DOREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

Week Ending 13th November 2026

From Dave

The Great Doreen Bike Ride is here! After weeks of preparation, we are excited to be heading off on another fantastic adventure tomorrow, Friday 13th November! We are keeping our fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us and that we can enjoy another memorable day out on our bikes! With the possibility of some rain, we encourage students to bring a lightweight spray jacket for the ride if they have one. For our Prep-Grade 2 students, we recommend packing a rain jacket in case the weather changes throughout the day. Please take the time to read through the important reminders below to ensure everyone is well prepared for tomorrow.

Please note that there will be NO Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) operating tomorrow, Friday 13th November.



TERM 4	
Great Doreen Bike Ride Permission note on Compass	13 Nov
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.	

Important Reminders

- School Uniform: All students must wear their full school uniform for the ride.
- Bikes and Helmets: Every student must bring their own bike and correctly fitted helmet. Please don't forget these!
- Arrival: Students must arrive at the Diamond Creek Netball Courts between 8:00am and 8:45am.
- Sunscreen: Parents are responsible for applying sunscreen to their child before arriving. Sunscreen will be available at the meeting point, and staff will assist with reapplication later in the day if required.
- Backpacks: All students must bring a practical, lightweight backpack containing their snack, lunch and a drink bottle filled with water. Please avoid satchels, bumbags or unnecessary items.
- Class Meeting Areas: Upon arrival, students should locate their designated class area and park their bikes within this space.
- Parent Volunteers: All registered volunteers must sign in and collect their volunteer vest upon arrival.
- Volunteer Briefing: A compulsory volunteer meeting will take place at 8:55am, after which we will prepare to depart.
- Volunteer Requirements: Only registered parent volunteers are permitted to assist on the day. All volunteers must hold a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC). If you have not registered but would still like to assist, please speak with me directly.

Backpack Arrangements

Prep - Grade 2

Students in Prep-Grade 2 will not be required to ride with their backpacks. Their bags will be transported in staff vehicles to and from Edendale Farm. Staff will also bring along students' school hats.

Grades 3 - 6

Students in Grades 3-6 will ride with their backpacks. Please ensure bags are lightweight and contain only the essentials: a snack, lunch, water bottle and a lightweight spray jacket if required.

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Final Bike Checks - Please Complete Today!

Before arriving tomorrow, we ask all families to complete a few final checks:

- Check your child's bike tyre pressure and inflate the tyres if necessary.
- Check that both brakes are functioning correctly and are not rubbing against the tyres.
- Inspect the brake cables to ensure they are not twisted, caught or restricting the movement of the handlebars.
- Adjust your child's helmet to ensure it fits securely and comfortably.
- Organise your child's bike and helmet so they are ready to go tomorrow morning.

Tomorrow morning, please ensure your child:

- Has eaten a healthy and substantial breakfast.
- Is dressed in their full school uniform.
- Has a lightweight backpack containing their snack, lunch and filled water bottle.
- Has a spray jacket or rain jacket if available.
- Has their bike and helmet packed in the car, ready for the day!

More Than Just a Bike Ride

The Great Doreen Bike Ride is about so much more than the distance our students travel. It is about the journey itself, the challenges they overcome and the resilience, independence, determination and sense of achievement they develop along the way.

Each year, we are incredibly proud of the way our students represent Doreen Primary School throughout the local community. The GDBR has developed a wonderful reputation, with community members regularly commenting on the kindness, respect, enthusiasm and positive attitudes displayed by our riders.

We ask that all students and parent volunteers continue to uphold these high standards throughout the day, ensuring the Great Doreen Bike Ride remains an event our entire school community can be proud of.

Finally, if your child will not be participating in the Great Doreen Bike Ride tomorrow, please notify their classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Thank you once again to our wonderful parent volunteers and staff for making this event possible.

The wait is over! We look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow morning for another fantastic Great Doreen Bike Ride!

What an incredible turnout we had for The Great Doreen Working Bee on Sunday! It was fantastic to see so many families come together, roll up their sleeves and lend a hand in improving our school grounds.

We managed to achieve an enormous amount throughout the day! Our wonderful volunteers built the new retaining wall around the playground, laid fresh grass in our garden area and at the front of the school, stained the log seating near the oval, topped up the sandpit with fresh sand, cleaned the basketball court, tackled cobwebs and completed many other jobs around the school.

A massive thank you to every parent, student, family member and staff member who gave up their Sunday to help. Whether you were digging, building, cleaning, laying grass, moving materials or simply lending an extra pair of hands, your contribution was greatly appreciated.

It is days like these that remind us just how special our Doreen Primary School community is. The willingness of our families to give their time and energy to improve our school for our students is something we are incredibly grateful for.

A special thank you also goes to Camp Australia OSHC for generously contributing towards our BBQ on the day.

Thank you once again to everyone involved. What a fantastic team effort and another wonderful example of our school community coming together!

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From Dave cont…

We are calling on our wonderful school community to help make our upcoming Bunnings Sausage Sizzle a success! Please take a moment to read the attached flyer and register your availability to volunteer if you can spare some time to lend a hand. Every bit of support makes a difference!
If you're unable to volunteer on the day, there are still ways you can help! We would greatly appreciate donations of cans of soft drink or Coles/Woolworths gift vouchers to assist with purchasing supplies for the event.
We kindly ask that all donations be brought to the school office by Thursday next week, 19th November. No contribution is too big or too small, and every donation helps us maximise the funds raised for our students and school.
Thank you, as always, for your generosity and continued support of Doreen Primary School!

Yesterday, our school community came together to commemorate Remembrance Day, taking a moment to reflect on the courage, sacrifice and service of those who have served our country. Our service was respectfully led by Teya and Ciara from Grade 6, representing our Junior School Council (JSC). Both students did a wonderful job leading this important occasion. We were extremely proud of the respect and maturity shown by all students throughout the service, particularly during the minute's silence. Lest We Forget.

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Mangoes will be ready for pickup from the office on Tuesday 17th November

Ciara

Interschool Victoria showjumping Competition

On Friday, Ciara represented Doreen Primary School at the Interschool Victoria showjumping competition at the Whittlesea Showgrounds. She placed first in the 60 cm class and third in the 75 cm class.

At Monday morning's assembly, Ciara showed us her ribbons and told the whole school about her achievements.

Congratulations, Ciara, on your fantastic results, and thank you for representing our school.

We are very proud of you!

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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
BBQ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
BUNNINGS warehouse
BUNNINGS MERNDA • SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER
Choose a 2-hour shift:
8:30–10:30am | 10:30am–12:30pm
12:30–2:30pm | 2:30–4:30pm
No experience needed – just come and lend a hand!
BUNNINGS RULE:
Children cannot enter the BBQ area.
TOMATO SAUCE
MUSTARD


MERNDA NETBALL CLUB
COME AND TRY NETBALL!
New players welcome!
TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2026
4:30PM – 5:30PM
MERNDA CENTRAL COLLEGE
Give netball a go!
MAKE NEW FRIENDS
STAY ACTIVE
HAVE FUN
All age groups welcomed.
Under 9's to Under 17's
Info@merndanetballclub.com.au





ZOOPER DOOPERS

ON SALE AT LUNCHTIME 1:40PM

$1.00 EACH

EVERY FRIDAY IN TERM 4

FUNDRAISER ORGANISED BY GRADE 6

