**YARRA VALLEY
SOCCER CLUB
REGISTRATION
DAY**

12.02.2017 | 11AM ONWARDS
WICKHAMS ROAD RESERVE
LAUNCHING PLACE

ALL AGES WELCOME. JUNIORS, WOMEN & MEN
PROSPECTIVE COACHES ALSO WELCOME

SEE YOU THERE!

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