



Wednesday Wrap

Principal's Report

October 17th 2018

What's on at DCPS

Term 4 is full of fantastic prospects for the children at Diamond Creek Primary School. We have many learning activities, extra-curricular activities and celebrations planned for the term.

We will enjoy the full range of our camping program (after the 5.6 camp earlier in the year) with our years F-4 children working on their outdoor experiences. The Foundation-2 children are having their outdoor activity day, the Foundation children having their breakfast at school, the grade 1s a BBQ dinner and activity evening at school, the grade 2s enjoying their sleepover and the 3.4s (currently) attending camp.

We have our Leadership development and transition program for our 5.6 children, and we also have the Junior Rockers performance night and the Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) event in November. There are special happenings such as the responsible pet ownership, the Indian dancers, the Lego excursion and the Evolve personal development program for particular grades and levels. Then there is our swimming program, the orientation program for the 2019 preps (Foundation) children, the grade 6 Graduation and our Carols night. Graduation is always a very sentimental occasion and one I know the children are very much looking forward to it, with many already well into creating their 'my school years' memorabilia booklets. Therefore, as can be seen – there is SO much to look forward to!

With all this happening and with our busy personal lives in top gear in the lead up to Christmas, it is important for families to remember to give full attention to their term planner and ensure that payments are up to date. Otherwise, some children's participation in these activities may be jeopardised, and we definitely do not want that – we aim to have every child fully involved in the activities on offer. Thanks so much to those families who have paid their planners or who are alternatively making progress payments for these. It would also be advisable to have a close look at our term 4 dates too and mark any significant ones for your family on your home calendar, that way we will suffer no confusion.

As we move into this final term the staff at Diamond Creek Primary School does not slow down, we actually speed up as we not only complete the incredible work of this year but also begin the process of organising for next year. I would ask that if you know of any families who would like to enrol here at Diamond Creek Primary School for next year but have not done so yet, could you give them a gentle reminder or tell me so that I can contact them please? Conversely, if any families are in a situation where work or other reasons will cause a move away from our school I would appreciate notice of that too as soon as possible, as this may impact on what is possible for next year; including grade compositions, staff placement and other organisational matters.

I would like to extend a reminder to parents of an opportunity to share with me the issues you may feel important regarding your child's grade placement for next year. Any requests should be based on educational or social considerations only and not requests for specific teachers or for placement with best friends. The final date for this to be returned to me is next Wednesday October 24th. Please refer to the enclosed notice for more detail.

In closing, we have some (more) wonderful news to share. Mrs Shannon is extending her family and is now expecting her second child. She will not be returning to teach here next year, however will return to us at some time in the future. We wish the Shannon family a safe delivery and a joyous time with their new baby next year.

Hope Your Day's a Diamond...
Helen Micallef

15/10—17/10
3/4 Camp

26/10
F-2 Camp day
Grade 2 sleepover

30/10
First swimming sessions

5/11
Curriculum day

6/11
Melbourne cup day
public holiday

12/11
First foundation 2019
transition session

11/12
Grade 6 graduation

17/12
Carols night at school

21/12
Final day of school for
2018



**Book club to be
returned by
25/10/18**

3.4 Camp

For the past 3 days, our year 3.4 children have enjoyed their camp at Phillip Island. This has been a wonderful experience as the children have enjoyed an adventure-based camp. There are a huge range of interpersonal skills that are heightened due to our camping program; the experience of being away from home, to work independently and as a team, to build confidence and self-esteem, and to take on safe personal risks and challenges as they enjoy the adventure activities. I would like to thank Mr Pitts, Ms Smith, Mrs Finelli, Ms Martin, Ms Pollard and Mrs Gordon for placing our school families before their own families, and giving up three days of their personal time to provide this fabulous experience for the grade 3.4 children; without this willingness on the staff's behalf, camps simply could not happen.

Hats

Even though the weather is still quite up and down, the UV rays can still cause damage. I remind everyone of our Sunsmart policy, which has recently been revised under new recommendations from the Cancer Council, which states that all children are to wear our school hats (as they are officially sunsmart approved) during all outside activities from **mid-August each year until end of April**. Hats are readily available for purchase at the school office. The Diamond Creek Primary School Council has approved this alteration to the policy. Parents are also welcome to ensure their children have applied sunscreen at the beginning of the day and then send sunscreen to school for reapplication. The teachers will allow a few minutes for those with sunscreen to apply in readiness for their lunch break.

