



# Discovering Doreen

## Week Ending 15th August 2025

From Dave

**District Athletics & Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser - Parent Helpers Needed.** On Tuesday 26th August selected Grade 4-6 students will be attending the District Athletics Carnival. Doreen Primary School has the honour of organising the event for all participating schools in the district. As part of the day, we will be running a Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser and we are seeking parent volunteers to assist. If you are available and willing to help, please reach out to me as soon as possible—we're still in need of a few extra hands. Support will be needed on the day from 9:20am through to 3:00pm. Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

We have now selected our **Grade 4-6 District Athletics team**. Trials were held this week, covering both running and field events. Congratulations to all students who participated and gave their best effort. Students who have been selected will receive a notice today with further details about the event. Permission notes are also now on Compass. Well done to our successful athletes – we look forward to seeing you represent Doreen PS at District Athletics!

Thank you to those families who have already returned permission slips for the **Prime Minister's Spelling Bee**. Registrations for students in **Grades 3-6** who have returned their forms will be completed this weekend. Students will have until **Friday 22nd** (next week) to complete the challenge. We will be allocating time during next week's school schedule to ensure participating students have the opportunity to compete. If you haven't yet returned your permission slip, there's still time – we'd love to see as many of our Grades 3-6 students as possible take part in this exciting national competition!

On Tuesday night, 20 of our students had the incredible opportunity to perform as part of **The Boite Schools Chorus** at the iconic Melbourne Town Hall. Attending an afternoon of rehearsals in the grand venue, our students joined voices with hundreds of others to deliver a truly moving and uplifting performance. It was a joy to see their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm come to life on stage. The experience not only showcased their musical talents but also fostered teamwork, confidence and a love for performance. A big thank you to the families who supported the event and to our students for representing Doreen PS with such pride. It was a night to remember! Thank you for organising it all Ms Blake!

Ms Blake will be taking some well-deserved **Long Service Leave** for the remainder of this term. In her absence, we are pleased to welcome back **Mrs Garriga**, who will be teaching Music for the rest of the term. We look forward to having Mrs Garriga rejoin our team and continuing to provide our students with engaging and inspiring music lessons.

The temporary fencing surrounding our new learning building will remain in place a little longer; however, there has been some positive progress. Following recent discussions with the **Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA)**, we are pleased to share that they have agreed to release part of the remaining project funds to allow us to begin some landscaping works. This is an exciting step forward and we are hopeful that by our next newsletter we will be able to share some design concepts with the community. These works will help bring the outdoor spaces around our new building to life, providing enhanced play and learning opportunities for our students. I thank our school community for their continued patience and support as we move towards completing these final stages.

Today is our **last game of interschool sports** against Ivanhoe Grammer. As I write this, I hope the weather stays clear and allows us to fit in the game. Beyond this, we will formalise the ladder and the top two teams of each sport will play off in a final and compete for a trophy.

Following our well-attended OSHC Information Night, we are excited to see strong interest in our new **Outside School Hours Care program**, delivered by **Camp Australia**. We now encourage all families intending to use the service to sign up and register via the Camp Australia website to secure their place. We currently have 25 families registered – a fantastic start! Renovations on the OSHC space are progressing well. The wall between the two classrooms has been removed, the kitchen has been ordered and plumbers and electricians are onsite today and will return on Monday to complete the next stage of works. With everything on track, we are confident the service will be ready to commence on time, providing a high-quality care option for our students and families.

Our staff are currently exploring potential dates for this year's **Parent-Teacher Interviews**. We anticipate being able to confirm these dates in our next newsletter, along with details on the process for booking an interview time.

Important Dates and INFORMATION	
TERM 3	
Grades P-4 Swimming every Thursday	21, 28 Aug, 4 Sept
District Athletics Permission note for selected students is now on Compass	26 Aug
Father's Day Stall Helpers wanted	5 Sept
Division Athletics Selected students	8 Sept
Kaboom Sports Prep—Grade 3	10 Sept
Last Day of Term	19 Sept
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> All dates are subject to change. We will notify the school community of any changes as soon as we can.	

