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strong
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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 2 CALENDAR 2022

Monday 13th June—
Queen's Birthday—NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 15th June—
SCHOOL PHOTOS— CANCELLED

Tuesday 21st June—
Open Night
3.45pm—5.30pm

Wednesday 22nd June—
Reports sent home

Thursday 23rd June -
Sovereign Hill Excursion.
Depart 8am— Return 4.30pm

Thursday 23rd June - End of term 2.

Friday, 24th June — Student Free Day

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS 2022

\$170 per student

SCHOOL PHOTOS—15TH JUNE

CANCELLED UNTIL AUGUST



Declan and Aidan Haine have
become new big brothers

TODAY!

Congratulations to Alysha Haine
and Nick Carpoussis on the safe
arrival of

Jasmine Marianna Carpoussis,
6.20am, Friday June 10th.

- ◆ 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.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Here we are, just two short weeks until the end of term. Our teachers have been busy doing assessments and the semester one reports are almost complete. I am so proud of our students, who have worked hard to improve their skills and knowledge by putting in their best efforts, even though we have continued to face challenges due to the impact of the pandemic. I am particularly looking forward to our presentation afternoon, on Tuesday 21st June between 3.45 and 5.30. Hopefully this will be the start of inviting our parents into our school on a more regular basis. Don't forget you are more than welcome to come to our assemblies at 3.10 pm on Friday afternoon.

Please enjoy an extra sleep-in this weekend.

Carol

'Words of wisdom' – Leave your phone at home and take a stroll. Walk your dog – or someone else's. Apart from health benefits of fresh air and exercise, walking shakes off the cobwebs and clears your mind. Share the bliss of conversing with nature'

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Kitchen Garden:

James- For demonstrating our school value 'Respect' in Kitchen Garden lessons.

Environment:

Evie -For demonstrating our school value 'willing to learn' while participating in the Tiddalick the Frog Activity.

Sport:

Lucas- for enthusiastically participating in all PE activities

Jame

F/1:

Riley – for showing enthusiasm and fixing up sentences by adding capital letters and full stops.

2/3/4:

Theodore—For returning to school with great enthusiasm for learning and demonstrating fantastic skills.

5/6:

Aidan Haine- for caring for his peers in the class and outside.

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

This week in the Junior Class, we have been placing a major focus on fixing up silly sentences. We had a fun brain break where we had to turn our body into different ending punctuation (full stop, punctuation mark and question marks). Students did an awesome job of fixing up some of the silly sentences Miss V wrote on the board.

In maths we have been looking at measuring the length of objects. We've use bear squares to measure things around the classroom and then compare these measurements. We have also compared our class heights by sticking some tape on the wall and standing against it! Mrs. Buffone and Karen also joined in (we let Mrs. Buffone have 2 measurements; one with heels and one without!).

2 more short weeks until the end of term! I hope everyone has a lovely long weekend and comes back ready for school photos and our excursion!

Miss. V

MIDDLE/SENIOR CLASS NEWS

This week in mathematics, the senior class have moved onto geometric reasoning. This involves investigating different angles and degrees, while using a protractor, compass and ruler.

The pictures below depict the Grade 2-6's creating different angled ramps, that their Tech Decks can roll down. The students then have to name the angle and label the degrees.

*Some students even measured the congruent angle.

Mr Boxall



SOVEREIGN HILL EXCURSION—THURSDAY JUNE 23RD

DGPS are lucky enough to have secured an excursion to Sovereign Hill at the end of this term. This is a great opportunity to consolidate the learning the students are doing in Inquiry. Notes went home this week. Please see your child's teacher, Mrs Booker or Mrs Kalinski for more information.

Students will be required to wear school uniform on this day. Students are permitted to bring no more than \$10 pocket money on the day. Junior students will give their money to their group adult.

SOUP DAY—WEDNESDAY JUNE 15TH—LAST ONE!

Soup day was a great success and the minestrone soup was delicious. Next week's soup will be **PUMPKIN**. Students will need to order their soup by Tuesday 14th June and line up at the kitchen window to be served on Wednesday. This will be the last soup day.

Thank you, Kaesha



KITCHEN GARDEN & ENVIRONMENT...

