



Building strong foundations

Newsletter

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

Term 1

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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

**Friday 6th March
Nachos And Noodles Day!**

**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**

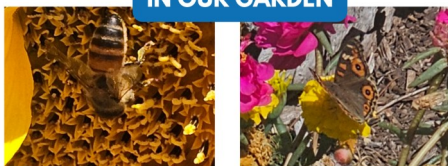
**Thursday 2nd April
School Term Ends**

A Quick Word From The Principal

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



**POLLINATORS
IN OUR GARDEN**



Easter Raffle

Our annual Easter Raffle is just around the corner. Please check the attached poster for all the details. This is a wonderful way to support our School Council and their fundraising efforts.

Announcement: Canteen Day Change

Our weekly school canteen will now move from Fridays to Wednesdays starting next week. Please remind students to bring their lunch orders on Wednesday mornings from next week onwards so they don't miss out.

School Privacy Policy

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

Class Updates



Foundation - Year 1

This week, the F-1 classroom welcomed a group of Spiky Leaf Insects.

Students have been absolutely fascinated, and the insects have sparked some wonderful connections to our current class learning.

We're looking forward to naming them soon and discovering even more about how these unique creatures live, grow, and behave.

It's been a fantastic hands-on way to build curiosity, and we can't wait to see what the students learn next as our new classroom friends settle in.

Middle Class

The Middle Class has started the new school year extremely well and we are already right in the swing of our learning! Students have settled into routines beautifully and are showing a positive and enthusiastic attitude toward their learning.

One of our highlights so far has been persuasive writing. Students have been busy learning how to convince, persuade and share strong opinions — all to persuade Mr Ross about what our class reward should be for the term. The ideas have been creative, thoughtful, and very convincing!

In Inquiry, we have begun learning all about Australia, exploring its features and developing our understanding of the world around us. In Mathematics, students have been working hard on strengthening their addition skills, showing great focus and improvement.

A special shout-out goes to Mitch & Riley, who recently shared their birthdays. Cupcakes were enjoyed by all, and it was a lovely way to celebrate together as a class. We are very proud of the fantastic start the Middle Class has made and are looking forward to a great term ahead!



Class Updates

Senior Class

Halfway through term and we are really digging into our learning. We have already covered recount writing and have moved on to persuasive writing. We like doing this because we get to try to persuade Ms. Schier and Mrs. Booker to do things like build a school pool.

In Maths we have been learning about Place Value looking at large numbers (7 digit) and some decimal places too. We have been doing daily fluency tasks like 'Daily Ten' and dice or card games.

Our Inquiry unit this term is 'Australia and our Asian neighbours.' We have looked at our local Indigenous country and have branched out into our very closest neighbours in Asia.

In Art, we have been studying different types of line and how it can really change the way images look.



Our 5 Goldfish are now really big and doing so well. Jhett (the pet monitor) loves looking after them. Wolfie and Leisl have also been back to school and helping us learn, feel relaxed and give us lots of cuddles.

We also have some cool new pets in our class – Spiny Leaf Insects. They are amazing little creatures who just chill out, munch leaves, poop a lot and moult out of their skin when they need to grow.

Container Deposit Scheme

Student leaders have been diligently monitoring and collecting containers to take to the depot for redeeming. Student have decided that they would like to work towards a Cubby House for the school. PLEASE DONATE ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO SPARE. (No judgement on what they are).



A Word From Mrs Zammit

The start of a new school year is an exciting time, but it can also bring big feelings for some children as they settle back into school routines. Supporting school readiness through simple steps can make a big difference. Take a look at the six tips below to help create a positive and confident start to the term.

Tips to help students adjust back to school

Establish a Consistent Morning Routine

Children feel comforted by predictability. A clear, calm routine before school can help reduce anxiety. A set routine gives children a sense of control and makes the morning less stressful for both of you.



Keep Goodbyes Short and Sweet

Long farewells can make worry worse for both you and your child. Instead, keep your goodbye short and sweet. Reassure them that you'll be back at the end of the day and that they are in good hands.

