

# DC WRAP

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What a busy week it has been with lots of visitors exploring our school to see our classrooms in action. Our school prides itself on supporting students learning and growth in a wide range of ways and this week has been a terrific example of the diverse extra-curricular experiences students at DCPS have. Here are just some of the opportunities our students had this fortnight;

Start of the Winter **Inter School Sport season** with students from Grades 4-6 competing against other local schools each Friday morning.

Students in Grade 5/6 had the opportunity to apply to represent our school in the **Science Talent Search**. Selected students have begun to research their topic and will continue to work on their individual projects until the beginning of next term.

Students from grade 2-6 have the opportunity to participate in the **ICAS Assessments** in a range of subjects, this is a terrific opportunity to strive for academic excellence as they compete against other students from around the world.

A large group of students represented our school at the **District Cross Country**. Not only were these students able to represent our school with pride as they competed against students from other local schools, they were also able to strive for excellence as they focussed on achieving their personal best.

The **HPV team** have been busy preparing for the event as they begin learning about the history and significance of this event in preparation for the scrutineering and presentation aspects of the program.

A group of grade 5 students participated in a leadership program called the **Young Leaders Program** where they had a day of workshops which are designed to develop their leadership skills. These students will be continuing to work together with David Pitts throughout the year as they undertake a student research project focused on improving the experience for students at DCPS.

The rich and diverse extra-curricular experiences continue next fortnight with the F-2 students participating in their swimming program and the Grade 3/4 parents attend a Camp Information Night.

## WHAT'S ON AT DCPS

**MONDAY 26TH MAY**  
NATIONAL SORRY DAY

**MONDAY 26TH-FRIDAY 30TH MAY**  
FOUNDATION GR 1 AND GR 2 SWIMMING

**TUESDAY 27TH MAY – TUESDAY 3RD JUNE**  
RECONCILIATION WEEK

**TUESDAY 3RD JUNE**  
SCHOOL COUNCIL 6.30PM

**WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE**  
FOUNDATION 2026 STORYTIME 3PM

GR 3/4 CAMP MEETING 3.45PM

**THURSDAY 5TH JUNE**  
FIGHT MIND FREE DRESS DAY

**FRIDAY 6TH JUNE**  
CURRICULUM DAY

**MONDAY 9TH JUNE**  
KING'S BIRTHDAY

**WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE**  
HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

**THURSDAY 12TH JUNE**  
GR 3/4 FORCES AND ENERGY INCURSION

**FRIDAY 13TH JUNE**  
DIAMOND ASSEMBLY

### **Victorian Education Excellence Awards**

Diamond Creek Primary School is very fortunate to have an amazing group of teachers and education support staff who go above and beyond every day. Not only are our staff incredibly skilled, knowledgeable and committed to supporting the academic growth of our students but they do all of this whilst nurturing each individual child in terms of their social and emotional learning and wellbeing as well. Parents and community members have the opportunity to acknowledge our wonderful educators by completing a nomination for the Victorian Education Excellence Awards (please add the link). Nominations close at 11:59pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Toilet upgrade announcement**

This weeks State Budget included an announcement that Diamond Creek Primary School will receive funding for our toilets to be refurbished. This announcement is the result of our wonderful School Councillors, both current and past actively advocating for improved facilities for our students and school community. We are excited to begin working with the VSBA to design and build the improved toilet facilities. Thank you to all the members of our school community who have assisted in advocating for this funding including the many letters to local members of parliament. Your support and advocacy for our school is very much appreciated.

### **Deck update**

Our deck project is continuing to progress with the steel structure almost complete. Over the next two weeks we can expect to see the concrete slab to be poured before the balustrade and new roller door can be installed.

### **Uniform reminder**

As the weather is getting chilly please remind your child that they need to be in correct school uniform. This does not include Diamond Creek Football Club merchandise, despite being the same colours or other branded jumpers. It is also a good time to check that all items are labelled to avoid jumpers, etc. being lost in the yard. We have a huge amount of lost property in the multi-purpose room entrance at the moment so if your child has misplaced an item please check there.

### **Toys- leave them at home**

Whilst we love seeing and hearing all about students special interests unfortunately when students bring toys and other special objects to school it often causes disagreements with friends or tears when they get lost or broken. It is for this reason that we ask parents to help us by not allowing students to bring toys from home unless it is their show and tell day, in which case they will be kept in the students' bag or teachers' office for the day.

### **Food bank hampers and breakfast club**

Breakfast Club is up and running at our school and students are loving having access to additional fruit for brain break and recess. This is a terrific initiative to support students. As part of this we also have a range of snacks, bread, etc. available if students need something for recess and/or lunch.

### **Food Bank Hampers**

We are aware that many families are doing it tough at the moment with the cost of living crisis. As part of our Breakfast Club we have hampers available for families in need. These hampers include; frozen bread, long life milk, vegemite, soups, tin spaghetti and more. If you or someone you know would benefit from one of these hampers please contact the office.



# RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

As mentioned in one of our Term 1 DC Wraps, this year we are following a whole-school scope and sequence for Respectful Relationships to ensure consistency across all year levels. In Term 1, students explored **Topic 1: Emotional Literacy** and **Topic 2: Personal Strengths**. This term, Respectful Relationships lessons will continue to build on these foundations, with students engaging in new topics that support their social and emotional development. The topics that we will be covering throughout this term are:

**Topic 3: Positive Coping**

**Topic 4: Problem Solving**

**Topic 5: Stress Management**

More details about each topic can be found on the following page. If you would like further details about Respectful Relationships, please feel free to contact your classroom teacher. Alternatively, you can speak to Rosie Ford, Sarah Kiely or David Pitts or visit the Victorian Government's Respectful Relationships page: <https://www.vic.gov.au/respectful-relationships>

## Topic 3: Positive Coping

Learning activities in this topic provide opportunities for students to identify and discuss different types of coping strategies. When children and young people develop a language around coping, they are more likely to be able to understand and deliberately utilise a range of productive coping strategies and diminish their use of unproductive coping strategies. Students learn to extend their repertoire of coping strategies and benefit from critically reflecting on their own choices and being exposed to alternative options.

Activities introduce students to the concept of self-talk and practice using positive self-talk to approach and manage challenging situations. Positive self-talk is a key strategy for coping with negative thoughts, emotions and events. It is associated with greater persistence in the face of challenge, and can be learnt or strengthened through practice.

## Topic 4: Problem Solving

Problem-solving skills are an important part of the coping repertoire. The classroom program provides a number of learning activities to develop students' problem-solving skills. The activities in the program assist students to develop their critical and creative thinking skills, and to apply them to scenarios exploring personal, social and ethical dilemmas.

## Topic 5: Stress Management

Children and young people experience a range of personal, social and work-related stressors in their everyday lives. Activities within this topic have an explicit focus on teaching positive approaches to stress management. Assisting students to recognise their personal signs and symptoms of stress, and to develop strategies that will help them to deal with stress effectively, will help students cope with future challenges. The activities focus on the ways in which self-calming strategies can be used to manage stressful situations.







# EDUCATION WEEK

2025

We've had a busy and exciting Education Week at Diamond Creek Primary School! On Tuesday we held our Open Afternoon, where friends and family were invited into classrooms to see our students in action.



Our Open Afternoon was a wonderful celebration of our school. Students were excited to show their visitors where they learn and get them involved in different activities.

On Wednesday, students participated in National Simultaneous Storytime. We were one of 16 632 schools involved and we loved reading 'The Truck Cat' all together!





# ***DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY 2025***



Congratulations to all the DCPS students who competed in the District Cross Country on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. You represented our school with pride!  
Congratulations to Kinnon who made it to the next round, the DCPS Community wish you all the best for your next race.

## Kindness Crusaders Term 2

This term our Kindness Crusaders are following the local charity "Big Group Hug". We ask for the generosity of our DCPS community to kindly donate items seen within the flyer. Can all donations please be sent to either Mr B or Mrs Minelli.

Thank you all so much!

**BIG  
GROUP  
HUG**  
CHILDREN'S CHARITY

We're  
supporting

Winter  
Warmers

Keeping kids warm, cozy, and comfy

We're collecting winter clothing for disadvantaged kids (ages 6-16 most needed), including:

- long sleeve shirts
- pants
- jumpers
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- beanies
- scarves
- winter pyjamas
- jackets/coats

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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Learn more!



# WORKING BEE

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**DETAILS TO COME**





Dear Parents & Friends,

The PFT invite you to

# *A day at the Yarra Valley*

Get together a group and join us for a fun day out, full of great sights & tastes!

Your ticket includes – A visit to three separate wineries, including wine tasting and a delicious 2-course lunch, plus transport!  
Pick up & drop off from DCPS.

**Sunday, June 15th, 9.30am – 4.30pm**

Cost pp is \$145

Spots are limited! Secure yours by contacting the office to arrange payment, before May 22nd!



# 2026 PREP READINESS PROGRAM



DIAMOND CREEK  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 2026 PREP READINESS PROGRAM

### ***Term 2- Story Time (3:00-3:30pm)***

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday  
18<sup>th</sup> June



### ***Term 3- Specialists***

#### ***Taster Sessions***



Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July- Art



Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August-  
PE



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
August- Italian



Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>  
September- STEAM

### ***Term 4- Foundation Transition Sessions (9:15-10:45)***

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December



**Book a personalised tour** by calling 9438 1108 or  
emailing [diamond.creek.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:diamond.creek.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

# GARDEN CLUB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Garden Club is a parent-run program held every Friday during lunch time (weather permitting)



With the assistance of many eager students, we plant and maintain the schools wicking beds and gardens.

We are looking for parent volunteers who can assist students with watering, weeding and planting duties.