Kitchen Garden:

This week in Kitchen Garden we cooked up a storm! The Junior students made a broad bean and feta panzanella using the broad beans we harvested from the garden last season. The

junior students went outside to pick some rocket leaves from the garden using scissors. I modelled how to correctly harvest the rocket leaves and the students each took turns to harvest. We also used fresh mint from the garden in our yummy salad. Some of the students were brave enough to try feta cheese whilst others were not quite keen. Jakob was a very big fan of the feta cheese. Our cooking word of the week was 'drizzle' as the junior students each practiced drizzling some oil over the salad.

The middle class harvested rhubarb from the garden to make rhubarb and custard ice cream. They did a fabulous job and have been ever so patient waiting for the ice cream to set.

The senior class harvested boy choy and choy sum, which they grew from seed, to make a stir fry with Singapore noodles. It was packed full of fresh veggies and must have been tasty as they ate the whole lot!



Environment:

The junior students learnt about Tiddalick the Frog this week. We spoke about water and why it is so important for all living things. The students worked together to illustrate the story of Tiddalick so we can create our very own classroom book. We also spoke about Dreamtime stories and why they are so significant to Indigenous people.

The grade 3-6 students ventured out on our weekly walk to the creek. The focus of our creek walk was to observe seasonal changes in the local environment. The students noticed that the creek was icy cold this week and used sticks to measure the depth of the water as the creek is much higher than on previous visits. We also practiced stacking rocks and racing pieces of bark down the stream. We were fortunate to have Mr Boxall join us on our creek walk this week.



NAB AFL AUSKICK BURST HAS ARRIVED!

The Auskick Burst program gives kids a taste of Auskick for a fraction of the price.

For just \$55 Auskickers Burst into fun games learning the skills of AFL. They also receive their very own footy!

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Online registrations for three and four-year-old kindergarten in 2023 are now open.

Our kindergartens are places of learning, with educational programs and facilities specifically designed to build your child's skills and confidence. Register online before 30 June 2022: mrrc.vic.gov.au/kinder-rego

For kindergarten enquiries phone 03 5422 0239 or email kinderenrolment@mrrc.vic.gov.au



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SCHOOLS OUT NEWS...

What has been happening at SchoolsOUT?

At SchoolsOUT Darraweit Guim, we are aiming to continually develop emotional regulation, independence and responsibility, and provide more opportunities to harness and explore creativity.

To support our children with this we have been encouraging staff to use different methods to see what works for each child. We are seeing great improvement in emotional regulation as at the start of our program we couldn't get some of the children to even communicate what they were feeling at a particular time. This is a BIG win for these children's wellbeing and will continue to focus on this area.

For responsibility and independence, the children are encouraged to help staff with the SchoolsOUT jobs and to take pride in being apart of the team.

We are loving the children's input about activities they want to explore with creativity and will continue to ask for their input through observations and child feedback.

Our Term 2 Excursion:

Originally, we had planned to do an onsite Tennis clinic but as the children had already just had this in School we decided to reward our growing service with an excursion!

We all had a great time at Hadfield Park this term, focusing on positive relationships with each other. As this excursion was such as HIT we plan to incorporate another excursion/incursion in Term 3.

I have attached some photos to this email of the kids out and about.

Staffing:

The rotation between staff at DWGPS has been between mainly Rach and Luke. We have aiming to keep similar staff so we can focus on embedding routines and strong relationships.

However sometimes with Uni placements and other circumstances we do have to rotate through staff. Other staff on site at DWGPS may be Georgia or our new faces Britany and Darcy.

All our staff come from experienced back grounds and are met with prior to shift to have a de brief in person or on our teams platform. We also like to call and check in on staff to make sure they are feeling supported.

Growth:

We are super proud of the growth at DGPS and will continue to aim for more and more numbers. Rach has dropped off some updated flyers and would love to have these in the prep packs for 2023.

For comparison we can see that in the month of March our total amount of bookings were 117 but in May they are up 122. We will continue to work to boost these numbers and appreciate your support of our program.

Injuries:

Currently we have no injuries to report.

We are always looking and open to feedback so if you have anything of concern or things you are happy with, please don't hesitate to reach out 😊



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING



Why is personal space important?

1. To Show Respect to Others
2. To help others feel comfortable
3. For personal safety



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Personal Space

Too Close Just Right Too Far



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