



Week Ending August 27, 2021

Discovering Doreen

Diary Dates:

TERM 3

Transition Day 2 Preps 2022 Postponed until further notice	30 Aug
Bookfair CANCELLED	8-10 Sept
Grandparent's Day CANCELLED	14 Sept
Werribee Zoo Excursion P-6 Postponed until further notice	16 Sep
Last Day of Term 3	17 Sept

Dates are subject to change

TERM DATES 2021:

Term 3

12 July—17 Sept

Term 4

4 Oct—17 Dec

TERM DATES 2022:

Term 1

Teachers start (28 Jan)

Students start

31 Jan—8 April

Term 2

26 April—24 June

From Glenn

Greetings everyone, I hope you are all doing as well as you can. These are challenging times, and it is OK not to be feeling too great, I think it now becomes a matter of what you do about it. There are some good things happening, the hard part is to recognise that. I am starting to return to using "what went well today" and that tends to start things looking at the positives. Even if it seems like there are few to talk about, it helps to begin in that frame of mind.

Thank-you to parents using our **Onsite Learning for getting their Essential and Authorised Workers Permits**, they are the only people we are obliged to provide onsite supervision for, besides children who are at risk. Please make sure onsite supervision applications are in by COB on Fridays before the following week.

Lots of changes to **ZOOM** meetings with smaller groups, one on ones with aides and teachers, and our Specialist ZOOMs at 2.30 each afternoon. We will run them for 2 weeks and see whether they are effective and ask for your feedback. This is new and not often done elsewhere. We are trying these rather than a YouTube Clip as there is some interaction between teacher and students.

Remote Learning Booklets are being developed as we get your feedback, they are starting to get VERY big. Teachers have explained that children should simply do their best and if they don't get to things in a week because it is too much, leave it. For some lots is required, for some not so much. On the website in each grade's folder there are links to maths and language activities that are fun and very engaging for children. You might like to try those for a break from booklets. The links to FUSE give you engaging and worthwhile activities. PLEASE let your teacher know if you need some help with these. I also have aides who your child can have one on one sessions with. Just ask, I have lots of options to help you out. As time goes on we will try lots of ways to keep the engagement of our students, the activities and strategies take hours to prepare, but staff can be contacted via email if you need ideas or assistance.

Recently "Big Picture" **NAPLAN results** from May this year were announced and Victorian students did extremely well. Despite the Remote Learning and disruptions of 2020, they topped results in Australia. In context, NAPLAN is only one measure and is only grades 3 and 5. Our end of 2020 testing did however show the same trends. Our students scored very well, the vast majority at least where they should have been and many above. This would tend to indicate that with Remote Learning and the last term onsite, our programs were very effective. It appears the same will need to happen again this year and with the improvements we are making, I am confident it will.

We are getting some things done around the school, and I am applying for as many grants as rear their heads at the moment. We had our trees made safe for a Bushfire Preparedness program and now we are cleaning gutters, putting more Gutter guard in, and I am going to get Sprinklers installed on the BER building's Roof. It is our "Safer Place" if we are threatened by Fire.

I am getting some great stories come through with the topic "My Favourite Day at School". There are awards being printed and they will be presented when we get back. I am going to publish as many as I can. They remind us that school is a great place and when we get back, it will return to being just that. I am publishing some in their First Drafts, so you can see the effort that has gone into them. Enjoy!

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THE BEST DAY OF SCHOOL

By Tim Ravoka

Chapter 1. The Start Off

The best day of school I would say was DEFINITELY the 2015 School Bike Ride. I was a little 5-year-old kid with my little white bike, it was a really exciting day for me. Something that made it even more exciting for me was the fact that it happened to be my birthday. All of the grade sixes wished me a happy birthday except for my buddy, I was a little bummed by that, but I didn't really mind. When the bike ride started everything was going fine, until we went down the hill, we were only 1 minute in and I already fell off my bike

Chapter 2. A Bumpy Ride

I fell down the steep pathway and I ended up grazing my knee. It hurt so much but the fun part of it was getting magic puff powder, I got back up on my bike and started riding. As I was going on my bike I kept on falling off of my bike, as I was wondering why I realised that I broke the chain on the bike when I fell over. Mr Hardy tried to fix it but it kept on falling apart. I just decided to leave it that way. About 10 minutes after we arrived at the playground we had recess. I had some apple juice and a ham & cheese roll, also, for some weird reason everyone was ringing their bells. After we finished our recess, we got to play a game of Tiggy on the playground. The playground was a massive wooden playground. After that we got back to riding our bikes. It came up to my least favourite part of the bike ride, for that year at least. It was a big loop on a steep hill. I was panicking intensely, my heart was racing, I was in the middle of the line. The line was going so fast, the faster it was going the more I was panicking. I was so scared that I sneakily went back to the back of the line. "WHAAT..... ITS ALREADY MY GO". I was so worried, luckily Mr Hardy comes in clutch (saved me), he said I can just walk down. I was holding everyone up but at least we all got to watch a tree fall down, the tree was pretty massive as well. 15 minutes later we finally arrived at the farm, we got to touch worms and milk fake cow udders. We also got to watch some random dude shear the sheep. We got to make weird leaf bags, we squished the leaves and got the juice out of them. After that we ate our lunch and of course I ate a sprinkle sandwich because it was my birthday. After we started riding again we FINALLY arrived where we started. My dad was there waiting to greet me with some Chicken Popcorn from KFC. What a wonderful way to end the week.



