

DC WRAP

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Friday, 3rd May 2024



It is hard to believe that we are already 3 weeks in to Term 2, and what a busy 3 weeks it has been with students participating in a range of wonderful learning opportunities within the classroom, school yard and beyond the school gates with range of additional experiences taking place. It is terrific to see and hear our students taking pride in their growth.

Since joining at the beginning of 2023, we have been making a number of changes to our school yard including the concrete painting, new junior school playground and the mural which is being completed as we speak. All of these additions have been carefully designed and chosen to increase student engagement and encourage imaginative play. There is a vast amount of scientific research into the developmental benefits imaginative play has on children not only at school but also at home. This weeks Wrap includes some information regarding those benefits. From a school perspective it is wonderful to see how these features of our yard support students to engage in play, promote co-operation and provide a support for students who may be finding it difficult to find a way to initiate play with their peers.

Education Week is coming up and is a fantastic opportunity for parents and members of the wider community to share the wonderful daily experience of life at DCPS. Please see below a list of what is happening during the week, we are hoping to see lots of families, grandparents, neighbours and friends visit our school.

Monday 13th May- Pupil Free Day with staff focussing on continuing to improve our knowledge and skills around supporting the Wellbeing of all of our students.

Tuesday 14th May- Open Day our classrooms will be open from 9:10-10:50. This is a terrific opportunity to see our classrooms in action and share the learning experiences with your child.

Wednesday 15th May- Annual Report Presentation to the community. This is an opportunity to join me on a Webex meeting where I will share with you the 2023 Annual Report which details the 2023 school year, highlighting some of our successes, growth and areas for improvement which have been identified as a focus area as we move forward. A link too this meeting will be sent out via Compass.

Thursday 16th May- ES Appreciation Day. Our fabulous Education Support Officers are a crucial part of our school community, providing our students, staff and families with daily support in all aspects of school life. This day is an opportunity to show our appreciation for all that they do for DCPS.

Friday 17th May- IDAHOBIT Day. The Grade 6 leaders are very excited to coordinate this event and will be sending out more information to families next week.

WHAT'S ON AT DCPS

Wednesday 8th May
School Photos

Thursday 9th May
Mother's Day Stall

Friday 10th May
Walk to School Day
Grade 1/2
Firefighter visit

Monday 13th May
Curriculum Day

Tuesday 14th May
Open Day 9:10-10:50

Wednesday 15th May
Grade 5/6 Drug
Education Incursion

Thursday 16th May
District Cross Country

Friday 17th May
IDAHOBIT Day

ATTENDANCE

Research tells us that in order for students to thrive at school they need to have strong attendance. If a student misses 5 days a term that equates to 4 weeks a year and over 6mths by the time they finish primary school. Whilst we understand that at times students experience illness or have other life events happening which mean they are unable to attend school it is vital that families and the school work together to increase student attendance. Unfortunately we have a number of students who have already recorded a significant number of absences.

Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools.

Please remember to report your child's absence on the day of the absence through Compass or by calling the school on 9438 1108.



NAIDOC WEEK

Throughout the school year we celebrate a range of events which support our students to develop a greater understanding of the values we have as a school community and a country. Many of these events are focussed on further developing students understanding and awareness of diversity in our community, including cultural and neurodiversity. 7th July- 14th July is NAIDOC Week. In preparation for this event we are inviting all students to participate in a competition which has been organised by Koori Kids.



The aim of the NAIDOC School Initiatives is to give an added tool for teachers providing a greater understanding and awareness on the importance and respect of NAIDOC Week, Indigenous Culture and Reconciliation. The initiatives are open to all primary and secondary school students (both Indigenous & non-Indigenous). Next week students will each receive a competition which is being co-ordinated by Koorie Kids. These entries will need to be named and **returned to the office by Friday 21st June.**

CALM YOUTH

To further support the wellbeing of our students at DCPS, selected 5.6 students are lucky enough to be involved in a CALM Youth program over the next 5 weeks.

CALM is a youth led non-for-profit organisation that seeks to empower children and young people through meaningful tailored engagement programs.

They will be running a 5-week intervention program for a select number of students, Inspiring Purpose Through Passion, aimed at motivating and inspiring young people through real life experiences. This program will provide valuable insights and tools to empower children and foster their personal growth and development, especially in social transitions.



Students will undertake a 5-week program to develop their knowledge around CALM,

- C- Composure
- A- Ambition
- L- Leadership
- M- Mentality

Our students have thoroughly enjoyed these engaging sessions so far.

ENROLMENTS FOR FOUNDATION 2025

We are now accepting enrolments for Foundation 2025. Forms must be submitted by 26th July 2024. Please see the office if you require a form.

