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Newsletter

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Happy Holidays

TERM 2 CALENDAR

Tuesday 18th April – Term 2 commences

Friday 21st April – ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Tuesday 25th April – ANZAC DAY

Monday 1st May – Reading Eggs Parent Forum

Wednesday 3rd May – School Council

Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th May – Grade 3 & Grade 5 NAPLAN

Tuesday 23rd May – Wednesday 31st May – Somers Camp

Wednesday 7th June – Aladdin (Whole school)

Monday 12th June – Public holiday

Wednesday 21st June – School Council

Friday 30th June – End of Term

ACTING PRINCIPAL REPORT

ASSEMBLY MONITOR: BROOKE

END OF TERM

Now that Term 1 draws to a close I would like to commend all of the students and staff on a productive terms work. I have been particularly pleased with students taking responsibility for their learning and making the most of the learning opportunities presented to them in and out of the class. This is most evident during whole school reading at the commencement of the school day where all students are deeply engrossed with their reading. Well done DGPS!

Reflecting back over the term we have most certainly squeezed a lot into 8 weeks. Extra curricular activities have included dancing, computer coding, environmental studies, swimming and a football clinic. The feedback from the majority of students has been the swimming as their highlight.

Looking ahead to Term 2, we have a very busy schedule. Our learning will be primarily based on history corresponding to the school's 150th year. We would love to hear from families that have any old newspaper articles relating to the school, or old classroom pieces of equipment that can contribute to the students learning e.g. Abacus, ink well or even old school clothing. Saturday 16th September has been scheduled for the official celebration of the school's 150th anniversary. Further information relating to the day will be sent home during Term 2. It is also anticipated that our school review will be held in the latter part of Term 2. To ensure the best outcomes for this review, I encourage all families to complete the self evaluation questionnaire and voice your opinion as to, 'What our school does well' and 'What could we do to make our school a better one.' Additional self evaluation forms can be collected from the office.

I look forward to working with you next term. Have a safe and relaxing term break!

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Today brings to a conclusion our 6 session swimming program. Well done to all students on developing their water awareness and swimming skills. The feedback I have received from students, staff and families about the swimming program has been very positive.

LAST DAY OF TERM

School will conclude at 2:30 p.m this Friday. Listed below is a timetable outlining Friday's activities.

12:30-1:15: Lunch

1:30: School assembly: Presentation of swimming certificates.

2:00: Easter Bonnet parade: (Front of admin building)

2:30: School dismissed

INDIVIDUAL LEARNING PLANS

A reminder to all families that the term break is an ideal opportunity to revisit your child's learning plan. A great way to support your child's learning is to visit the local library on a rainy day, help with the shopping or even do some supervised cooking e.g ANZAC cookies.



EASTER RAFFLE

The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Bonnet Parade on Friday.

Ticket stubs and payment are required to be back at school by tomorrow.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL COUNCIL

A reminder to School Councillors that a fund raising meeting will commence this evening at 6:30 p.m followed by the AGM/School Council meeting.

Junior Grade News

Term One in the junior grade has been a big one! Already the Foundation students are learning to recognise and write numbers from 1 to 10, and many of the letters of the alphabet and they are all working hard to learn their sight words. The Grade 1's and 2's have made a fantastic start to the 2017 school year, learning about the concepts of place value, addition, shape and capacity in Mathematics, with a highlight being the chance to create boats and measure their maximum capacity before sinking!

Our literacy focus in grades one and two has been on recognising, writing and re-creating short narratives and nursery rhymes, and on mastering reading strategies such as the 'Chunky Monkey' (which students have become exceptionally good at!). Students have all completed at least two Big Writes, and they have set their own writing goals which they will continue working towards during term 2.

Each child has been tested and allocated a personal level on reading eggs, with it quickly becoming a favourite activity during literacy rotations. Most children are reading every night with many already achieving their certificate for 25 nights reading!

All students thoroughly enjoyed this term's visits from both Western Water and the Essendon Football Club, and most children have had the chance to create monochromatic self-portraits as part of a mural for the coming art show.

Our focus for next term will be on 'the way we were'. To correspond with the school's 150th anniversary celebrations, we will be exploring transport, technology, clothing and education in this unit.

Happy holidays and a safe Easter!



Senior Grade News

It has been a great term in the senior class with all students now used to the expectations and work standard in every lesson. With the set routine throughout every day, I'm finding all students completing vast amounts of works. Well Done Everyone!

A few highlights throughout the term regarding students learning has been the majority of the students reading nightly and filling in their diaries with parents signatures. Thank you very much for your effort at home! It's really making a difference to your child's learning.

All of the student's handwriting skills have improved dramatically with 'Handwriting' being a focus every Monday. Most students are writing in cursive and joining their letters to make their writing neat and legible. Fantastic effort to the students who have received their pen license and are improving every day!

All students are enjoying the hands on approach in Mathematics where they are creating fantastic products. You might have noticed the students 'Pizza' and 'Kite' fractions at the front of the school and in the office. They were able to showcase their knowledge on improper fractions, simplified fractions and transferring fractions into decimals and percentages.

Within class all students are aware of their SMART Learning goals as the majority are making steady progress and enthusiasm to improve on their understanding. All students have their learning goals displayed on their tables so that they know what's expected of them!

During extra curriculum activities the students have been lucky enough to:

- Have been visited by Western Water and learnt about all the sugars in every drink as well as litter in the oceans. All students participated in Western Water classroom activities prior to the Western Water Visit.
- Participate in swimming lessons ran by the Mitchell Shire Leisure Centre in Kilmore. All students enjoyed being in Finding Nemo groups and learning different swimming strokes and learning about swimming safety in their clothes.
- Create their own Easter hats and showing their designs in a musical Easter parade.
- Participate in dancing run by Mrs Nixon, Coding run by Mr Blake and Outdoor Environment.
- Have Mrs Ching come and visit the class and discuss plans for the Garden next term as well as creating a Bee Hive with the students.

Next Term's learning focus will be to educate the students, parents and carers about using Reading Eggs and Mathletics at home and the benefits of the programs for student engagement and progression.

Darraweit Guim Primary School will also be having its 150th Anniversary and all students will find out about the history of Darraweit Guim and what else was happening around the world 150 years ago in 1867.