Discovering Doreen

Kim Sokrey — Cambodia

It has been a pretty short week for students this week. Staff attended a curriculum day on Tuesday where they looked at the State’s Literacy Strategy, dealing with Trauma and Poor Behaviour in the Classroom and Respectful Relationships. Lots of interesting ideas and topics were covered and we have come away with some new ideas and strategies. The day was co-ordinated by NESST (North Eastern Small Schools Team) which is a group of 10 schools who work together to provide professional development, collegiate support for principals, teachers, bursars and aides. We also run the Student Leadership Program in NESST as well and use the network to share resources, sport and even teachers. We started NESST over 20 years ago and it has been really supportive of our schools.

Over the next few weeks we will be featuring a reader of the week from the upper grades and one from the lower grades. They will have a picture, an interview and give us some thoughts on their favourite books. Reading is the key to most things in schooling and reading for enjoyment an important tool in dealing with stress, relaxing and furthering knowledge. I am hoping to feature a few adults as well as we never stop learning, nor should ever stop aiming to.

Ian Hunter’s visit last Friday caused much excitement. With the help of 4 of our parents he created fire at assembly, as well as told us about his ancestors. Ian then took groups for the day, creating music and throwing Boomerangs. It was an engaging and exciting day for all.

The ‘Family Life’ session this week was “that session”. It was covered very well and talked about adults, relationships and consent. It was a very matter of fact approach and covered because we were looking at where we come from. Hopefully we get a good roll up tonight at our Working Bee, it will mean we get lots of things done in the yard to make it a better place for our students to play in.

Next week Book Fair is on, with the fair open for sales after school on Thursday and Friday. The book ‘Dress-up’ day is also Friday. Try and get to assembly to see the great costumes we always get. There is always a “Mystery Guest” too.

The Commonwealth Bank will be here on Thursday. They are presenting a program to children around the idea of saving and in the upper grades, earning money and running businesses. It talks about the value of money and how we should use it. It is a free program and runs for all grades except the preps. As banks are being put under the microscope for not so good behaviour, this is an example of a positive one.

The preps, ones and twos are off to Healesville Sanctuary next Wednesday. I will attend, along with aides and teachers from the grades. Should be a great day with a bus and a few private cars attending. Make sure you read the note for times, dress, snacks, drinks, lunches etc. Sunscreen would be a great idea for the start of the day.

Laurimar Football Club’s President Mr Craig Campbell - ex Doreen parent - has asked if we have any 10yo boys looking for a team. They are short a few in one team. And a big thanks to Craig who dropped us off some turf on Thursday night after school.

We recently sent home medical forms for Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Allergies. It is a legal requirement these are updated by schools each year and we are supposed to deny attendance until they are sent back to us. If this concerns your child, you should have received a form(with a current photo) from us to be updated by your doctor, please get them signed and back to us urgently. Please contact the office if you didn’t receive a form and your child has a medical issue that we are unaware of.

**If you have a child that will be attending Doreen Primary School in 2019 and you have not handed in an enrolment form please do so asap**
Fundraising Committee
Coming up is the Easter raffle, they are asking each family to please donate 1 item. Please see Shelley Harris if you can lend a hand wrapping raffle items. Raffle tickets will be sent home next week. Please send completed ticket stubs back with money in the envelope provided.
Order forms for the Ferguson Plarre Bakehouse-Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser have gone home today. Our school receives commission on each pack of buns sold. If you would like to order please fill in the order form and send back with your payment to office. Cash only please.

Grades 3-6 Camp, don’t forget to hand in your permission forms. Please ensure you fill in all details especially medical forms and hand back to your child’s teacher asap. See the office if you would like to start making payments.

**EASTER RAFFLE**
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