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# NEW MARIMBA DONATED

This week Ojambo's dad donated a Marimba to our school. We are so rapt to have a second Marimba to use in the music program. They work like big Xylophones and have a mellow sound due to their large size. It will be well loved in our music room so thank you Jason! - Rachel Blake

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## SCHOOL FEES-VOLUNTARY CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS 2025

For families who have not yet contributed, here is a run down of how your fees are distributed. We try and run and actually use our own funds to support many extra programs at our school. Voluntary School Fees are something that we use to fund these programs. Over many years, parent support has seen us develop many external facilities, upgrade the whole school's computer resources and run Intervention programs in Literacy and Numeracy. We also use them to supplement some costs to you over the year.

Fees are in your Compass account for each of your children and show up as Curriculum Contributions 2025. You can choose to pay in full or per term.

Below is what we use your Fees for:

## SCHOOL FEES (CONTRIBUTIONS) 2025 !!!!!

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, printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials. This also includes items for activities run during the year.		\$130
ICT replacement and programs – Sunshine Books, Maths Plus, and Soundwaves subscriptions		\$60
<b>Program Extras</b>		
Musical Instruments/replacements	\$20.00	
Sports Equipment	\$30.00	
Art Supplies	\$25.00	\$75
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities		Amount
Nil		\$0
<b>Total Yearly Amount (Due Now)</b>		<b>\$265.00</b>



# **Please Meet our TERM 3 JSC Members**

<b>President:</b>	<b>Ivie</b>	<b>Vic President:</b>	<b>Arian</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Liliana</b>	<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Dylan</b>
<b>General Member:</b>	<b>Finn</b>	<b>General Member:</b>	<b>Brodie</b>

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**“We’re all looking forward to an amazing term on the  
Junior School Council”.**



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Grade P- 4 Swimming Program 2025

**STARTING THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JULY UNTIL THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPT**

Our Prep to Grade 4 swimming program will take place at **WaterMarc Greensborough**, an indoor heated pool with excellent facilities. Each grade level P-4 will participate in 6 x 45-minute sessions, held **every Thursday** over a six-week period.

### Group 1 (Grade 4)

Leave DPS @ 8:50am - Lessons: 9:30am - 10:15am – Arrive back at DPS 10:50am  
(Gr 4 children will need to be at school by 8:30 to be ready to leave DPS by 8:50)

### Group 2 (Grade 2 & 3)

Leave DPS @ 9:35am - Lessons 10:15am to 11:00am – Arrive back at DPS 11:40am

### Group 3 (Prep & Grade 1)

Leave DPS @ 10:20am - Lessons 11:00am to 11:45am – Arrive back at DPS 12:25pm

### Swimming Dates (6 Sessions):

- Thursday 31st July
- Thursday 7th August
- Thursday 14th August
- Thursday 21st August
- Thursday 28th August
- Thursday 4th September



### What to Bring:

- Bathers (worn under school uniform)
- Towel
- Spare underwear
- Goggles (not compulsory)
- Swimming bag for all items