YEAR 7 PLACEMENT 2025

A reminder to our Grade 6 families that the Application for Year 7 Placement form is due by 10th May.

What are the benefits of imaginative play?

It fosters creativity by providing a safe space for children to act out scenarios of their choosing, including situations that they may not be able to experience in real life. For example, a 5-year-old who cannot go to a restaurant without her parents can, through imaginative play with her friend, create a pretend tea party they can both enjoy at home. It also gives children opportunities to learn about other people's perspectives, like what Daddy might think when they are playing house.

It promotes physical development in a fun way. Activities such as fitting a doll's arms through her jacket's sleeves are great for hand-eye coordination, as is learning to move and control her hands in different ways. Galloping around on pretend horses helps with gross motor development and coordination.

It provides an opportunity for kids to practice and develop their language and social skills by merely being with and talking to other children.

It boosts the development of problem-solving and self-regulation skills. Imaginative play with peers can create situations in which not everyone gets what they want. For example, when more than one child wants to be King of the castle, the child who does not get what he wants needs to learn how to manage unpleasant emotions for play to continue.

More information on how you can encourage imaginative play at home is available via this link [Imaginative Play Benefits for Kids - Therapy Focus](#)

ANZAC DAY

Last week, Students at DCPS learnt about what ANZAC Day is all about. Thankyou to our student leaders who proudly represented our school community by laying a wreath at the RSL ANZAC Day service.



ANZAC DAY

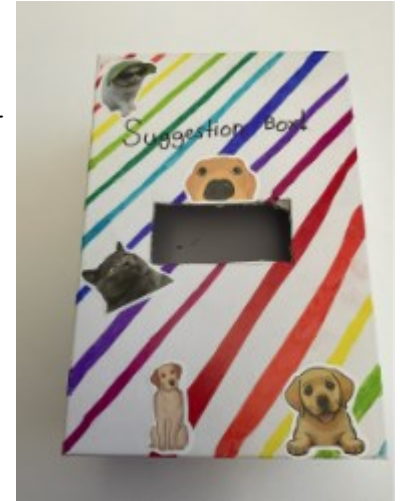


STUDENT VOICE

Our Schools Student Voice

This year the Grade 6 leaders have focused on student voice in our school. DCPS is a collaborative and cooperative school so we want every students' opinion and suggestions on how we can help our school. Student voice is important because it makes kids feel heard at our school and increases their wellbeing and engagement. Our school wants everyone to be happy and make school a safe school. The Grade 6 leaders created a survey for the students of DCPS to find out whether students feel like they have a voice at our school. The grade 6 leadership team is unpacking the data with Mr Pitts and Miss Sageman to help plan our next steps to improve student voice at DCPS.

We have also set up a suggestion box which will be put in the office. It is for students to put any suggestions or ideas of how we could help the school. The suggestion box is open through the whole school time and the grade 6 leaders will appreciate everyone's input.



The suggestion box is NOT for complaints!

By Oscar and partly by Preston



EVERY DAY COUNTS



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ATTENDANCE FACT SHEET FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

School is better when you're here

DO I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL?

Yes, in Victoria everyone aged from 6 – 17 has to go to school.

Missing one day a fortnight is the same as missing 4 whole weeks of school a year.

From Foundation to Year 12 that adds up to 1.5 years of school!

School is better when you attend. Your friends and your teachers notice that you are away and wonder if you are OK.

WHY IS IMPORTANT THAT I GO TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY?

Right now, being at school is the most important thing you need to do for your future. School helps you build good habits for later on in life. You might think school is just about Maths and English but you're also learning about how to work with other people and how to solve problems.

Being at school every day also means you are becoming more independent as a learner and interacting with your friends and teachers. If you are at school you can get help from your teachers and friends and won't have to try to learn things in your own time.

Being an adult probably seems far away but we know that young people who attend school more frequently have better outcomes after school too. This means they earn more money, have better job opportunities and are generally healthier. So being at school really does make a difference!

DO MY PARENTS NEED TO LET THE SCHOOL KNOW IF I'M GOING TO BE AWAY?

Yes. Your parents need to notify the school of your absence as soon as they can within three days of your absence. If they know you are going to be away, they should try to tell the school before the day or days you are away.

If you're away from school too much and don't have a reasonable excuse like a serious illness, your parents might get a letter from the principal asking about why you're away.

ARE THERE ANY GOOD REASONS TO BE AWAY FROM SCHOOL?

No. Unless you are so sick you can't get out of bed or there is an event like a funeral, you should be at school. Every day you are away is a day of classes and social connection you miss out on. Taking a day off for your birthday or go shopping isn't a good reason to miss school.

