



# Discovering Doreen

Week Ending November 25, 2022

From Glenn

As we prepare for our concert, I am asking myself what has happened to the year! After the last two years we certainly have managed to bounce back, and we are looking forward to a full program next year. We will have some new facilities – two outdoor classrooms – and in 2023 we will begin our **new build**. We have arranged the building plan so as we will be able to have almost no interruption to our classrooms and programs, the biggest impositions being the Art Room moved over to the JSC room and Phys Ed working out of a container. All grades will stay in their existing classrooms during the build. It will happen in two stages, the first replacing the Art Room with an administration block, then the existing administration block going and 4 classrooms going in along the Northern boundary fence. When I get the final drawings I will send them out. It is very exciting indeed.

We recently appointed **Teesha Irwin** into a long term contract, so I can announce next year's grades now.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES	
Whole School Concert <b>Held here at school</b>	25 Nov
Swimming Prep – Gr 4 28, 29, 30 Nov, 1 Dec & 5, 6, 7, 8 Dec	2 weeks Mon- Thur
<b>Curriculum Day</b>	<b>2 Dec</b>
Panton Hill Music Concert Don't forget to book for dinner	5 Dec
Grade 6 Bike Ride	8 Dec
School Council Dinner 7pm	8 Dec
Whole School Disco	9 Dec
Grade 6 Graduation Dinner	14 Dec
Grade 6 Bowling	15 Dec
Sleepover P-2 <b>See note sent home</b>	
<b>Last Day of Term 4</b>	<b>20 Dec</b>
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> <b>All dates are subject to change.</b> <b>We will notify the school community</b> <b>of any changes as soon as we can.</b>	

Grade	Teacher	Support
Grade Prep - Foundation	Janette Colistra	Linda Thomas
Grade One	Helen Mollard	Linda Thomas, Cinthia Quinn
Grade Two	Karen Fisher	Bernadette Kendall
Grade Three	Jenny Barnes	Kelly Dunt
Grade Four	Teesha Irwin	Cinthia Quinn
Grade Five	Ben Miller	Bernadette Kendall
Grade Six	Janine Green	Kelly Dunt
Art/Tutoring/Mental Wellness	Dianne Zobel	
Music/Tutoring	Rachel Blake	
AUSLAN/ Mental Wellness	Tennielle Aleksovski	
Physical Education	Sara Simmonds	
Principal/ 1 hour in each Classroom	Glenn Simondson	
Intervention/Classroom Support	Cinthia Quinn	
Intervention/Classroom Support	Bernadette Kendall	
Bursar/Office	Lisa Welch, Kelly Dunt	

I am quite excited about next year, I am hoping we get a clear run at programs as we will be more than a year away from COVID Lockdowns, Remote Learning and the illness we experienced this year.

**Tonight's Concert is ready to go.** I have repeated my message I sent out yesterday below. We will be starting at 7.00pm, please try not to be late.

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I attached tonight's Concert Program to yesterday's announcement, and **there will be printed programs when you pay your \$2 tonight.** Below are the arrangements you need to be aware of:

- Seating will be set out when you arrive. We are using our student chairs, but there will be space for "extras" if you wish to bring a fold away chair. Please put your name on them and leave them at the back of the area for those that may need them or set them up at the back.

- Students will all be seated up the front ready to go on stage.
- The stage is raised up off the ground so all seats will be able to see the stage.
- Happy to see people having "picnics", but we need all children seated at the front at 6.45 pm for a 7.00 pm start.
- Some help at the end to put seats back inside would be most appreciated.

These events are great nights, and ALL children are involved. Your support is most appreciated. We are collecting a \$2 entrance fee per person (above 12) to cover our costs - Technicians, etc.

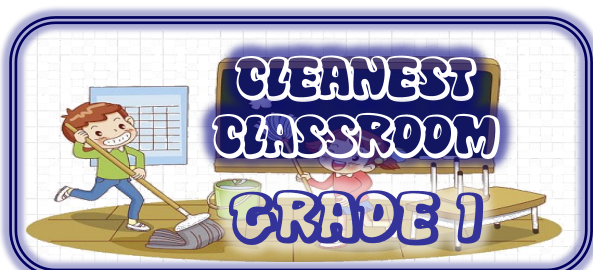
**A HUGE THANK-YOU TO PLENTY NALLEY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FOR THE LOAN OF THEIR STAGE.**

**Next week swimming starts.** We are full steam ahead, and please remember that the pool is heated to take the chill off the water, so it is fine for children to swim in. It is also VERY important to remember that the water children and indeed adults are coming to grief in is not water that is like warm and "pleasant". It is cold water like that in backyard pools, rivers, dams and lakes. The last 3-5 years we have seen far too many drownings, most which could have been prevented with knowledge, swimming/survival skills or just plain common sense. Unfortunately the groups in danger are the very young and the middle age male. We can work with the young, the other group is up to you. Our program talks about being safe around water.

**The Grade Six Bike ride has been moved** to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Notes will come out, and we have been organising support cars, adults and adult riders. Why the focus on Bike Riding at this school? Exercise is something that many of our society do not do a lot of. It enhances BOTH physical and mental wellness, and after the Pandemic, this is a priority. Bike riding is something everyone can do and enjoy, and with the trails around Laurimar, Melbourne and indeed the state of Victoria, it opens up excellent opportunities for great family adventures.

**The visit by the Smile Squad is over now,** I hope you were able to take advantage of this free dental treatment.

**Our School Disco is being held on Friday 9th October.  
Please see attached flyer for more details.**





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## SCHOOL FEES

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer and we value your contributions in supporting our school's programs and resources. Please note that our school only requests contributions for items that we believe add value to the school experience for students. These contributions can be paid direct into our bank account as follows

### PLEASE UPDATE YOUR RECORDS TO OUR NEW BANK ACCOUNT AS PER BELOW

**BSB: 063 000, Account Number: 1413 6683, Account Name: Doreen Primary School Council, Ref: Item & Surname**

Thank you to all families who have contributed to date.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<b>Classroom consumables</b> Including all stationary, textbooks, readers. This also includes items for activities run during the year.	\$100
ICT replacement and programs – Sunshine Books, Maths Plus, and Soundwaves subscriptions	\$60
<b>Program Extras</b> Swimming \$15.00 Life Education \$10.00 Musical Instruments/replacements \$20.00 Sports Equipment \$30.00 Art Supplies \$25.00	\$100
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$20
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Nil	\$0
<b>Total Yearly Amount (Due Now)</b>	<b>\$280.00</b>

Insurance, Fleet & Private Smash Repairs.

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# ★ SCHOOL DISCO ★

## **Friday 9th December**

**Drop off 6.30pm—Pick up 8.30pm**

**\$5.00 entry (cash please)**

**(includes bottle of water, free face painting)**

**FOR SALE ON THE NIGHT:**

- . Popcorn , Glow Bands, Coloured Hair Spray**
- . \$1.00 each**

**Lots of dancing, fun and games**

**Doreen Primary School children only**

**Please place your money and indicate the amount of tickets you require in the attached envelope.  
Tickets will be sent home as soon as payment is received.**