



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 2, 2021 CALENDAR

Start of term 3—Monday, 12th July

SOMERS CAMP - Tuesday 13th July—21st July

CURRICULUM DAY—Thurs 23rd July—No students at

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

CONGRATULATIONS TO

F/1 CLASS

Jakob—for being a caring class member and always being willing to help his classmates.

2/3/4 CLASS

Sienna Spall- for her confidence when speaking in front of the school during her inquiry project.

4/5/6 CLASS J

Jaide- For her transformation skills in maths.

STEM

Scientist Award - Isla - For creating very interesting patterns in her milk and food dye creation.

Technology Award - Jude - For completing an amazing report on a natural disaster and creating the 'Shrek Times' newspaper.

Engineering Award - Theodore - For experimenting with different obstacles with playdough for his marble maze.

SPORT

Millie- For scoring so many goals in hockey.

ART

Jakob - for his fantastic Romero Britto inspired 'J'.

As we come to the end of what has been another somewhat challenging term, I would like to offer our collective thanks once again for the support you have given to your children, the staff and the school over recent months. Again this term we were presented with many uncertainties, changes and challenges. As always, we continue to put the students at the heart of every decision and every action we take, and it has never been more important for home and school to work together. Just when we think we can put Covid behind us it pops up again and we are extremely grateful for your continued patience and support.

HAVE A WONDERFUL BREAK—Rest and recharge, stay safe and we look forward to a warmer and fulfilled term 3.

FAREWELL AND THANKYOU

Sadly, yesterday we said farewell to Leigha Clarke, who has been part of our school staff for the past two years. Mrs Clarke has taken up a position at Broadford PS for three days per week and she will be spending the other



two days concentrating on her expanding her own art company. We thank her for her dedication to the school programs, the fantastic relationships that she has built with the students, their families and our staff. We also thank Leigha for painting the bright mural on the front of our sports shed.

SOMERS CAMP

Early next term, all of our year 5 & 6 students will be attending the Somers Camp. This camp aims to inspire optimism and develop in students, consciousness of and care for:

Self - through opportunity and challenge

Others - through building a supportive community

Environment - through engagement with nature and sustainable living



Somers School Camp is a DE&T school, located on the shores of Westernport, 90kms south-east of Melbourne. It has been operating since 1959 and provides a nine day residential camping experience, catering for Year 5 & 6 students in State Government Schools, across Victoria.

The 9 day camp provides opportunities for our students to participate in a program that blends a range of outdoor and environmental education activities, in a safe and secure learning environment.

Mr Boxall will also be attending the camp.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos are due to arrive at school in the first week of term 3.

HAPPY
holidays

CURRICULUM DAY—STUDENT FREE DAY

Thursday 23rd July has been approved by School Council as a student free day. On this day the teachers will be meeting with Sue North—our regions Data Coach. We will be looking at and analysing our school data over the past four years in preparation for our school review, which is scheduled to be conducted in term 4.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

OPENING IN TERM 3

We are so excited to be able to offer a before and after school care beginning next term. We have employed a third party provider 'SCHOOLS OUT' to manage the program (see flyer).

The program will be open every afternoon from 3.30—6.00pm and one or two mornings per week. This will be dependent on the need of the school parents. We recommend that every family registers, even if you do not intend to use the program initially—this will allow you to use the program if you get stuck for any reason and can't make pick up. We would also really appreciate it, if you would consider using the program on a casual basis, just to get us up and going. It would be like a play date for your child! Or they can be involved in specialist activities such as dance or sports clinics when they are offered.

The Schools Out team will be onsite at school in the first week of term 3 to meet our families and to answer any questions or queries.

SCHOOLS OUT!

*Quality Before and
After School Care*

**DARRAWEIT GUIM
PRIMARY SCHOOL!!**

**BOOKINGS OPEN 5TH OF JULY! BOOK IN VIA
WWW.SCHOOLSOUT.NET.AU**

Our team offer a fun, engaging and exciting OSHC program. The kids arrive and plan their session based on their interests.

Our program is designed by passionate, qualified staff with a wide variety of activities that include the interests of all children and encourage children to have fun and learn new skills. We provide a health breakfast and afternoon tea as well as a bottomless fruit bowl.

We operate Monday to Friday
from 7am to 6:30pm.



How to enrol

We use the Kidsoft to manage all enrolments, bookings and payments. Visit our website, click on the IParent Portal button and follow the prompts to create an account.

Step 1: Click [Find a Place]

Step 2: Type the service name "Schoolsout Darraweit"

Step 3: Enter your child's first name, last name, and their date of birth (or select the name of your child using the drop down arrow)

Step 4: Click [Submit]

Step 5: Enter the required details to Finalise the Waiting List Entry and click [Submit].

**For further information please call Jen on
0409 559 279**

**Young Voices of
Macedon**

A community choir
for children
from 5 years

Sing great songs
Learn about voice production and part singing

Perform at concerts, festivals and community events
Make new friends

Thursdays, 4.15 - 5.45 pm
Norma Richardson Hall, Buckland Street, Woodend
yvmacon.org.au

Gisborne & District
Community Bank Branch
Bendigo Bank

STEM ACTIVITY



CLASSROOM NEWS

JUNIOR CLASS

Junior class has been doing all sorts of fun things this past week.

We have been looking at verbs, nouns AND adjectives. We have had a very full-on learning week. Learning lots of new words and how to add these into our writing!

We have also been looking at addition strategies and exploring the different ways that we can make 10. Doing lots of different hands on activities, we have become super confident in our addition abilities!



MIDDLE CLASS

This week, the students in the middle class were given the task to draw a birds-eye view of the classroom, complete with furniture, doors and windows. They then used a variety of measuring tools such as rulers, trundle wheels and measuring tapes to measure the length, width and height of each part of the classroom. The students really enjoyed moving around the classroom to measure each table, wall and chair. There was a huge amount of team-work displayed. Well done Middle class!



SENIOR CLASS



On Thursday, all three teachers had rotations (a fun way to finish the semester). My program was focussed on Reconciliation and NAIDOC week. All students discussed the meaning of NAIDOC week and the history of the First Nation people. Students even located on which Aboriginal land they are on right now- Woi Wurung.



All students were very respectful and created maps using Aboriginal symbols, coloured NAIDOC posters and watched Dreamtime videos.