Even medical and health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays. This includes family holidays. Your parents are encouraged not to plan holidays during the term but to organise these during the school holidays.

EVERY DAY COUNTS



If you do have to be away for some reason, your parents need to contact the school and let them know what's going on. Depending on the situation, the school might provide schoolwork for you to complete.

IF I'M NOT AT SCHOOL WHAT DO I MISS OUT ON?

You miss out on all the big stuff – class discussions and all the interaction that happens in a classroom, the chance to get help from teachers and the opportunity to practice skills and gain knowledge.

Being away means you might miss out on a lot of learning or that you need to catch up in your time.

If all of that isn't enough to convince you to be at school every day, being away also means you also miss out on playing with your friends. Being away from school a lot can be lonely. It has a big impact on relationships and social connections.

Believe it or not, everyone wants you at school and it really is better when you attend.

WHAT IF I'M HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING TO SCHOOL?

Getting to school on time everyday can be about having a good routine.

If you find yourself running late or missing school because you're disorganised, try:

- Asking your parents for help getting ready
- Having a set time to go to bed
- Leaving all technology out of your bedroom
- Packing your school bag the night before with everything you need
- Having a set time for breakfast
- Planning to meet up with a friend so you can travel to school together.

Sometimes, though it can just be hard to go to school.

You might feel overwhelmed by the work or things might be tough with your friends. Maybe you don't feel safe at school or you really dislike a teacher or things at home aren't great. Perhaps you're feeling down or anxious and don't even really know why.

Whatever the situation is, staying away from school isn't the answer. Many people want to help you. Try talking to:

- Your parents or another adult family member
- A trusted teacher
- Wellbeing Coordinator or the school counsellor
- Another trusted adult like your coach

USEFUL WEBSITES/CONTACTS

Kids Matter - www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Youth Beyond Blue -
www.youthbeyondblue.com.au

Headspace - www.headspace.org.au
or e-headspace
www.eheadspace.org.au/ for online
counselling & support

Reach Out – www.reachout.com

Kids helpline - 1800 55 1800 24 hours
a day, 7 days a week or [web
counselling](http://www.kids.counselling.org.au/)

STORY TIME

Diamond Creek Primary School
invites 3 & 4 year old kinder
students to...

Story Time

Term 2 2024

Every second Wednesday afternoon from
3.00–3.30pm in the Prep classrooms.

Wednesday 24th of April

Wednesday 8th of May

Wednesday 22nd of May

Wednesday 5th of June

Wednesday 19th of June

Please enter through school office.

If Wednesday's do not suit your family but you
would like to receive information about future
events for Prep 2025, please
call the school office.

**Diamond Creek
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Enquiries: 9438 1108**



DIAMOND CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL



FOUNDATION 2025



★ **TERM 3 2024** ★ **TRANSITION SESSIONS**

Wednesdays and Thursdays

9:15am -10.00am

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Wednesday July 24th - *Prep Classrooms*

Thursday August 8th - *PE*

Wednesday August 21st - *Art*

Thursday September 5th - *Italian*

Wednesday September 18th - *Prep Classrooms*



**STUDENTS NEED TO BE DROPPED OFF
FOR THESE INDEPENDENT SESSIONS.**

**PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR ANY ENQUIRIES
9438 1108**

CAMP AUSTRALIA

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter

Term 2, 2024

Diamond Creek oshc



Your
OSHC.



A message from your Coordinator

Hi families,

Monday 13 May (Curriculum day): Oshc service will be operating. Please book in if your child will be attending. We have lots of fun activities planned, including birds-in-tree & flying rocket ship crafts, & lots more. Remember to bring lunch, snacks & water. Healthy afternoon tea fruit/vegie platter will be provided.

Tuesday 14 May (Incursion - After care): We are excited to be having Virtual Reality incursion. We will be using headsets to experience & learn about animals, oceans, ancient China, Egypt, environment & lots more interesting fun things! Incursion will also be extended throughout the week at oshc.

Big Art Fridays: We've been doing some amazing craft activities. Great to see many interesting & imaginative art creations!

Looking forward to seeing you soon at OSHC, come along & join in with all the fun activities, games & experiences!