**Thank you for your support in ensuring a smooth and successful program.**

The **Boîte** presents

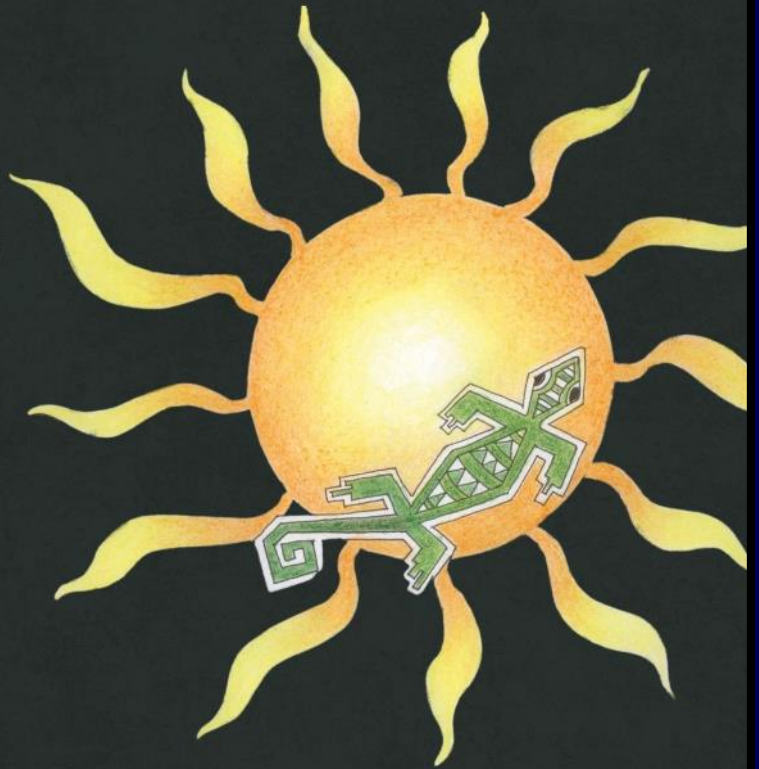
# Mai Fali Eh!

*Songs and Stories of Timor-Leste*

THE BOÎTE SCHOOLS CHORUS 2025

TUESDAY 12 AUGUST  
MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

CONCERT TIMES  
1PM & 7PM



What a fantastic night our Choir participated in at the Melbourne Town Hall last Tuesday! 20 of our students performed a one-hour concert singing songs of celebration and strength from East Timor. Congratulations to all our Choir students who participated. You all sounded and looked amazing on the stage.

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time transporting our kids into the City for a very memorable evening of music. — *Rachel Blake*





**Click here to Register**  
<https://pp.campaustalia.com.au/>

Guiding children's growth

# What is OSHC and why is it right for your family?

OSHC stands for Outside School Hours Care. Camp Australia's OSHC service provides enrichment and care for primary school-age children outside school hours and during the school holidays. Depending on your school, it can cover Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care.

At Camp Australia, our vision is *To support families in achieving their dreams* and our promise is that we will *Guide Your Child's Growth*.

To do that we take a unique approach to OSHC based on over 30 years of experience.

## Enriching experiences that children love

Our experienced educators involve your child in designing the experiences that make up our OSHC program. Our industry leading approach to program development ensures that your child is at the heart of what we do each day.

## A place for friendships to form

OSHC is a great place for your child to meet new friends and bond over shared interests. We design programs that bring children together so they can connect and grow outside school hours.

## Easy, hassle-free care

Our service is available to all families, no matter the need. Our extended hours offer peace of mind so you can manage work, health, study and more stress-free. Plus, our industry leading Parent Portal gives you unrivalled access to make and manage your bookings.



## FREE to Register

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal at [pp.campaustalia.com.au](https://pp.campaustalia.com.au)

## Are you eligible for the Child Care Subsidy?

The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 85% off your fees. If you're unsure about your eligibility contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.



**Bookings now open!**  
Secure your spot today.

## Make and manage bookings using the Parent Portal app for smartphone

We conducted customer focus groups to get direct feedback from parents regarding their experience with Camp Australia.

This research highlighted the need to have a streamlined way for parents to access their accounts and manage their bookings and enrolments; and informed the design for our brand-new Parent Portal app for smartphone.

- Easy booking features.
- Simple booking calendar overview.
- Track your spend.
- Contact your service Coordinator.
- Update your and your child's details.

Search for **Camp Australia Parent Portal** on the App Store or Google Play, to download the app and register free with us now.





## Clean Room Award!



This award is presented to

**GRADE 5**

for having a super clean room!

**Week Ending 15th August**



## TERM DATES

**2025:**

**TERM 3**

21 July–19 September

**TERM 4**

6 October–19 December

**FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER**



# STALL



## PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED

### PLEASE SEE LISA OR KELLY IN THE OFFICE

