DOREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

Week Ending 20th November 2026



TERM 4	
Bunnings BBQ Helpers needed see overpage	22 Nov
Grade 5/6 Sport Ivanhoe Grammar	27 Nov
REPORT WRITING DAY No students to attend school	30 Nov
Transition Day 4 Prep 2027	3 Dec
School Concert	11 Dec
Grade 6 City Bike Ride	14 Dec
Grade 6 Graduation	16 Dec
Grade 6 Bowling	17 Dec
LAST DAY OF TERM 4 1.30PM DISMISSAL	18 Dec

PLEASE NOTE:
All dates are subject to change.
We will notify the school community of any changes as soon as we can.

From Dave

Our annual Great Doreen Bike Ride was another huge success and one of our smoothest rides yet! A massive thank you to all our parents, carers, staff and community volunteers who contributed to making the day such a success. Many schools are understandably hesitant to undertake activities of this scale due to the potential risks involved. However, with the outstanding support of our school community, thorough planning and strong leadership from our staff, we continue to provide these wonderful opportunities for our students. A big congratulations to all our students for their fantastic efforts, resilience and positive attitudes throughout the day. Another great example of what makes Doreen Primary School so special!

Next Friday, 27 November, our Grade 5/6 students will be heading to Ivanhoe Grammar for a friendly hit-out of soccer and volleyball! Students will have the opportunity to compete in their chosen sport, enjoy some friendly competition and represent Doreen Primary School. Permission forms are now available on Compass. We ask families to complete these as soon as possible to ensure their child can participate.

Mrs Green and I will be completing a trial ride on Monday, following a proposed route from Doreen Primary School to Grill'd at Plenty Valley, South Morang. This ride will replace the four-week Bike Education program traditionally undertaken by our Grade 5/6 students, providing them with an opportunity to put their cycling skills into practice in a real-world setting. If all goes well and we're satisfied with the route and safety arrangements, a permission form will be sent via Compass on Tuesday for our Grade 5/6 students to participate in the ride on Friday, 4 December. Stay tuned for further information! We will also be seeking a few parent volunteers to help make this another safe and enjoyable experience for our students.

After much consideration, Doreen Primary School will be transitioning from Auslan to German as our Language Other Than English (LOTE) subject in 2027. Auslan has been a much-loved program at our school, including by myself, and this has certainly not been an easy decision. Unfortunately, ongoing challenges with funding, cuts from the department and staffing have made it increasingly difficult to sustain the program. Despite our efforts over the past two years, we have been unable to secure a qualified Auslan teacher. We are excited to welcome Mrs Verena Smith, who will be joining us next year and taking on both our German and Physical Education programs in 2027. Verena brings a wealth of teaching experience, and we look forward to the knowledge, enthusiasm and expertise she will bring to our school. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Erica Hawke, who has done an incredible job delivering both Physical Education and Auslan over the past 18 months. Her flexibility, dedication and willingness to support our school wherever needed have been greatly appreciated. We are fortunate that Erica will continue to be part of the Doreen PS community in a casual relief teaching (CRT) capacity. While we are sad to farewell Auslan, we are looking forward to this exciting new chapter, and the opportunities German will provide our students!

A reminder to all families that Monday, 30 November is a student-free Report Writing Day. There will be **NO SCHOOL** for students on this day. Staff will use this time to finalise Semester 2 student reports. Students will return to school as normal on Tuesday, 1 December.

A big thank you to all the families who ordered mangoes and supported our school fundraiser! We greatly appreciate your generosity and ongoing support of Doreen Primary School. Every order helps raise valuable funds for our school, and we hope you enjoy your delicious mangoes

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From Dave Cont....

Work is progressing well in our staff car park, with the concrete slab now poured for our new storage and sports shed! The shed itself is scheduled to be erected next week, marking another exciting improvement to our school facilities. Once completed, the new shed will provide much-needed storage space for our sporting equipment and school resources.

A reminder to all families that our much-anticipated End-of-Year Concert will be held on Friday, 11 December, at the Mill Park Secondary College Performing Arts Centre.
We are looking forward to a fantastic evening celebrating our students' talents, achievements and another wonderful year at Doreen Primary School!
Tickets will go on sale next week, with further information regarding ticket purchases and concert arrangements to be shared shortly.
In preparation for the big night, we have two important rehearsal dates:

- Monday, 7 December – School Rehearsal: Students will participate in a whole-school rehearsal at Doreen Primary School.
- Friday, 11 December – Full Dress Rehearsal: Students will travel to Mill Park Secondary College for our full dress rehearsal during the school day. Permission forms will be sent home via Compass shortly.

We ask all families to ensure their children are at school on both rehearsal days, as these are essential opportunities for students to practise and prepare for the concert.
A reminder regarding concert participation: Our classes have nearly finalised their performances, with students already allocated roles and routines well underway. One of the biggest challenges for staff is when families withdraw their children from the concert at the last minute. This can significantly disrupt performances and require teachers to rearrange routines and roles that students have spent weeks practising. We ask families to please honour their commitment to the concert and, if there are any concerns regarding participation, communicate these with classroom teachers as early as possible.
We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to a fantastic evening celebrating our students!

School Contributions–2026 School Council Approved

2026 School Council approved contributions are now available to pay via the Compass Payments Centre. The contribution amount for 2026 is $265, with no increase from last year. Families may choose to pay the contribution in full or quarterly (each term) via a four-instalment payment plan. Payments can also be made in person at the school office if preferred.
School contributions play an important role in supporting our students and school environment. Funds collected go directly back into student learning resources, classroom programs, and the ongoing maintenance and improvement of our buildings and grounds. We sincerely thank families for their continued support of Doreen Primary School. Feel free to come into the office for support if needed.

Doreen Primary School

Introducing...

German

Our New LOTE Subject!



We are excited to announce that **German** will be our new Language Other Than English (LOTE) at Doreen Primary School, commencing in **2027!**

Guten Tag!



1 × 45–60 minute session a week

Commencing at Doreen Primary School in **2027!**





ZOOPER DOOPERS

ON SALE AT LUNCHTIME 1:40PM

$1.00 EACH

EVERY FRIDAY IN TERM 4

FUNDRAISER ORGANISED BY GRADE 6

