



Discovering Doreen

Week Ending February 24, 2022

From Glenn

I hope the first month of school has been kind to you, I know we have had many things occur and I have seen our children really take on challenges and come through with fine end results. It can be a challenge to move up a grade, as you may have many beliefs and heard rumours about the next year's grade that may create worry and anxiety. Our 3 visits to next year's teacher in late 2022 will have helped but this may not be enough for some. Please contact your teacher or I if you need to discuss any issues.

Grade 5 & 6 swimming is going very well, all reports have been positive. The Sugarloaf district Swim trials were on today and the weather was very nice.

Next Monday night the 27th February we are having our **Parent Information Night**. It starts at 7.00pm. It is simply a run through of what we do and who does it. There will be power points and short talks by all staff, just to lay out how things work and why. All are welcome to attend but certainly new parents and prospective parents. Please let the office know if you are coming.

Next Tuesday Night 28th February is the first **School Council meeting** of the new council. After the call for nominations, this is how our council looks. We are still confirming the "best night" and time, but this meeting we look at budgets, building plans and the year kicking off. The Agenda for the meeting will come home via email tonight.

Staff	New members who are in for a 2 year term	Members with one more year to run
Glenn Simondson	Jaclyn Delange	Naomi Joiner
Ben Miller	Simon Roylance	Leonie Morris
Lisa Welch	Anthony Martelli	Justin Dirx
	Gabrielle Gray	Carly Bloomfield

Yesterday we had a visit from **Rob Mitchell MP**, the sitting member for McEwen. He brought us some new flags and had a look around our building projects. He has always supported us when we have needed help with government policies affecting us adversely. You will see a picture of him presenting the flags to our First Term JSC members.

I have also published a picture of the visit by **Lauren Kathage, the member for Yan Yean**. Today I had a visit from the Assistant Regional Director of our Education region. We are very popular at the moment! Putting our school, its great community and brilliant results out there is always good for making sure we are in the mix if something nice is happening.

NAPLAN for Grade 3 and 5 is almost upon us. (It runs across Australia for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.) It is early this year - by two months - which puts it around camp time. This is not ideal but the dates were changed well after we booked camp and no warning or consultation took place. It is nearly all online; the Grade 3's are still allowed to do their "Story Writing" on paper. It is a way to measure student progress against Australia wide results. We also do this with the standardised testing we mention in student reports. Our results however are at the end of the year and perhaps more meaningful regards that year's work. We also use tests we get to see and make sure are asking the right questions. NAPLAN is cited by Education Departments as a tool for parents to see their child's results and be aware, but they are also used to rate, rank and evaluate schools. We generally do well in them, as we believe if you teach engagingly and effectively, the test results take care of themselves. If you have an issue with the NAPLAN, you have the option to opt out for your child. Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns or issues, or have a talk with your classroom teacher.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Grade 5/6 Swimming	28 Feb, 2 Mar
Parent Information Night New & Prospective Families	27 Feb
Division Swimming Selected students	1 Mar
Grade 6 Leadership Day	9 Mar
Curriculum Day	10 Mar
Labour Day	13 Mar
Grades 5 & 6 Camp Please return permission notes	20-22 Mar
Grades 3 & 4 Camp Please return permission notes	22-24 Mar
School Photos Don't forget to order online	4 Apr
Grandparents Morning 9.15-11.30am	5 Apr
End of Term 1 1.30pm dismissal	6 Apr

PLEASE NOTE:

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



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District swimming today

We had 4 competitors at the sugarloaf district swimming trials. In brilliant weather as usual our students accounted themselves brilliantly. Aiming for your best is obvious and we had some good success. Thank you to parents who transported students and a big thank you to the staff of all the schools who ran the event.



We have a family in Grade 3 that is looking for **after school care Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's from 3.30pm-5.00pm**. Please contact the school if you can help or know of someone that can.

2024 Siblings

If you have a child that will be attending Doreen Primary School in 2024 and you have not handed in an enrolment form please do so asap.

Asthma and Anaphylaxis forms have been sent home for updating. For the health and safety of your child it is imperative we have these updated, signed by your doctor and returned to the office asap (Reminder: camp is early this year and we require updated forms for your child to attend).



Term 1 - Junior School Council Elected Members



President: Tanish - I am excited to be the President as I like being helpful and like making the school a better place.

Vice President: Jorg - I have good ideas and I am looking forward to helping the JSC with fundraisers and supporting all DPS children.

Secretary: Charlie - I am great at helping around the school and look forward to being the secretary and informing Mr Simondson of any problems.

Treasurer: Zac - I am very happy to be elected as the Treasurer. I love money, so this is definitely the job for me!

General Member: Ben - I am going to be a great support for all the JSC members and I am going to look after the sports trolley. I will be putting out new sporting equipment next week!



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Fundraiser organised by Grade 6



SCHOOL PHOTOS 4TH APRIL

Don't forget to
pay online

HOUSE GROUPS

Week ending 24th February

2ND

1ST

4TH

3RD



CLEANEST CLASSROOM GRADE 5

TERM DATES

2023:

Term 1

(staff start 27 Jan)

30 Jan Students start—6 April

Term 2

24 April—23 June

Term 3

10 July—15 September

Term 4

2 October—20 December

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