



Building
strong
foundations

Newsletter

'We may be small but we've got it all!'

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We respect and honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders past, present and future.
We acknowledge the stories, traditions and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on this land and commit to building a brighter future together.

TERM 1 CALENDAR 2023

Wednesday 8th, 15th, 22nd Feb & 1st March

No Foundation students.

**Thursday 23rd Feb—Welcome BBQ
4:00—6:00pm @ school.**

**Monday 13th March—Labour Day
Holiday**

**Wed 15th—Fri 17th—NAPLAN for
year 3 & 5**

**March 21st—Harmony Day—Wear a
touch of orange.**

**Thurs 6th April—End of term 1—
Causal dress day—finish at 2.30 pm.**

- ◆ Darraweit Guim Primary School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.
- ◆ Darraweit Guim Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.
- ◆ Darraweit Guim Primary School is committed to providing a child safe environment where ALL students are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.
- ◆ Every person involved in Darraweit Guim Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.



I hope you have enjoyed your break and are relaxed, re-charged and ready to start a new school year. I am delighted to be back and look forward to working closely with this amazing DG PS community again in 2023. Hopefully this year we won't have to face any interruptions and just have a NORMAL year. It's a bright new beginning of another year of learning and laughing. Together we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all of our students.

Each year brings a positive change. I am delighted to welcome back Kyla Strange for the first semester. We said goodbye to Cat Melvaine in 2022 but welcome back Margie Taylor for one day a week, who will teach Auslan and Kitchen Garden.

We start the year with 39 students. Our new foundation students are fabulous and we look forward to watching Scarlett, Amy, Mitchell, Maddie & Leyla learn and grow. We also welcome a new student in year 1, Cameron.

WELCOME BBQ—THURSDAY 23RD FEB

We would like to invite all of our families to join us for a BBQ dinner to socially get together to celebrate a wonderful beginning to the year and to get to connect and reconnect with each other.

DAY/DATE: Thursday 23rd February

TIME: 4.00—6.00pm

VENUE: The pavilion @ DGPS.

SAVE THE DATES:

A few dates coming up to be aware of

- ◆ Anzac Day march—April 25th.
- ◆ School Photos—May 3rd
- ◆ Student free curriculum day—May 5th
- ◆ Year 3-6 camp—May 31st—June 1st.

PARKING:

In order to keep all of our students safe, we ask all parents/carers please reverse park when picking up their children.

STAFF ROLES

Carol BOOKER—Principal

**Simon BOXALL—Year F/1
classroom teacher & Phys. Ed-
ucation teacher.**

**Julie Schier—
Year 2/3/4 & Inclusion leader**

**Kyla Strange
Year 4/5/6 & Art specialist**

**Margie Taylor—
Auslan & Garden-to-Kitchen**

**Karen IVORY (Mon—Wed)
—Education Support Staff.**

**Theresa BUFFONE (Wed—Fri)
—Education Support Staff.**

**Isobel Evans (Tues—Fri) —
Education Support Staff**



GOING ON LEAVE:

As I am having a birthday milestone this year I will be taking two weeks long service leave from Tuesday 7th Feb until Friday 17th Feb. Ms Schier will be acting as principal in my absence.



All our students have settled in beautifully and are already immersed in their learning.

Years 2/3/4, Ms Schier & Isobel



Years 4/5/6 & Mrs Strange



Years F/1 & Mr
Boxall

PARENT INFORMATION

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND

ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;

Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

- Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- Submit an application to the school by the due date.

A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

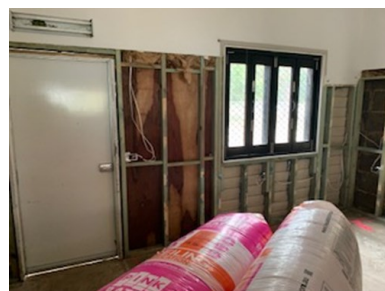
For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (28 January 2022) or term two (26 April 2022).

If you believe you are eligible for the above, please request a form from Sonia (Tues/Wed), complete and return by Monday

Claimants from this school in 2021 do not have to complete new forms for this year.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Here are some photos of the re-instatement of our original buildings. The estimated finish date in mid April. Looks to me like there is a lot of work to do before then!!



PARENT INFORMATION

PRIVACY COLLECTION STATEMENT – PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Information for parents and carers

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian Government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

HOURS OF SUPERVISION

Class times – 9.00am to 3.30pm

Hours of supervision – 8.45am to 3.45pm

IMMUNISATION CERTIFICATES

Please note that students without immunisation certificates (ACIR) will be excluded from school during outbreaks of serious illness/infectious disease cases as prescribed under Regulations 13 and 14 of the Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001 – Schedule 6.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have had any changes to phone numbers (home, mobile & work), places of employment, emergency contacts, or medical information, we ask that you advise the school as soon as possible. Thank you.

SUN SMART

Hats are compulsory during terms 1 & 4.

CLOTHING

Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with the name of current owner.

LOSS OF/DAMAGE TO PERSONAL GOODS

Private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors (such as mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises etc.) is not insured and the Department of Education and Training (school) does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

PAYMENTS/RETURN OF FORMS

Parents are requested to make payments to school by either EFT or BPay. Direct funds transfer (BSB:063-093 A/C: 10000570 or by BPAY (numbers can be advised on request) using details on school issued statements. Statements will be sent out when money is owed to the school if necessary.

If unable to do so, please pay directly to the office.

TEACHERS WILL NOT BE COLLECTING CASH PAYMENTS.

Foreign coins cannot be accepted as they will be refused by the bank. Please check before payment.

Thank you for your co-operation.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

To be eligible for this allowance, students must -

- attend their **nearest** government or non-government school/campus .
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from the **nearest** school/campus .

For any queries, please speak to Jeanette Kalinski.