

Newsletter

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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	 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.
Tuesday 21st June—	 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.
Open Night 3.45pm—5.30pm	 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.
Wednesday 22nd June— Reports sent home	FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Thursday 23rd June - Sovereign Hill Excursion. Depart 8am— Return 4.30pm	A big shout out to Jhett—who broke both bones in his arm yesterday after- noon and had to have surgery to re-align his bones. From all reports he was a very brave young man and has coped
Thursday 23rd June - End of term 2.	really well (Krystal and Shaun on the oth- er hand, not so well)
Friday, 24th June — Student Free Day	SCHOOL WORK EXTRAVAGANZA
PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS 2022 \$170 per student	work on display at our school work ex- travaganza on Tuesday afternoon next week. The students have been working
<u>STUDENTS OF THE WEEK</u> It's a secret!!! These will be presented	really hard on their display pieces and are ready to answer any questions and give explanations if needed. I hope that you are able to come along and enjoy a bite to eat (made in our kitchen-garden program) and enjoy chatting to others.
at next weeks assembly on Tuesday.	<u>THANKYOU</u> As this will be our last newsletter for the term I want to thank our wonderful staff for their efforts in supporting our students learning this term. We have seen great progress in all areas and because our staff all really care. <u>FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER NEXT TERM</u>
My words of wisdom for this week—Be patient-Its worth it	As our inquiry unit next term is based around sustainability and our SRC have put out the challenge to reduce our use of paper. So, next term we will be trialling fortnightly newsletters, then we will reassess at the end of the term. ENROLMENTS
There are dozens of prou- erbs that support the idea of patience being a virtue-for	Enrolments are open for 2023. We have had many tours and currently have five confirmed enrolments—all girls!!. Please promote our little school so we can continue to grow and maintain the great programs that we currently offer.
very good reason. It is a virtue and one worth striv- ing for. Teach yourself to wait awhile.	SOUP DAYS I am so proud and grateful to Kaesha for persuading me to let her organise 'Soup Wednesdays' Kaesha worked out costs, created order forms, collect- ed orders, counted money and best of all, along with a team of helpers, cooked some scrumptious soups over that last four weeks. Thankyou Kaesha and Ms Schier for organising this treat for all of us.
Good things do come to those who wait.	HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND

SOUP DAY-BY KAESHA S

My soup project was really good. The best part was making the soup. The most popular soup was chicken and corn. I discovered that the prices were a bit low and we didn't quite cover our costs. I will chat to Mrs Booker and the rest of the school to see if we do it next term with new soup flavours on the menu.

Thank you everyone who bought soup and helped me with my project.



Kaesha

MIDDLE/SENIOR CLASS NEWS

Over the last few weeks, the Middle and Senior students have been making a huge effort constructing dioramas detailing 'The Events That Shaped Australia'. There are no photos to show this because the students are keeping their work a surprise for our 'Open Night Extravaganza!'

As we get towards the end of the term the Middle and Senior students have been taking the opportunity to 'de-stress' and 'chill out' with some mindfulness yoga. It is really important to take a few minutes and reset the mind and body.



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 dong in Inquiry. Notes went home this week. Please see you 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.

KITCHEN GARDEN & ENVIRONMENT...

Kids teaching Kids Program

The Kids Teaching Kids Program promotes positive wellbeing and helps build resilience in young people. It raises awareness and drives action on local and global environmental issues, bringing communities together to solve common challenges and help the next generation of leaders who will take collective responsibility for our future.

The program aims to

- Increase environmental literacy
- Create connections within communities
- Drive on-ground environmental projects
- Encourage engagement in STEM

We have UP put our hand to present two workshops at this event. Mrs Bryan has been working with a team of our students, who have shown an interest in this area to work alongside her to teach other kids about our yarning circles and connecting to country. This will be challenging for our team but I

think it will also be very rewarding and our students will learn a lot from this experience.



Today the team has worked together to consolidate their final thoughts and develop a plan of action.







ESSENDON OR RMIT



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING



Darraweit Guim Primary School students took part in a smoke cleansing ceremony as part of Uncle Gallagher's visit to the school during National Reconciliation Week.

Teaching the importance of Indigenous culture

DARRAWEIT Primary School students last month participated in a series of traditional Aboriginal activities to learn about Indigenous culture and support in-class learning.

Gunditjmara Aboriginal elder Uncle Trevor Gallagher visited the school, taking students on a creek walk, completing a smoke cleanslng, dancing, singing, and painting with ochre to get students engaged in a traditional Aboriginal yarning circle.

A yarning circle is a type of traditional gathering where participants sit in a circle, often around a fire, to talk and share stories. The idea of the circle is to allow anyone who speaks to be easily seen and heard by everyone in the group.

Teacher Jennifer Bryan said Uncle Trevor's visit would complement the school's own yarning circle.

"He created the yarning circle out at what we call the Magical Tree and talked us through a bit of ceremony and different Aboriginal practices," she said.

"He showed us things like boomerangs, possum skins, and taught us a song about Bunjil the eagle."

The school's yarning circle is being developed as part of its environmental studies program, designed to help develop deep listening skills, knowledge sharing and establishing rules about respectful behaviour.

"The yarning circle project is ongoing and while we're creating it, we want to make sure we're really embedding the Aboriginal culture into the school," Ms Bryan said.

"We got permission last week from the Wurundjeri Council to go ahead with the yarning circle so it'll definitely stick around."

Ms Bryan extended thanks to Uncle Trevor for visiting the school and sharing Aboriginal culture with the students.