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# Newsletter

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

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**SCHOOL CLOSED MONDAY 15TH, TUESDAY 16TH AND WEDNESDAY 17TH FEB—DUE TO Covid Lockdown**



## TERM 1, 2021 CALENDAR

Wednesday 17th & 24 Feb —No  
Foundation students.

Tae Kwon Doh Incursion—  
Wednesday 24th February

Friday 19th March -Curriculum Day—  
No students at school—CUST train-  
ing for staff.

End of term 1- Thursday 1st April

## STUDENT AWARDS

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Aidan H—for his wonderful work ethic.

Sienna S—for her fantastic leadership skills in the classroom.

Jacob C—for always contributing to classroom discussion

ART—Katie Harris—for her enthusiasm and great participation in all Art activities.

SPORT—Milli C—for using resilience and winning splat ball.

### KITCHEN/GARDEN

Charly P—for taking turns and being respectful

Paige D—for listening and waiting patiently.



## MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

### PRESIDENT

I would like to welcome our new students and parents. I would also like to welcome our new teachers, Miss Vissariou and Mrs Strange—welcome to our family at Darraweit Guim PS.

We are looking forward to getting to know you all and watching you grow and hope you enjoy many years to come with us.

*Kellie Petersen—School Council President.*

### FAMILY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Thankyou to all of the families and friends that came to our first community event. There is nothing better than a sausage in bread, eaten outside on a warm night. It was fantastic to see everyone chatting and catching up. Its been such a long time since we have been able to come together as a small community and hopefully there will be many more over the year.

Thankyou to our parents who jumped in and helped us to prepare and clean up afterwards.

### TAE KWON DOH INCURSION

On Wednesday 24th February, we have organised for our students to get involved in a Tae Kwon Doh session at school. The session will be lead by Rebecca, who is a qualified instructor who has achieved black belt status.

Tae Kwon Doh is a martial art which is well known for its benefits to both the body and mind. As well as the sporting and self-defence aspects, there is also an exercise element, which improves balance, flexibility, stamina, strength and posture. It is also known to benefit mental health through increased confidence, improved self-esteem, focus and concentration and self discipline.

Our intention is to talk about self-esteem and confidence and respecting each other through this energetic and fun 50 minute session.

**The COST of this excursion is \$3.00 per student.**

***GOOD LUCK TO OUR TENNIS TEAM, who will be representing our school at Kyneton next week.***

## TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE: (TLI)

The Victorian government have invested \$250 million into government school to implement a Tutor program which allows us to engage qualified teachers to work with small groups of students and support their learning. The students targeted are those who may have had their learning progress impacted by the implementation of remote and flexible learning in 2020. Australian and international evidence shows that small group tutoring is one of the most effective educational interventions available to support students to progress their learning.

Our school received \$15000 to support this program. This allows us to employ a tutor for the equivalent to one day per week. Mr Boxall will be running the TLI at DGPS. If you have any question with regard to this program, please contact Simon at school.

## UNIFORMS

Attached to this newsletter is a uniform order form. We will be putting in another uniform order this term. **Please return the order form by February 22nd.**

*Can families who have not yet paid for their uniform order please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.*



## School lockdown

The Victorian government have declared a statewide lockdown as of midnight tonight until midnight on Wednesday night.

Our teachers are madly trying to put pack of student learning activities together for the students to complete whilst we are in lock down next week. A

A hard copy pack will be sent home with each student with activities covering the core areas of Literacy and Numeracy.

## CHC30213 Certificate III in Education Support



### Career - Teacher's Aide

#### THE PROGRAM

This course is ideal for those who enjoy working with children and seeing them grow through educational achievement.

Now more than ever, demand for Teacher's Aides is high in both primary and secondary schools throughout our region. Teacher's Aides assist teachers with the supervision and support of students and the delivery of learning programs.

They also provide support and assistance to students with special needs, including those with physical or intellectual disabilities, or behavioural issues.

#### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Many of The Centre's graduates from this course have been offered employment by the school where they have done their work placement.

There are a range of career opportunities that this nationally accredited qualification will qualify you for including:

- Education Support Worker
- Education Support Officer (ESO)
- Learning Support Officer (LSO)
- Teacher's Aide
- Integration Aide
- Education Assistant
- Language and Literacy Worker
- Tutor

#### COURSE UNITS

Total number of units 17, comprising of 12 core units and 5 elective units.

#### DURATION AND LOCATION

Course duration is two days per week for 26 weeks plus 120 hours of onsite work placement.

Delivered in person at your local hubs of Broadford, Seymour and Wallan with the other locations available by demand.

#### PROGRAM COST

**VTG Funded- \$400  
Concession - \$80  
Fee for Service - \$3,998**

Vocational education and training is a great way to gain new skills and upgrade existing skills.

Government subsidies may be available for eligible students. Please contact The Centre for further clarification regarding fees for this course.

This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to access government subsidised training.



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# Classroom News

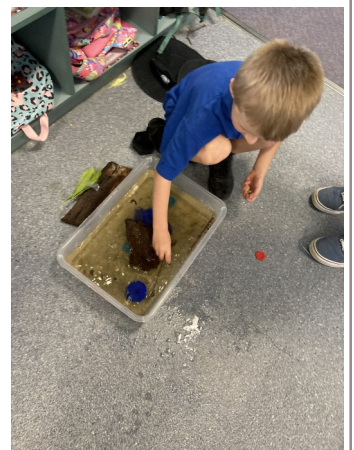
Here are a few of our Foundation students building their name and other words using the mini whiteboards and magnetic letters.



It was great to finally start the 3 classrooms. All students have transitioned well into their classrooms and it's great to see Mrs Strange and Miss Vissariou enjoying their time with the students at Darraweit Guim Primary School.

On Wednesday afternoon, the whole school participated in two maths challenges.

The first was being able to identify how many feet and in the classroom (this was difficult with everyone walking around counting). The second challenge was the 'Titanic Challenge-Stay afloat'- the students needed to create a ship out of a range of different resources, to see if still floats with weights on it (Some did complete the Titanic's maiden voyage unfortunately).



# 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](http://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 (27 January 2020) or term two (19 April 2020).

**If you believe you are eligible for the above, please request a form from Jeanette (Mon/Wed), complete and return by Monday 15th February.**

**Claimants from this school in 2020 do not have to complete new forms for this year.**

## **PAYMENTS/RETURN OF FORMS**

Parents are requested to make payments to school by either EFT or BPay. Direct funds transfer (BSB: 633-000 A/c 157206426) or by BPAY (no's 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.

## **REMINDER - SCHOLASTIC Book Club**

Orders to be online by 19th February.

If you have any questions or queries please contact Jeanette— [Jeanette.Kalinski@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Jeanette.Kalinski@education.vic.gov.au)

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION INFORMATION NIGHT FOR PARENTS**

Parents who have children in grade three or four wishing their children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

There will be an information night on 24<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm at St Patrick's Parish Centre Kilmore.

Please phone the parish office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9.30 – 5pm to book. Phone 57821084.