

Week Ending September 10, 2021 Discovering Doreen

Diary Dates:

TERM 3

Last Day of Term 3
1.30pm dismissal

17
Sept

Dates are subject to change

TERM DATES 2021:

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

Lots of fantastic things going on in ZOOMs, Remote Booklets and at our Specialist ZOOMs. I must apologise for some of our Specialist ZOOMs being hard to get in to. We are trying to find out why and as usual the answer is "that shouldn't be happening".

I am still getting some BRILLIANT "My Favourite Day at School" stories, they will all get published. We are putting them in as presented and the younger grade efforts show why our writing results are great.

NAPLAN reports are in and available for parents to pick up. I would ask we do a little handover so we can discuss the results. Jenny, Ben or myself can do this. Ring and get a time to get them if you like, Booklet pick-up would work for some. Really pleasing results overall.

We have had **no information regards when our children will re-commence onsite learning**, or indeed how it will work. You are probably aware that Regional schools have returned to on-site learning for years P-2 and year 12. I was once happy to predict, but how and when are now a complete mystery to us all. Obviously high COVID infection rates are not helping the cause of getting our children back to school. I hope you can bear another little survey, as I am going to send one out again via our uEducateUs App to see how Remote Learning is working for you at the moment. We have a huge variety of results but try and respond to as many as we can while still keeping the education and well-being of our students as the driver to what we do. Any problems or issues, please let me/us know, we have lots of options we can swing into play. (Unfortunately having everyone back onsite is not one of them yet.)

Next week is the last week of Term 3 and as per DET Guidelines we finish at 1.30pm on Friday. There WON'T be new booklets to collect but you can drop off your old ones if you wish. PLEASE be aware however that week 10 packs have a small booklet with activities for the first Monday back, Monday 4th October. NO this isn't because I know something but simply as a precaution in case we don't come back in week one. Giving you a day of activities mean children can start the term with activities and yes if we don't come back ZOOM's will be run on the same schedules from Monday 4th October on. If we don't return, full Remote Booklets will be available from 12.00pm on that first Monday back. We will try and keep everything as it is now so there is no confusion. I know that Grade 2 already have activities now as well. I will say again that I know nothing about what is planned and in fact was expecting the Premier to announce his plans for school returns as promised. I am just trying to be prepared in case things don't go as we hope and we all return to start Term 4 as "normal". I will eventually get notification and when I do I will pass it on ASAP. From our point of view we will try and run everything as it is now if Remote Learning continues. I know it is getting harder and from experience I know that the longer we go the harder it is to keep children engaged, but in speaking with other Principals, it is the same across the Melbourne area.

You may have heard media reports about **government schools and fees**. It was stated that everything was going to be free next year, including excursions, camps, sport days, absolutely everything. As usual, media reports take a little bit of truth and then explode their claims to what sells stories. If these claims were the truth, then we would either go broke, or never run excursions, camps, sport days, visiting incursions, anything. As always, fees are voluntary, but as always our fees actually directly pay for books, stationary, art materials, musical instruments, band tuition, sports equipment, computers, ICT equipment and software, photocopying, readers and parts of our Intervention and support programs. Our funding from DET barely touches any of this and there is not one cent in there for computer equipment. Each year I publish a list of what our "fees" go on and you can see they are costs we have to cover, so are something we need to bring your children the best programs and resources we can. This recent change to what schools can do to raise funds to cover basic areas of the program brought in by DET is challenging many schools in their aim to provide the best education they can for their students. I am happy to discuss this with you if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am hoping that parents will still support our school with our Voluntary Fees, as they make it possible to provide what we do for your children.

You may be aware but we were also notified that **we no longer will be classified rural**, so DET will deduct \$75,000 off our budget over the next 4 years. School Council is at present looking to challenge this and will be asking for your support soon. Stay tuned. Timing of these things is always interesting.

As we move further through this pandemic, please be aware of your mental well-being. We often look out for others and we ask if they are OK. Make sure you do the same for yourself. There are other shorter people in your family who depend on you, so make sure you do the things you need to do to stay well. We will all have some bad days during these times and that is OK. Making sure you can move on and up is what you may need some help with. Beyond Blue has many options that can help with this.

Here are two resources for R U OK. You may ask one day and get the answer NO. These will help.

<https://www.ruok.org.au/download-r-u-ok-day-2021-resources>

[Video : 15 Second R U OK?](#)

And for now for some cheery things, have a read of the following Prep stories.

ChildFund
Australia



Heng Raksa—Cambodia

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THE BEST DAY OF SCHOOL



Dante Prep

The best day
of school
was when I met
my friend
Riley for
the first time.
Riley is always
nice to me and
helps me out.
I like when Riley
plays with me.
P.T.O



Cisco - PREP

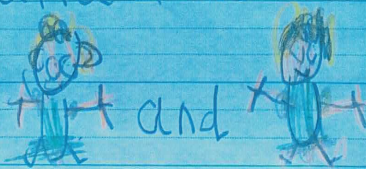
My favourite day of
school is when
I do music with
Mrs Blake. We
play the
drums tap sticks
triangles and
shakers. I like
dancing to the
beat of the song.
It is fun.


Beau Prep

My Favourite Day at
school Ever was when
we celebrated our one
hundred days at
school. I liked it because we
didn't have to wear our
school clothes and we got
to eat Junk food. By
Beau Prep



THE BEST DAY OF SCHOOL

my favourite day at school! ^{JYAH - PREP}
my favourite day at school
was my 100 days. We
got to have a party
and eat lots of party
food. I wore my 100
days t-shirt I made.
there was two 100
year old ladies.
Hatta Ha

Mrs Thomas. Mrs Colistra.

My favourite day
at school is every
Monday, because I
have show and tell.

Text by Lincoln Cechia

HOUSE GROUPS

Week ending 10th September

3rd

4th

1st

2nd



Remote learning

Footy Day at Doreen Primary with **JAYcees**

**Pick up FRIDAY 17TH September from DPS
bottom car park**

**10 % of SALES will be donated to Doreen
Primary School**

Window grazing box

Party Pie

Sausage roll

Cheesy puff hot dog

Milo mousse

Donut

Juice box

Single box \$15 (1 of each item)

Family box \$50 (4 of each item)

Vegetarian available – subs meat products for vege
pastie, cheese spinach roll, arancini rice ball milo
mousse, donut and juice box

Gluten free – 2 GF party pies, arancini rice ball,
chocolate custard, GF cookie and juice box (add \$2
for single, \$6 for family)

Orders must be emailed to dinners@jaycees.com.au
by tues 14th September

Please use your name and school in the subject line

Payment will be bank transfer preferred

Items will be chilled ready to heat and serve



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!

Wide variety of training sessions including Circuits, Boxing and Full Body Toning.

I focus on Mind, Body and overall Wellness for permanent lasting results while making sessions fun to keep you inspired!



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