Activities coming up

- Pupil Free Day:
Mon 13th May
7am – 6:15pm
- Incursion:
Virtual Reality
Tue 14th May

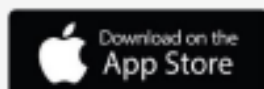
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Insight Series

For Families

Tuesday 14th May, 7.00pm AEST

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and Emotional Health



Keynote Speaker:
Dr Kaylene Henderson

Register



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please contact marketing@campaustralia.com.au
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Save the date

Insight Series

For you

Tuesday 28th May, 11.30am AEST

Harnessing AI for
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Amanda Bickerstaff
CEO of AI in Education



Louka Parry
CEO of the Learning Future

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

TERM 2

8.05.24	SCHOOL PHOTOS FOUNDATION 2025 STORY TIME
9.05.24	MOTHERS AND SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY STALL
10.05.24	WALK TO SCHOOL DAY GRADE 1/2 FIREFIGHTER VISIT DIAMOND ASSEMBLY 2.45pm
13.05.24- 17.05.24	EDUCATION WEEK
13.05.24	CURRICULUM DAY
14.05.24	OPEN DAY
15.05.24	GR 5/6 DRUG EDUCATION EXCURSION
16.05.24	DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
17.05.24	IDAHOBIT DAY
20.05.24- 24.05.24	FOUNDATION—GR 2 SWIMMING WEEK
22.05.24	NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME FOUNDATION 2025 STORYTIME
26.05.24	NATIONAL SORRY DAY
27.05.24- 31.05.24	RECONCILIATION WEEK
3.06.24	MABO DAY
4.06.24	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
5.06.24	FOUNDATION 2025 STORY TIME
6.06.24	HOUSE ATHLETICS
10.06.24	KINGS BIRTHDAY
19.06.24	FOUNDATION 2025 STORY TIME
20.06.24	WORLD REFUGEE DAY
19.06.24- 21.06.24	GR 5/6 CAMP THE RANCH
28.06.24	HPV MOVIE DAY END OF TERM 2 2.30PM FINISH

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

TERM 3

15.07.24	TERM 3 COMMENCES
24.07.24	STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR REHEARSAL FOUNDATION 2025 TRANSITION
30.07.24	100 DAYS OF SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
2.08.24	CURRICULUM DAY
5.08.24- 7.08.24	GR 3/4 CAMP PHILLIP ISLAND
8.08.24	FOUNDATION 2025 TRANSITION
21.08.24	BOOK WEEK AUTHOR VISIT FOUNDATION 2025 TRANSITION
27.08.24	FATHERS AND SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY STALL
28.08.24	STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR REHEARSAL
30.08.24	WEAR IT PURPLE DAY
3.09.24	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
5.09.24	FOUNDATION TRANSITION SESSION
12.09.24- 13.09.24	STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR DRESS REHEARSAL
14.09.24	STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCE
17.09.24	NO SCHOOL- 3 WAY CONFERENCE
20.09.24	FOOTY DAY PFT HOT DOG DAY END OF TERM 3 2.30PM FINISH

TERM 4

7.10.24	TERM 4 COMMENCES
9.10.24	COLOUR FUN RUN
18.10.24	FOUNDATION PEVAN & SARAH CONCERT
28.10.24- 31.10.24	GR 3-6 SWIMMING
4.11.24	CURRICULUM DAY
5.11.24	MELBOURNE CUP DAY
6.11.24	GR 3-6 SWIMMING
8.11.24	FOUNDATION -GR 2 CAMP DAY TBC FOUNDATION BREAKFAST TBC GR 2 SLEPOVER TBC
12.11.24	FOUNDATION 2025 ORIENTATION
19.11.24	FOUNDATION 2025 ORIENTATION
20.11.24	FOUNDATION EDENDALE FARM
20.11.24- 22.11.24	HPV
26.11.24	FOUNDATION 2025 ORIENTATION
3.12.24	FOUNDATION 2025 ORIENTATION
10.12.24	YEAR 7 TRANSITION DAY
12.12.24	GRADE 6 GRADUATION
16.12.24	MEET THE TEACHER
19.12.24	FUNFIELDS EXCURSION
20.12.24	END OF TERM 4 1.30PM FINISH

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- Developing positive relationships

For more information

Please contact Joan Lauricella, Family Support Worker at joan.lauricella@healthability.org.au or phone 9430 9100



When: Wednesdays – 15, 22, 29 May and 5, 12 June 2024

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Where: healthAbility, 917 Main Road Eltham VIC 3095

Cost: \$100 per adult, \$150 couple and \$50 concession

Bookings: Essential via <https://www.trybooking.com/CPWQR> (or scan QR code below)



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If you notice the bin is full, please let the school office know or contact 1300 687 261

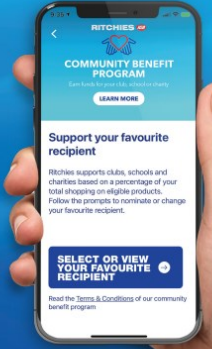


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