



Discovering Doreen

Week Ending 7th November 2025

From Dave

Our **Great Doreen Bike Ride** is just around the corner, taking place next **Friday, 14th November**. With Bike Ed now complete, all bikes can be taken home in preparation for the big day – we can't wait to see everyone ready to ride! **Volunteer registrations have now closed**, and we thank all parents who have put their hand up to help. Please remember that all volunteers must hold a **current Working With Children Check (WWCC)**. The office has emailed those whose WWCC details we don't yet have on file. Please respond asap. We'll be holding a **volunteer information session on Wednesday, 12th November from 3:45pm-4:15pm** to go over roles and responsibilities for the day. **Permission forms for the ride are on Compass**, so please ensure these are completed ahead of next week's event.

Bookings are filling fast for our **Panton Hill Music Concert on Tuesday, 11th November** and it's shaping up to be a fantastic night! Weather permitting, we'll be performing under the marquees outdoors – but if the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll move the show inside and keep the music flowing. The concert will feature our **Grade 4-6 students** who learn with **Joel, Cara, or Sam**, along with performances from our **School Band and Choir**. It's always a highlight on the calendar and a wonderful celebration of our students' musical talents. The event will be held at the Panton Hill Hotel, with dinner bookings from 5:00pm and the concert starting at 6:30pm. The evening is open to the entire community – everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a great night out. To book your table, please contact the Panton Hill Hotel directly on 9719 7270, quoting **"Doreen PS Music."**

It is with mixed emotions that we share that **Mrs Thomas**, who has worked in our Prep classroom as an Education Support staff member for the past nine years, will be **retiring at the end of this year**. Mrs Thomas has been an incredibly valued member of our school community. Her calm nature, patience and care has supported so many of our youngest students as they began their schooling journey. She has made a lasting impact on both students and staff through her dedication and genuine kindness. We wish Mrs Thomas all the very best as she moves into this next chapter and thank her sincerely for the contribution she has made to Doreen Primary School over the years. We hope that we can make the remainder of this term extra special for her.

Preparations for our **School Concert** are progressing well. Our parent committee met last night to kick things off, with roles assigned and plenty of great ideas shared. I'll be setting up a shared Google Doc for the team to coordinate tasks and a group chat to keep communication flowing as we move closer to the big night. A big thank you to those who've volunteered their time and creativity – it's shaping up to be another fantastic Doreen concert!

Our **Grade 6 Hoop Time team** is off to regional finals on **Monday**. We wish them the best of luck and hope they can come away with a few wins.

Grandparent's Day is back this year and we've locked in **Tuesday 25th November** for this special event. The day will run from the morning until around 12:00pm-12:30pm. Be sure to pass the message on to grandparents early – we know they like to plan their calendars well in advance! A Compass registration survey will be released next week for parents to indicate if grandparents are attending. This will help us plan for catering and activities on the day. We're really looking forward to welcoming our extended Doreen community back on site for what's always a wonderful morning. Don't forget to hand them the flyer attached to this newsletter so they can keep it as a reminder on their fridge.

Progress has started on our new **Gaga pit, sandpit, shade sail and gymnastics bar sets** and there's plenty of excitement around the school! It shouldn't be too much longer before the gates come down and students have access to the new play area. Andrew and the team have made good progress so far even though the weather hasn't been kind.

Important Dates and INFORMATION

TERM 4

Panton Hill Music Concert	11 Nov
Great Doreen Bike Ride NOTES ARE ON COMPASS	14 Nov
Prep 2026 Transition Day 3	19 Nov
Grandparent's Day	25 Nov
Bunnings BBQ	29 Nov
Report Writing Day No Students	1 Dec
Prep 2026 Transition Day 4	2 Dec
Bookfair (Dress Up Day-4th Dec)	3 & 4 Dec
Prep-Grade 2 Night	5 Dec
School Concert	12 Dec
Grade 6 Graduation	17 Dec
Grade 6 Bowling	18 Dec
Last Day of 2025 1.30pm dismissal	19 Dec

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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It's Book Fair Time!



Book Fair is back!

It involves a "Dress up as your Favourite Book Character Day", which is on the **4th December**. We would love all children to come in dress-ups around a character from a book; there will be a Morning Assembly and parade at 9 am.

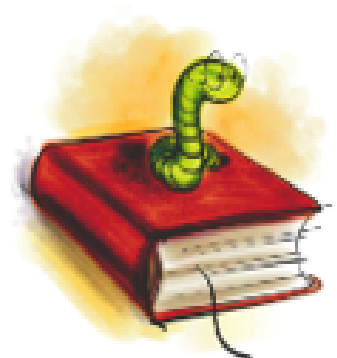
Our Book Fair will be held in the Art room and sales will be open for families after school on both the **3rd & 4th of December**.

Students will have the opportunity to view the books on sale and complete a "Wish list" during class time prior to the event.

Please come and support our annual book fair; all sales earn commission towards new books for our school. Remember, books make an excellent Christmas present.

Book Fair Poster Competition

Students, this is your chance to create a poster to advertise the official Doreen Primary Book Fair (Preps and Grade 1's will have a colouring competition instead)



Information on the poster to include:

4th December - Dress up as your favourite book character

3rd & 4th of December - Books available for sale after school

There are prizes for the most imaginative poster in each class and also best costume prizes

Posters due at school Wednesday, 19th November



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GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL PERSON DAY!

25th of November 2025

**FUN ACTIVITIES TO BOND WITH YOUR SPECIAL
PERSON OR GRANDPARENT**

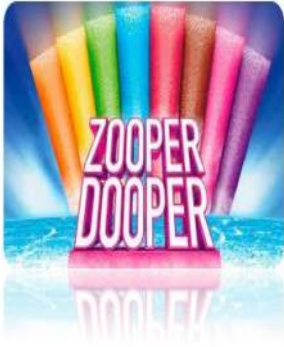




JSC Fundraiser

ZOOPER DOOPERS

ON SALE EVERY FRIDAY



ONLY

\$1.00 EACH

For sale at lunchtime - 1.40pm

ON DECK NEAR LIBRARY

Fundraiser organised by Grade 6

DON'T FORGET YOUR



WIDE-BRIMMED

HAT

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SUNSMART

Cancer Council Victoria

VicHealth

TERM DATES

2025:

TERM 4

6 October–19 December

2026:

TERM 1

27 January (teachers return)

28 January (students return)

– 2 April

TERM 2

20 April–26 June

Clean Room Award!



This award is presented to

GRADE 4

for having a super clean room!

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4TH

1ST

2ND

3RD

House Points

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