*For further details please contact Lynne on 0412 893 532*

*\*Current Working With Children Check required*

# IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2025

TERM 2	
26.05.25	NATIONAL SORRY DAY
27.05.25 - 3.06.25	RECONCILIATION WEEK
26.05.025-30.05.25	FOUNDATION- GR 2 SWIMMING
03.06.25	SCHOOL COUNCIL
04.06.25	FOUNDATION 2026 STORY TIME 3PM
05.06.25	FIGHT MND FREE DRESS DAY
06.06.25	CURRICULUM DAY
09.06.25	KING'S BIRTHDAY
11.06.25	HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
12.06.25	GR 3/4 FORCES AND ENERGY INCURSION
13.06.25	DIAMOND ASSEMBLY 2.45PM
14.06.25	WORKING BEE
17.06.25	GR 1/2 SCIENCEWORKS EXCURSION
18.06.25	FOUNDATION 2026 STORY TIME 3PM
25.06.025 – 27.06.25	CAMP WOORABINDA GR 5/6
04.07.25	HPV MOVIE DAY TERM 2 CONCLUDES 2.30pm



# IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2025

<b>21.07.25</b>	<b>TERM 3 COMMENCES</b>
22.07.25	GR 5/6 PUBERTY EDUCATION
29.07.25	GR 5/6 PUBERTY EDUCATION
30.07.25	FOUNDATION 2026 TRANSITION ART 9.15AM
14.08.25	FOUNDATION 2026 TRANSITION PE 9.15AM
15.08.25	CURRICULUM DAY
19.08.25	DISTRICT ATHLETICS
20.08.25 – 22.08.25	ANGAHOOK CAMP GR 3/4
27.08.25	FOUNDATION 2026 TRANSITION ITALIAN 9.15AM
03.09.25	FATHERS AND SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY STALL
08.09.25	SCHOOL CONCERT
11.09.25	FOUNDATION 2026 TRANSITION STEAM 9.15
13.09.25	DIAMOND CREEK TOWN FAIR
16.09.25	PUPIL FREE DAY- 3 WAY CONFERENCES
19.09.25	AFL FOOTY DAY/ PFT HOTDOG LUNCH TERM 3 CONCLUDES 2:30PM

# IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2025

06.10.25	TERM 4 COMMENCES
8.10.25	COLOUR FUN RUN
17.10.25	GR 1/2 CAMP DAY GR 2 SLEEPOVER FOUNDATION PEVAN AND SARAH CONCERT
26.10.25	PFT BUNNINGS BBQ
27.10.25-31.10.25	GR 3/6 SWIMMING
03.11.25	CURRICULUM DAY
04.11.25	MELBOURNE CUP DAY
05.11.25	GR 3/6 SWIMMING
11.11.25	FOUNDATION 2026 TRANSITION
18.11.25	FOUNDATION 2026 TRANSITION
18.11.25 – 21.11.25	HPV ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH
25.11.25	FOUNDATION 2026 TRANSITION
02.12.25	FOUNDATION 2026 TRANSITION
11.12.25	GRADUATION
17.12.25	CAROLS
18.12.25	GRADE 5/6 CELEBRATION DAY
19.12.25	TERM 4 CONCLUDES 1.30PM

## What's On in Term 2

Find out  
more



OSHC  
LEGO®  
Masters  
Week

LEGO MASTERS

May  
12 - 16



Big  
Art  
Comp  
LEGO®  
Masters  
edition

LEGO MASTERS

May June  
16 - 20



World  
Play  
Day

June  
11



Big  
Art  
Fridays

On Fridays,  
we  
pARTy

Every  
Friday



Healthy  
Eating  
Week

June  
9 - 13



Free webinar  
for families

Unplug  
Childhood

with Dr Justin  
Coulson

June  
24



Your  
OSHC.

Before  
and After  
School Care

by  Camp  
Australia

[campaustralia.com.au/back-to-school-term-2](http://campaustralia.com.au/back-to-school-term-2)



## COMMUNITY



Free for rest of Term 2 only

5-15 year olds  
Wednesdays  
Eltham High 6pm

**COME AND JOIN OUR  
UNIFIED KIDS**

**FREE BASKETBALL PROGRAM**  
An inclusive basketball training and game program for neurodivergent and neurotypical athletes.

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[inclusion@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:inclusion@elthamwildcats.net.au)

 **UNIFIED KIDS** 



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Sunday 1 June  
2-4 PM

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Another free volunteer event from  Clean Energy Nillumbik

## COMMUNITY



### Basketball Star Academy Skill Based Weekly Programs Taking Term 2 Enrolments

Age Group: 5-14 YEAR OLDS

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AVAILABLE WHO WANT TO PUSH TO REP

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# COMMUNITY






Did you know the SCR Group's donation bin located in our school car park earns money for the school? Donate your pre-loved clothes, shoes, handbags and accessories and help raise money for our school!

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



## NOMINATE US TODAY

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COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM  
and help us generate extra funds.

## DIAMOND CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL



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