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TERM DATES 2017:

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30th Jan—31st March

Term 2
18th Apr—30 June

Term 3
17th July—22 Sept

Term 4
09 Oct—22 Dec

From Glenn....

Lots of smiling faces on Tuesday and this year it wasn’t just the parents smiling! We have hit the ground running, our classrooms were all up and ready for business and staff were just itching to get started. We have many new faces in classrooms, especially the 22 new faces in Prep. Two of those faces are Janette Colistra our new teacher and Linda Thomas our new aide. Linda is working with Grade 2 and Prep this year. Linda has worked at Small Schools in our area for over 20 years, in many roles with many children with many different needs. Please take a little time and say hello.

Some more news on our staff is that Tammy Knight finished up with us last year. Tammy spent 9 years with us working with children in grades, sometimes focussed on individuals and sometimes with small groups. In recent years Tammy worked in our Library and took a leading role in us getting our Library set up and running. Tammy also ran Book Club and Book Fairs. On behalf of our community, I would like to thank her for her work at our school in ensuring children had support and access to the programs and events we run and we all wish her the best in her future.

We are currently awaiting Jan Grant’s availability for a farewell.

Every Victorian school has budget supplied by the Victorian Government to run schools. It is a budget that is designed to run the basic requirements a school needs to provide its programs. Not all programs that schools run are provided for in these budgets. There is no funding for computers for children, nor is there any money for supplies, swimming, library books, Bike Education, ICT programs, musical instrument programs or there may be only partial funding for others. Schools supplement shortfalls with fundraising and school fees. We do this at Doreen but try and keep these fees down as low as we can and focus them on providing supplies or programs. Nothing goes into the “bank” and if we don’t receive fees, we have to take money from other programs. Below is a breakdown of our fees and where the money goes. They can be paid each term or as a whole. In many ways the term “free education” is correct but as is pointed out by government literature that does not include books, computers, excursions, camps, bike education, gymnastic programs, swimming programs, sports programs or bus rides. Any queries, please see me.

To make things easy, we send invoices early and towards the end of each term with accounts for you to settle. We have been getting fantastic responses regards fee payment, as the money used in our school is quite evident.

As with all years, there is a call for nominations to be on School Council. Members are elected onto council for a two year cycle and each year half of our parent members finish their 2 year cycle. There are 8 parent members, so each year there are at least 4 positions up for grabs. Often members re-nominate for a further 2 years, but not always. If in calling for nominations I get more than there are available positions, we hold an election. This is a simple process but takes at least a week to do. It is often not needed. In order to have our new School Council in place by our first meeting on Thursday March 23rd, I will be calling for nominations next week. If you are interested but don’t know what you are in for, contact me and I will give you some information. I have some things I have prepared here and there are websites you can visit. Some parents visit meetings the year before they wish to join, to get an idea of what is going on. We welcome visitors to our meetings. They occur 8-9 times per year.

A notice of election and call for nominations will come home next week. There are self-nomination forms or you can be nominated by others. The nominee must sign the form, no matter which one it is.

Lots of notices and things come home over the school year, please keep an eye out for them. We also stay in contact via this newsletter, our website and a community only Facebook page. The Skoolbag App. is also a very good way to communicate. We cannot function without your support and your feedback. Please let us know if you have issues, concerns or queries. I am available to see you most days but please remember I teach a grade, 4 days a week. I will get back to you, it simply takes a day or two sometimes. The school’s mobile is always on so for urgent issues, let me know via that.

There is a flyer attached that advertises a fitness program being run in the mornings and evenings at school on the basketball court. Check it out and get involved!

PTO

Kim Sokrey—Cambodia
You have probably been reading about the many drowning deaths in Australia and wondering how it can happen if children are being taught to swim. Unfortunately not all schools run swimming programs as they often cost the school money due to the non-attendance of students. We run programs from Prep through to Six at Doreen to ensure our students are safe around water. Our first program begins next week when we take the grade five and sixes to Latrobe University Aquatic Centre. It is mostly deep water and the children will take part in Kayaking, Snorkelling, Water Polo and Rescue and Survival activities. It is both a lot of fun and incredibly enriching for our students as they have a go at things they haven’t before. A note came home this week for the Grade 5 & 6 program. We need those back ASAP as we start next Tuesday. Any queries, please see me.

The Prep - Grade Four Program in November/December is focussed on children learning how to swim and this is about learning about the activities you can do around water SAFELY.