School Injuries and Insurance - Reminder

The Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school children. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured children, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable under the normal Medicare system. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund.

There is cover available for parents to seek out. Families can take out their own accident insurance. The Department is aware of two insurers, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd and Willis Australia Ltd. that provide accident insurance policies for children. These policies provide specific benefits for children who are injured in accidents for a reasonably low cost. Other insurers may also do so. Interested parents are encouraged to investigate their own options.

School Review

Every 4 years each Victorian Government School is required to conduct a rigorous and very comprehensive review of its progress. Each school has a guiding and overarching plan - the Strategic Plan, which outlines the strategic intent including what the individualised broad school goals and the key improvement strategies are, for development and school improvement over the course of the 4 years. This Strategic Plan is a document that is carefully constructed (as a result of the school review that goes before), and is approved by the Education Department. At regular intervals, the School Council reviews the school's progress in achieving these goals for the betterment of our students' education and learning opportunities. The process is comprehensive and very thorough and requires a great deal of reflection and documentation. All areas of the school are involved in the school review – teachers, students and parents - and so at some stage this term I will be offering parent forums to seek parent feedback on our children's progress and what our school has done well to accommodate this. Please stay tuned for more information and dates and if you were available, I would love to have you as part of the process.

COMPASS

Over the past term, you have seen some of the many different functions of Compass. We will now be making school events requiring your approval available to you through the Compass portal. There will no longer be paper-based forms sent home. All payments will still be processed through the office for now and eventually we will process payments through Compass.

To access information and permission notes related to school events such as excursions, camps, sports etc. you will need to log-in to the Compass portal.



2019 PLANNING

I would like to extend a reminder to parents of an opportunity to share with me the issues you may feel important regarding your child's grade placement for next year. Any requests should be based on educational or social considerations and not requests for specific teachers—we all know that requesting a particular teacher is definitely not an option.

Helen Micallef

Dress like a farmer day

Diamond Creek Primary School was wonderfully overrun with 'little Farmers' last Thursday for our Farmer dress up day. The students and teachers all looked fantastic in their outfits and we are extremely thankful to all the parents for their efforts and their extremely kind donations towards this cause.

As we know, Australian Farmers are struggling in one of the worst droughts in Australian history. We were able to raise a MASSIVE **\$832.85**, which will go towards buying hay bales to feed animals and food supplies for struggling farmer families.

A special thank you for the Kindness Crusader team and the Junior School Council for their support on the day and for raising awareness for such a worthy cause. Australian Farmers thank you for all your hard work to make this day a success!

A HUGE THANK YOU to **Loan Market** and **Complete Painting and Repair** who kindly donated the sausages and bread for the special BBQ lunch. THANK YOU to Kylie Patten, Karen Jackson, Rick Corti, Jessica Betts and Melanie Armitage who set up, cooked and prepared 300 sausages in bread and packed everything away afterward. Your donations and assistance on this day made it a wonderful success and a special event the students will always remember. We cannot thank you enough!

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STEAM CLUB

LEARN, DESIGN, BUILD & CREATE ESCAPE ROOM CHALLENGE

@ Banyule Nillumbik Tech School
61 Civic Drive Greensborough
Wednesdays from Oct 31 to Dec 5
After School - 3.45 - 5.15pm
Year levels 5, 6 & 7

Do you like creating and solving puzzles & challenges?

Do you like working in teams to bring history, maths & science together?

Then this is the challenge for you!

STEM club is a collaborative learning opportunity for students to get involved in Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) related activities.

Over a six-week block, you will use the concept of an Escape Room to construct a number of puzzles & challenges. In the final week, you'll get to exhibit your puzzles as an escape room experience for other students & their families to play.

You'll be asked to research, design & construct your own puzzles that will sit within a futuristic narrative & become part of an escape room game. Throughout this process you will be required to work collaboratively as a team, think creatively, & use problem solving skills in order to create a puzzle.