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My favourite day at school e

My favourite day at school is 100 days party. I was so excited. I wear my 100 day T-shirt that I made. I had my breakfast. Then my mum dropped me and my sister at school. I went in my classroom. When I went inside

(Tasneem) Pre

my classroom it was decorated. We sang 100 days song. We also got our certificate and photos from our Teacher. We had food. Our Teacher gave us a star. After we had food all the kids done activities with buddies. We done every thing

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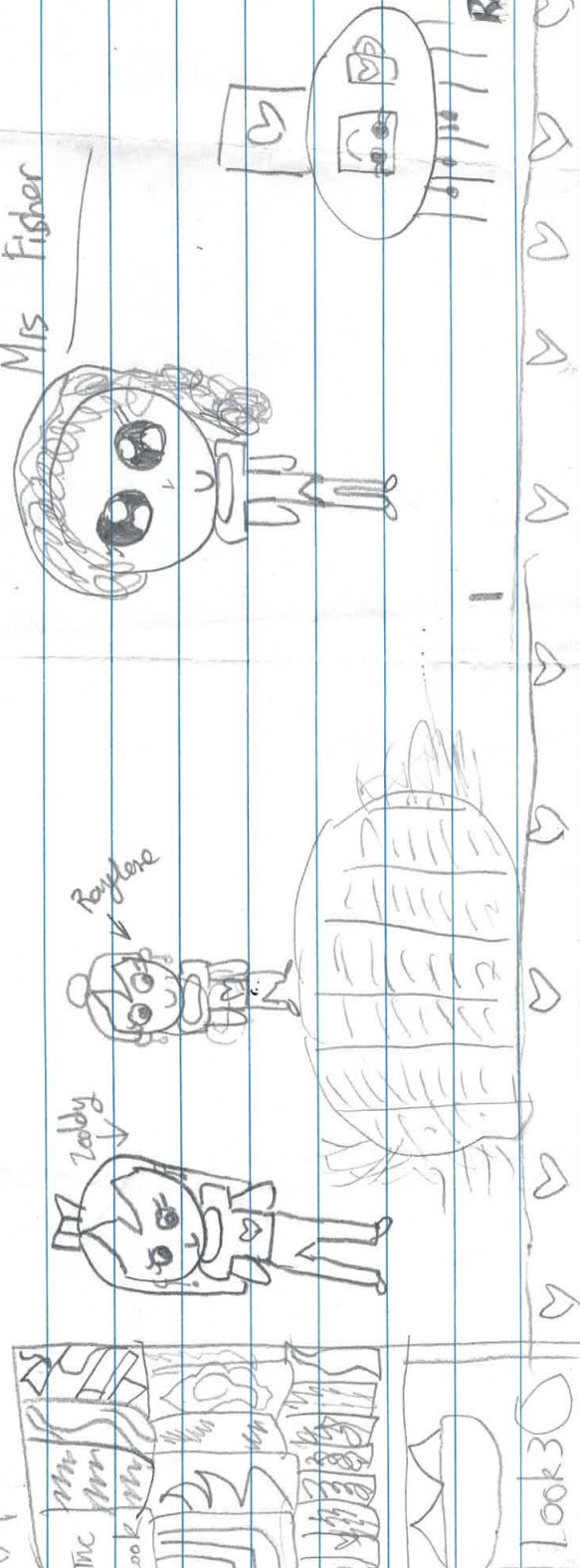
we do every day. I felt happy.

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class - prep



THE BEST DAY OF SCHOOL

My favourite day at school was my first day of grade two because we read a book and we got all our books. I also met my teacher "Miss Fisher", Then I went to play with my friend "Zeddy" we played in our cubby and had fun, we also started a book called fudge and then we went on with super fudge then fudge-ania then we went to misary guts and now we are up to Worry warts I had so much fun on my first day of grade two.





SJ MIND BODY WELLNESS

Women's Small Group Personal Training now open in The Ivy Estate, Doreen!

I am a fellow mum here at DPS and am incredibly passionate about empowering women to feel good in their bodies on a physical and emotional level. I am a personal trainer and mind body eating coach and have been in the wellness industry for over 20 years!

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