Give a Special Goodbye Ritual

A consistent goodbye ritual can help your child feel more secure when parting. This could be a special hug, a kiss, a handshake, or even a heartfelt phrase like, "I'll see you after school, I love you!"

Be Calm and Confident

Children are incredibly perceptive. If you feel anxious or sad, your child may mirror those feelings. Keep your goodbyes calm and upbeat. A warm smile and a confident tone can help your child feel more reassured.

Validate Their Feelings

Let them know it's okay to feel sad or scared but remind them that school is a fun and exciting place to be. You could use phrases like, "I know it's hard to say goodbye, but you are so brave."

Encourage Positive Talk About School

Build excitement about school by focusing on the positive things. Talk about their favourite activities and friends, for example.

Here is a helpful resources for families:

Parental as Anything

'Back to School - Tips for Starting School'



Friendship Club

Hello everyone, this is Kiirah Debono, Kelsie Venables and Milli Clear. As you may know, we have started a club called Friendship Club, its set for foundation students to year fours and is ran by the leadership team.

The Club

Friendship Club is for making friends and learning social skills. We do fun activites with Fun Themes that match. Our fun activites include making hearts with letters (which you can see in the office), UFO bookmarks, Silly Games and brain breaks and our Big Festive party in the new art shed.



Times and Days

We do Friendship Club from Monday to Thursday at Lunchtime every fortnight.



Meet the Team

On our team, our Base leaders are Kiirah Debono, Kelsie Venables and Milli Clear . We have had many volunteers along the way like Jhett Spencer, Bianca Attard and Alexis Freestone ,they have helped us so many times so thank you guys. But we have also had Staff help us organise and support the club.



Thank you and Goodbye, sincerely
Your Friendship Club Team





EASTER RAFFLE

For this year's Easter raffle there will be 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes up for grabs!

The raffle will be drawn at assembly on the last day of term 1 (Thursday 2nd of April 2026)

All funds raised will go towards our school's new drinking fountains.

Tickets are \$2 per ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets.

Each family has received a book of 20 tickets. Extra tickets can be picked up at the office if required.

Please have your raffle tickets returned to the office by Wednesday 1st of April 2026.

Thank you for supporting our school!

HAPPY EASTER

SCHOOLS OUT!

NEWSLETTER

Week of September 15 - 19

Term 1 Projects

Here at SchoolsOUT! We are working towards being more sustainable and would love if you could donate any of the following for us to use.

We are currently on the hunt for.....

- Plastic Bottles
- Toilet Paper Rolls
- Cardboard
- Shoe Boxes
- Magazines
- Newspapers

Theme of the Week

Colour Exploration Week



Next Week

Next Week at SchoolsOUT! is
Kindness Week

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

- Truffula Tree Pancakes
- Lorax Fairy Gardens
- Jungle Trail Mix
- Design your own Minecraft Creature
- Rainbow in a Bag
- Bubble Art
- Cut and Paste Collages
- Sushi Art
- Sea Creature Salt Painting
- Coral Reef Dioramas

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

Every Wednesday & Friday in After School Care



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CHANGEMAKERS

MACEDON RANGES

21 MARCH - 4 APRIL 2026

CELEBRATING THE SOLUTIONS

BE PART OF THE SHIRE-WIDE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL

There are over 60+ events to check out, ranging from nature journalling, bike swaps and bike maintenance workshops to sharing secondhand gems at the Reworn Market. Get involved and ignite a positive impact, locally!



Scan the QR or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/changemakers

FILM SCREENINGS: FUTURE COUNCIL

Eight kids exploring climate solutions and inspiring a brighter future.

Malmsbury - 22 March, 6-8pm

Kyneton - 27 March, 7-8.30pm

YOUTH CLIMATE GROUP: CULTURE & CREATIVE HABITATS

Learn painting and storytelling from Djaara artist, Maddy Connors whilst painting your own nestbox for our local wildlife.

Participants receive one free nestbox per household for their own backyards.

Woodend - 28 March, 10-2pm