Goals:

- Design a puzzle based on the brief
- Develop a design through prototyping to arrive at a working puzzle
- Use basic, everyday materials to create

In groups you'll research, design & build your own puzzles based on historical time periods including the Stone Age, Bronze Age, Ancient Rome, Early Modern & Late Modern eras.

Narrative:

The year is 2253, & the world has advanced far beyond what was thought possible. Technology has developed so far that hover cars, complete virtual reality worlds & self-warming hotdogs are the norm! You are a secret government agent who is part of a team known as the Unseen Time Force Department. You have received a new six-week assignment that is highly challenging & highly dangerous - to travel to different ages throughout time to leave puzzle pieces for future agents to locate in the event of an Artificial Intelligence take over.

Weekly Planner:

- Week 1 Oct 31: Introduction & Inspiration
- Week 2 Nov 7: Research & Planning
- Week 3 Nov 14: Planning & Designing
- Week 4 Nov 21: Designing & Construction
- Week 5 Nov 28: Construction & Testing
- Week 6 Dec 5: Exhibition Escape Room Challenge

Curriculum Links:
 Critical and Creative Thinking, Design and Technologies, English, Geography, History, Mathematics, Personal and Social Capability, Science.

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We know that we sit alongside our parents as we are there when they can't be. Therefore, safe care is the most important pillar in what we do every day. To ensure that we are fully prepared and equipped to give care to the kids, especially to those who have medically diagnosed condition or allergy. We will require our parents to submit fully completed medical forms or if you have submitted the forms previously, you will need to have it updated if there are changes with your child's condition or medication.

The following medical forms is required to help our staffs take better care of your child as per his/her needs;

- Authorisation for Management Plans to be Followed – This form must be completed by the Parent and attached the Medical Management Action Plans provided by their family doctor.
- Medical Authorisation Form – it needs to be submitted and signed by the Parent if his/her child requires medication to be administered while attending the program.
- Medical Management Forms – 1 form should be completed by your Doctor per diagnosed medical condition.

Meet the Team

We're here to make OSHC the best experience possible. If you have any questions about the program, feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens first hand in the program.

Program Details

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campaustralia.com.au

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon,

From the Camp Australia Team

FREE FAMILY FUN & FILM NIGHT

Saturday 20 October

St John's Diamond Creek

From 5pm

Family Fun & Games

Jumping Castle

Sausage Sizzle

6:30pm Movie Begins (90min)

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RSVP by Monday October 15th

St John's Diamond Creek

61 Main St, Diamond Creek

9438 1264 / office@stjohnsdiamondcreek.org.au

Positions Vacant P.F.T.

We would love to have some new PFT members for 2019. Being part of the PFT is a great way to get involved in the school and work with other parents in many fun and exciting ways. The school relies on the success of the PFT and would love for new members to join. Below is a general description of what is involved.

Members:

- Share possible ideas for fundraising
- Organise school social events
- Source donations
- Assist when possible (special lunch, Mothers and Father's Day stalls, Cake raffle etc...) this can be one or more events
- Attend meetings when possible

The PFT assists the school in social relationships and in fund-raising so is definitely a valuable group to be involved in.

If you would like to know more about this amazing opportunity, please see Helen (Principal) or Jennie in the office or talk to one of the current PFT members.

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PFT UPDATE TERM 4

Christmas Photos

24th October

Don't forget to order your photos

Icy poles

\$1 each Thursday lunchtime

Barefoot Bowls

9th November

\$25 per family

tickets on sale in the office

Special lunch

30th November

more details to come

Chocolate Guessing Jar

Winner announced 26th October

\$2 per guess in the office

Silent Auctions

Keep a lookout on Compass to see our amazing auction items...

New items auctioned weekly

Recycling

7th December

Start your spring cleaning now

THIS WEEK ONLY

D.C.P.S
Family Night

Friday 9th Nov
6-8 pm
\$25 per family
Diamond Creek Bowls Club
Recreation Reserve
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Friday 19th October

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Family Name..... Grade
\$25 per family Cash or Credit (please circle)

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Card number: _____ Exp ____ / ____

P.F.T. Silent Auctions

Starting next week PFT has lots of goodies for auction. Bid sheets and auction items will be outside the office. Bids can be placed personally or over the phone (94381108)

Each week the auction will close at 2.30pm on Friday, with the winners announced at assembly.

