Discovering Doreen

From Glenn....... The term has absolutely rushed by and as usual we have had a multitude of events happening. I am sure you are feeling the same way. So far this term we have had a new school council elected, a student leadership day, a swimming program, district swimming trials, Responsible Pet Ownership, Start Smart, Family Life, a parent information night, an excursion to Healesville Sanctuary, a visit by a Chinese school, a small concert with the school’s orchestra, a visit by a local Wurundjeri Elder, a working bee........oh and of course there has been some teaching going on!

School Council met last night and we had our AGM. I presented an Annual Report, copies of which are available at the office and will soon be on the website. We discussed fees, student results, car parking, future projects and the 150th Anniversary. We had to make a change in date. The new date is Sunday 28th October. PLEASE keep this date free, we are hoping to celebrate Doreen’s history – the first 56 years as Hazelglen PS - and have many visitors. We will plant trees, bury a time capsule and display the Historical Documents we have, along with holding an art show. Our bands will play and we will have a few speeches at the start of the event. We will dig up a few ex school council presidents and members to reach back in their members. We should be able to find a few ex-students as well.

My apologies for the late notice on our dress-up last day of term. It is a Junior School Council activity and they “dropped the ball”. We will do better next time. I have set an expectation that they must let you know three weeks before the end. They will be writing a section of the newsletter next term.

We have been looking at “Australia” as our Theme this term. Some grades will still run it for a week or two next term, then we will move on to Culture. In line with this, we will be taking part in the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Laurimar again this year. We will lay a wreath and our students will read out the names on the Honour Roll for our area. I will also need students to hold the Honour Roll. I will be asking for volunteers for the six positions firstly from the grade six group, then grade 5’s after that if needed. It means getting up for the Dawn Service.... Grade six will be studying the wars and how they have affected our young countries growth. It is a perfect lead in to Culture.

In the first few weeks of next term grade six children and their families will be asked to nominate their secondary schools for 2019. Yes it is early; unfortunately the timeline is driven by the bureaucratic process and not the practical and human side of making such decisions. You will get 3-4 weeks to get forms back to me.

I have attached a flyer for a free parenting course and a contact line for advice. Have look at this; parenting is not something we ever get training for, although we get lots of advice. A course may or may not offer ideas and approaches but it will help you define your ideas and approaches, especially if two of you use the same approach....

Finally, although it has been a whirlwind start to the year, I have watched our new students settle in beautifully. There are always teething problems as children get used to us and we get used to them, but it has been quite smooth. I am pleased parents have felt comfortable enough to raise queries or concerns and I was quite impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment our staff showed at the Parent Information night and during their classroom activities so far this year. We welcomed some new staff members and they have fitted in very well.

Have a safe Easter, and enjoy your children. They are great.
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The Diamond Valley Eagles need your support to take the next step into the SEABL competition. All memberships allow you to enter both SEABL and BIG V home games and offer incredible savings.

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