



Building strong foundations

Newsletter

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

Term 1

Friday 13th February, 2026

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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.

- ◆ 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.



TERM 1 CALENDAR 2026

**Monday 16th February
School Council Nominations Due**

**Monday 16th February
Foundation Parent Information
Meeting
3.30pm-4.00pm**

**Thursday 19th February
Family Picnic
5.00pm-6.00pm**

**Monday 9th March
Labour Day- No school!**

**Wednesday 11th March-Monday
23rd March
NAPLAN**

**Friday 20th March
Harmony Day**

**Tuesday 24th March-Thursday 26th
March
3-way Conferences**

**Thursday 2nd April
School Term Ends**

A Quick Word From The Principal

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

New School Hours

Start Time: 8.50AM
End Time: 3.20PM

School Council Nominations

We've School Council nominations close next Monday, 16 February. Please send in your nomination forms as soon as possible. Our School Council plays an important role in shaping the

School Privacy Policy

<https://www.vic.gov.au/schools-privacy-policy>

Photography Permission Forms

We've received a few incomplete permission forms. Please ensure that you completely fill in the forms as per the instructions - a tick for Yes and an x for No.



Welcome To A Fresh Year Of Learning!

We're delighted to welcome all our returning students and families back to Darraweit Guim Primary School, and we extend a warm hello to the new students and families joining us for the first time. It's been a fantastic start to the year — the weather has been (mostly!) pleasant, and our students have been settling in beautifully.

A special shout-out goes to our Year 6 students, who came up with the wonderful idea to start a *Friendship Club*. It's already proving to be a lovely space where students of all ages can join in activities, make new friends, and help create an inclusive school environment.

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School Council nominations close next Monday, 16 February. Please send in your nomination forms as soon as possible. Our School Council plays an important role in shaping the direction of DGPS, and we encourage all interested parents and carers to get involved.

Photography Permission Forms

We've received a few incomplete photography permission forms. Please ensure your form is filled out completely, following the instructions — a tick for *Yes* and an X for *No*. This helps us keep our records accurate and ensures we respect each family's preferences.

Friday Canteen Helpers Needed

Our Friday canteen continues to be a highlight for students, offering delicious fresh food at recess. A huge thank you to Aisha, our dedicated parent volunteer who keeps everything running smoothly. We are urgently seeking extra helpers to support her each Friday. If you can spare a few hours, please let us know.

Community Involvement

As a close-knit school, we truly value family participation. There are many ways to get involved — from classroom helpers and event organisers to Friday canteen volunteers and School Council members. If you're interested in lending a hand, please chat with our staff. Your support makes a real difference.

Native Plant Donations

We are still looking for native plants to brighten the planter area near our front entrance. Donations of suitable plants would be greatly appreciated and will help us create a welcoming, sustainable space for everyone.

Share Your News

A reminder that our school newsletter is published every fortnight. If you know of any upcoming events or activities that might interest our school community, please send the details our way and we'll do our best to include them.

Northern Health
Foundation

**KILMORE DISTRICT
HOSPITAL
GARDEN PARTY**

1 Anderson St, Kilmore

SUNDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY 2026
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Teddy Bear Hospital
Jumping Castle
Handball Competition
Food Trucks & Coffee Cart
Live Music - Provided by 'A.C.K'
& Northern Health Choir
Craft activities
Devonshire Tea



 **BARRYPLANT**

The Teddy Bear Hospital hopes to provide children with a positive healthcare experience in a fun and interactive way. There will be several fun activities and an 'Operating Theatre' where children are invited to bring along a loved toy that may need some TLC in our sewing room. The Teddy Bear Hospital Entry is \$5, with proceeds going towards the NH foundation.

 **You're invited to our Bush Dance in Lancefield!** 🎵

Come along to connect with others and enjoy a friendly, welcoming night out with a family friendly night of music, laughter, and community engagement.

Enjoy lively entertainment from the fantastic Bushwahzee band. Whether you're ready to hit the dance floor or prefer to sit back and take in the vibe, there's something for everyone.

Bring your own food and drinks (alcohol welcome!) or enjoy a meal at one of Lancefield's great local eateries before you arrive.

This event is proudly sponsored by Lane's End Macedon Ranges, Nutrien Harcourt Kilmore, Lancefield Hotel and Liberty Lancefield.

Date: Saturday, 28 February 2026

Time: 6:00pm - 9:30pm

Venue:

**Laurie Green Pavilion, Lancefield Park, 62 Chauncey St,
Lancefield VIC 3435, Australia**

For tickets, book here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/deepcreek-landcare-bushdance>

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READINESS CLINICS

29 JAN

5 FEB

12 FEB

19 FEB

SESSION INCLUSIONS

RACE STARTS
RACE FINISHES
BASIC STROKE TECHNIQUE
RACE ENDURANCE
RELAY CHANGE OVERS
RACE DAY TIPS

\$20

PER SESSION

SUNBURY AQUATIC
LEISURE CENTRE
OUTDOOR POOL
4:30PM - 5:30PM




PLACES ARE LIMITED

BOOK YOUR PLACE: president@gisbornethunder.org

WEEK 3, TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

Next Week at School'sOUT!

Next Week at SchoolsOUT! is Kindness Week

Some Fun, Engaging Activities in our Program this Week include.....

- Butterfly Gardens
- Friendship Flowers
- Grow a Rainbow Experiment
- Racing Worms Experiment
- Grow a Friendship Crystal
- Gratitude Wall

Term 1 Projects

This Term, School'sOUT! are focusing on being more sustainable within our practice. We are working towards creating more sustainable crafts, reducing our power usage and caring for our school garden.

We love our school community and would love to hear from you if you have ideas on how we can be more sustainable



Theme of the Week Kindness Week



School'sOUT! Clubs

Children's Voice Club



Every Monday in After School Care

Show & Tell Club



Every Tuesday in After School Care

Sports Club



Every Wednesday in Before School Care

Lunchbox Legends



Every Friday in Before School Care

Minecraft Club



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Contact Us

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>