	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3	Item 4	Item 5
Week 1 Opening 22nd Close 26th	\$375 JD portrait voucher Starting bid: \$50	\$200 Ashmore Palms Voucher Starting bid: \$30	YMCA Vouchers 1 month membership, Family pass to the pool Starting bid: \$30	Brown Rug Value at \$155 Starting bid: \$50	Rock Climbing Value \$60 Starting bid: \$20
Week 2 Opening 29th Close 2nd Nov	Fossick Complete outfit size 14 Value \$85 Starting bid: \$25	Sovereign hill \$ 144 2 adults and up to 4 kids Starting bid: \$40	Pamper Pack' Massage voucher, Hair voucher, Hair products, Wheat bag and more Value \$200 Starting bid: \$40	Local take away voucher See office for more details. Starting bid: \$25	OzTen Pin Value \$70 2 Adults 2 kids 2 games Starting bid: \$20
Week 3 Open 7th Close 9th Nov	Local take away voucher See office for more details. Starting bid: \$25	\$375 JD portrait voucher Starting bid: \$50	Piccolo Coffee 10 x coffee voucher & 2 bags of coffee Value \$50 Starting bid: \$15	Grey Rug Value at \$85 Starting bid: \$40	\$200 Ashmore Palms Voucher Starting bid: \$30
Week 3 9th Nov Barefoot Bowls Night Open 6pm Close 7.30 pm Bowls club	\$900 JD portrait voucher Starting bid: \$75	Skaterz party \$200 10-person party voucher Starting bid: \$40	Fun fields 2 x Adult entries Value \$92 Starting bid: \$35	Gumbya World 2 x Child pass Value \$86 Starting bid: \$25	Phillip island Nature Park 1 adult Value \$60 Starting bid: \$15
	Tin shed voucher \$50 and wine from Nillumbik Cellars Starting bid: \$20	Simply Beautiful Decorations \$100 voucher valued for 12 months Starting bid: \$30	Crimson Coconut \$300 voucher Starting bid: \$30	Ice Skating 2 adults & 2 kids Value \$86 Starting bid: \$30	Puffing Billy 2 adults and up to 4 kids return trip \$114 Starting bid: \$40
Opens 12th Close 16th	Fossick Complete outfit Size 12 Value \$116 Starting bid: \$25	Enchanted Adventure Garden 2 adults & 2 kids Value \$100 Starting bid: \$40	City Pack vouchers MCG tour 2 adults and up to 4 kids \$76 Polly Woodside 1 family pass 2 adults and 2 kids Value \$43 Starting bid: \$40	200 Ashmore Palms Voucher Starting bid: \$30	Tattoo \$200 Starting bid: \$50

What's On

Parenting Seminar

Helping your Anxious Child

It can be difficult being a parent and watching our child struggle with anxiety. Early support can help children learn to understand their anxiety and provide some practical coping strategies to deal with challenging situations.



This practical seminar is suitable for parents with preschool or early primary school aged children who are concerned about their child's anxious behaviour. You will learn helpful ways of responding to and supporting children who experience anxiety.

What is covered?

- Common types of anxiety in children
- Helpful responses to children's anxiety
- What to avoid saying or doing
- Where to go for further help

Where: healthAbility,
917 Main Road, Eltham
When: Monday 3rd December
Time: 7pm sharp (finish 8.45pm)
Cost: \$20 per person (\$10 for health care card holders) or \$30 per couple

Bookings are essential

To book or for more information contact healthAbility on 9430 9100. Seminar will be run by Joan Lauricella Family Support Worker joan.lauricella@healthability.org.au

Parenting Support

Do you have a child under the age of 12 and need support with parenting?



The **Family Support Worker** can assist families in dealing with:

- Tantrums
- Bedtime problems
- Mealtimes difficulties
- Children not following instructions
- Aggression towards parents, siblings and others or
- Other areas of concern

How to access the Family Support Worker

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