



Week Ending November 19, 2021

Discovering Doreen

Diary Dates:

TERM 4 DATES

Grades P-4 Swimming	23-26 Nov
School Disco	26 Nov
Prep 2022 Transition Full Day 9.00-3.20pm	30 Nov
Grade 6 Bike Ride further details to come	1 Dec
Curriculum Day	6 Dec
Grades P-4 Swimming	7-10 Dec
BBQ Family Night Bands, Choir, Carols	13 Dec
Grade 6 Bowling	15 Dec
Grade 6 Graduation	16 Dec
End of Term 4	17 Dec

PLEASE NOTE:

All dates are dependent on Covid rulings for Term 4 and are subject to change. We will notify the school community of any changes as soon as we can

From Glenn

Greetings everyone, I hope you are well. With the new changes to restrictions, isolation and getting out into the world, we are getting some normality back. Our school yard and classrooms are starting to get back to normal as people start to realise we are all mixing and we need to use those skills to get along with others in large groups. I was at a 'Small School Principal's' meeting yesterday and it seems it is taking children everywhere a little while to settle back down into a normal school routine.

There are a few events coming up over the next few weeks; the first 4 days of **Swimming for the Prep-4's begins next week**; there are a few little fundraisers being run by our Junior School Council; the **school Disco is next Friday night and there is a grade six Bike Ride on Wednesday 1st December.**

The School Disco has happened with a great rush due to restrictions easing, availability of the DJ and nights that were available for us. Apologies for that but we are trying to get as many of our "normal" activities in as we can while still getting our teaching done. There is a flyer in this newsletter that has all of the details for next Friday evening, as well as a link to get tickets from. I will send home another flyer next week with any finer details.

The disco will: -

- take place on the basketball Court
- involve a professional DJ
- Involve all children
- Be supervised by School Council members, some staff and some parents. All have WWC checks and are double vaccinated
- Start at 6.30 and finish by 8.30
- Have a bottle of water included in each ticket cost.

As I mentioned earlier, lots of restrictions are over now, so I can start tours again. We have a few families moving afar, so **a few places have opened up in some grades.** If you know of anyone who may be interested, please let them know, places are being snapped up every day.

Our first 2022 Prep transition day occurred today. 25 eager little people who were a little worried but mainly excited about the beginning of their journey that we feel quite privileged to be a part of. Best part of today was that there were very few tears and this year none in the parent crowd. I think everyone is happy we are getting our children back out into the world.

Don't forget our **Report Writing Day on Monday 6th December.** There will be no staff at school, it is a Pupil Free Day.

I understand the **Year 6-7 transition day** for most Secondary Schools is on Tuesday 7th December. A few of the Independent schools use other days, which I am sure families have been informed of.

School Council last night was fairly well attended, transition and graduation nights at local schools caused a clash. Budgets, recent events and 2022 were things covered, keep an eye on the minutes we publish on the webpage.

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NEW COVID regulations for Schools.

This is an explanation letter regards the changes to Positive COVID 19 cases in schools, and the consequential Personal Close Contacts. It is DET supplied, and quite good. There is quite a bit of change.

Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, some significant changes have been made to how cases of COVID-19 and contacts of cases are managed in schools as we reach the 90% double dose milestone for eligible people in the coming days.

Schools will continue the process of identifying contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 at schools; contacts will no longer be contacted by the Department of Health with quarantine requirements. If your child is identified as a contact the school will contact you directly.

Contacts will be required to complete a standard (PCR) test within 24 hours from when they are identified by the school as a contact.

If the PCR test returns a negative result, the student can immediately return to school, with evidence of the negative result provided to the school.

It is strongly recommended that contacts complete five days of rapid antigen tests in the morning before they attend school.

You will be able to obtain these testing kits from testing centres from Monday 22 November if your child is required to complete a standard PCR test.

Where students are currently in quarantine due to an existing school exposure, they will be able to provide evidence of a negative standard PCR test and return to school following the instructions above.

In exceptional circumstances the Department of Health may determine that contacts in significant school outbreaks are still required to quarantine for seven days. In this scenario, students will be notified directly of any additional quarantine arrangements.

Face masks will now only be required by staff, visitors and Grades 3 to 6 students in an indoor space within a primary school (or schools which have primary students such as P-12 school).

The wearing of masks remains recommended elsewhere where physically distancing cannot be maintained.

As we head into the final few weeks of the school year, please continue to care for yourself and those around you.

Thank you

Glenn.



THE BEST DAY OF SCHOOL

Henley Malpas (grade prep)

My favourite day at school is we get to do lots of learning.

I love 100 days of school we get to have lots of yummy foods and fun.

Mrs Colistra and Mrs

Thomas were dressing up for fun as different old ladies.

I had the best day ever!



DPS DISCO



**FRIDAY 26
NOVEMBER**

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Doreen Primary School
Basketball Court
\$1 popcorn \$1 hairspray
\$1 tattoos
Tickets \$5 includes bottle of water
Please book through link below
<https://www.trybooking.com/BVTKO>

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NOTE: You must book your tickets as above via the Trybooking platform



THANK YOU



To our Doreen Primary School community for the very generous book donations for our library over the last few months!

It has been amazing to receive so many books for our students.

Our library shelves are filling fast and whilst we eagerly await new books to arrive thanks to the fantastic Book Club purchases, we are no longer accepting book donations this year.



Thank you again and Happy Reading!



HOUSE GROUPS
 Week ending 5th November

4th **1st** 3rd 2nd

TERM DATES 2021:
Term 4
 4 Oct—17 Dec

TERM DATES 2022:
Term 1
 Students start
 31 Jan—8 April
 (Teachers start 28 Jan)

Term 2
 26 April—24 June

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GRADE 1