



Week Ending September 3, 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 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 well. The recent announcements and growing cases of infection in Victoria did not bring welcome news this week and it is OK to feel disappointed. The next step however is what we do about it. It is very important that you balance your lives out at the moment. Out of necessity we are all sitting in front of screens too long at the moment. First step is to make screen time necessary time only and get away from them and out into the “outside world” as much as you can. That is hard to do but a good area to set some goals in. It will also be an opportunity to drag kids out as well and they really do need it. The thing that will definitely suffer during lockdowns - besides belt buckles - is eye-sight. I am sure you are noticing this, so let's get away from screens as much as we can.

We had some BRILLIANT news this week. **NAPLAN results** came in and our students performed brilliantly. It is a testament to our students and their resilience, our staff and their efforts with both Remote and Onsite Learning, and our “Home Teachers”, you parents. Victoria as a state stood out across results in Australia and our children did so even more. It shows if we all work on what is best for our students, we will succeed and most importantly, so do our children.

It is getting **harder to engage children** as the lockdown grows and we will be trying to add this into our planning. We know it is not easy at home, so set goals you can achieve. Reach out if you want some help, ideas or simply to discuss what is happening. I have listed podcasts and resources in previous newsletters (they are still there on the website or in uEdu-cateUs) and am very happy to hear of families who set goals for their children and then have rewards that may involve some time off to exercise or ride a bike or trampoline or chase the dog or.....just allow for some down time.

I was sent a good resource this week by a School Councillor that will come in handy. It is a simple document to help with the area of **Cyber Safety** and dealing with the issues around children being on the Internet. It is written by Andrew Fuller, an esteemed Psychologist, and endorsed by the Department of Education. It is called “Netiquette”, click on the link below.

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Our Lunch provider **Jaycees** have been offering Hampers for Father's Day and more recently Footy Hampers. We get a little bit from the Footy Hampers, but it is really about giving you and your family access to somethings we can't do at the moment (Father's Day stall, Footy Day) and supporting a local business that can't operate at the moment but will be providing Lunch Orders when they can.

School Council was by ZOOM last night and we had a great turn out. Thank you to those who attended. We talked about how we are going and what we are facing and how we hope to move forward. School Council and I am sure everyone in our community, want to make sure we get back onsite as soon as we can and keep offering the experiences and programs our school are renowned for. Fingers crossed.

We have some more “My favourite Day at School” **stories** this week. Abbey from grade six and Siya from grade two. They are brilliant again. Next week I will publish some Prep stories. You should see what our youngest students are producing. Lots of love for the 100 days at school celebration.

Can I ask that parents of **onsite learners pick them up after 3.15pm please**. We have things to complete, rooms to tidy etc. Obviously much earlier is ok, but pickups at 3 o'clock mean that they are in the middle of the specialist ZOOM and don't get to tidy up and pack up their Remote Learning Packs. Thank-you.

You will remember that the Department of Education and Training runs a **Parent Opinion Survey**. Obviously during Lockdown and Remote Learning it goes on the backburner and it has across the state. DET has extended the time period allowed for the Survey, so if you have some time, you might like to give them some feedback. I eventually get the information back here but it is system generated. I am REALLY appreciative of the small feedback surveys I have been doing, they are helping us shape Remote Learning every week. All parents are invited to do the survey and the links are as follows:

Survey link: <https://www.orima.com.au/parent> **Password:** 175 346

Lastly, I hope you all get to enjoy and celebrate some aspect of Father's Day. It is hard at the moment and certainly not the same as a physical visit but the internet has certainly added some options to us being able to stay in contact with our families during a Pandemic. I am watching my grandkids start running, talking, crawling etc, all via a screen. Better than nothing but hard to do a good raspberry.

Links to all the **Zoom meetings** are on the online learning pages of the Website.

Take good care of yourselves.

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THE BEST DAY OF SCHOOL

By Abbey Grade 6

NOTE: THIS IS IN MY PERSPECTIVE, IT'S NOT SET OUT LIKE A RECOUNT

I lay on my couch, staring out the window, watching the soft rain sprinkle from grey, solid clouds. I shiver from the cold that reaches around my body, I don't pay any attention to the chill, excitement and anticipation bubble up in my stomach. This was my last camp for Primary School! It may be sad, but I can't hold back my happiness, better make the most of this! I swivel my head to the clock, almost time! "Abbey, we're leaving now". I stand, feet placed firmly on the carpet, I walk.

I open the car door and jump out, my excitement fading briefly. Shouldn't I be more excited than this? I shake my head, pushing the thought to the back of my mind. I haul my bag out of the car, carefully making sure it doesn't touch the wet, muddy ground. The weight takes me by surprise and the bags handles slip from my fingers. Lucky my mum was there and she scoops it up just as its about to touch the mud. She sighs, I give her an awkward giggle ".....sorry!"

I stand, stiff as I watch the other classes hop into the bus, I see wide smiles spread across their faces. Finally, it's our turn to get on, I give my mum a brief hug before I walk towards the bus. The bus is loud, the sound buzzes against my ear, but who cares about that! I'm too excited for my last camp for Primary School.



THE BEST DAY OF SCHOOL

By Siya Grade 2

My first day of school

On my first day of school, we had a long morning meeting in the classroom. Then we got our books and pencils. Next we chose our seats. Then we did writing in our new writing book. I next had recess, I felt like the school was in a forest and I made some friends, and my grade two teacher's name is Ms Fisher. I think Ms Fisher is the best teacher in the universe!

I LOVE MY
SCHOOL!

by siya
grade 2
d.p.5

HOUSE GROUPS

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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