Also on swimming, the Sugarloaf District Swimming Trials are on Friday 12th February at Diamond Creek Pool. They are an invitation event in that it is not for all children. It is for our children who swim regularly in squads or lessons, as the events are 50m races across all the strokes. I will be talking to our grade 4/5/6 children about it this week. They are the grades that may be interested as the age groups are 10yo, 11yo, and 12-13yo.

School Photos Tuesday 14th February— envelopes went home yesterday, please order online asap. If you choose to pay cash please fill an envelope per student as per instructions and send back to school. If you would like sibling photos please also order online but you must do so before 12th February, sibling envelopes are also available from the office if you wish to pay cash.

School Assemblies will be on Friday mornings, hope you can make it occasionally. We do school announcements, birthdays, awards, house points, cleanest room award and the National Anthem. We try and make it an enjoyable experience for all.

Lunch orders start from Monday 6th February, please ensure you use correct price list (sent home on Wednesday). Arrangements for toasties or warmies are as follows:

**REHEATING LUNCHES**

Please ensure any lunches to be reheated or toasted are in an appropriate microwave container with a lid or an enclosed sandwich container. This is for the safety of your child (please be mindful they have to carry lunches back to their classroom).

Some container examples are above and below.

**Newsletters** come home each week on Friday (occasionally Thursday). Please keep an eye on what is in it, it is our major way we communicate with our school community. The newsletter is on the website, you can download the Skoolbag app to your phone (see attachment) and you can also “like” us on Facebook to get notifications!

**Carpark (see Website, Skoolbag for plans)**

Please ensure you enter the carpark via the second entrance coming down the hill past the school, reverse park your car into a park, then exit via opposite entrance to car park. If everyone is patient, follow some simple rules and remember that the safety of our children should be at the forefront of our minds, things will work. PLEASE do not sit in your car and wait for your children, it means they have to negotiate the carpark traffic below windscreen level. Try a later pickup if it’s too busy. At 3.40 the carpark is almost empty. And remember NO U-TURNS out the front of the school. We will be putting some signs up to help you remember the rules.

**Emergencies** - we are on the Bushfire at Risk Register. We are therefore instructed to close on Code Red days. These days are pre-determined, so you will get notification at least a day before if this is to happen. In event of fire, our building is a designated safer place and we will generally stay in place. This meets with CFA approval and makes sense. What are the chances? We have had no fires in our 150 years. Please check out our Emergency Procedure plan on our website.

**Absence Notes**

Please find an absence note form attached to this newsletter. Your child’s teacher requires this to be filled in and sent back to school. You can also access our online absence form on the school website.

**Art Ed**

Please ensure your child has a suitable Art smock (ie covers school uniform, one of dad’s old shirts is ideal) for all Art sessions. Art sessions this term will involve ink.

Suitable footwear is required for Phys Ed sessions, Grade 3 & 5 Phys Ed is on Tuesdays, all other grades is on Thursdays.

**Fundraising Committee**

Shelley Harris is requesting volunteers to become part of the Fundraising Committee. This would include helping out with Hot Dog days, Bunnings BBQ’s, Mother’s/Father’s Day stalls, raffles etc. If you can help out in any way please fill in slip below and return to the office.

I would like to become part of the Fundraising Committee:

Name: ____________________________

Phone Number: ____________________________
VISIT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE
You can download a generic permission note, credit card slips and absence notification forms from our Downloads Page, to register a student absence on our Absence Notification page or update your details on our Change of Details page go to

www. doreenps.vic.edu.au

DOWNLOAD THE DPS SKOOLBAG APP
Notifications on your phone will keep you up to date with what is happening at Doreen Primary you can also fill in online forms for absences and change of personal details to keep us notified

LIKE OUR SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE
You will receive links to an electronic copy of our newsletter

NOTICE BOARD
(LOCATED OUTSIDE THE GRADE 2 ROOM)
- Yarrambat Netball Club new players wanted

HOUSE GROUPS

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Pay your account by Direct Deposit
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**SPECIALIST TIMETABLE—2017**

***JSC—FRIDAY AT 1.00 (T1/3/4) 2.30 (T2)***

**SPECIALISTS—DIANNE KAINÉ JANINE**
Get involved in the School Banking program.

Doreen Primary is excited to again offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. **Online**

2. **In branch**
   Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Wednesday. Each week you need to place your deposit folder into the School Banking bag in your classroom.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)