



Week Ending December 3, 2021

# Discovering Doreen

## Diary Dates:

### TERM 4 DATES

Curriculum Day	<b>6 Dec</b>
Grades P-4 Swimming	<b>7-10 Dec</b>
School Concert 6.30pm for a 7pm start	<b>13 Dec</b>
Grade 6 Bowling	<b>15 Dec</b>
Grade 6 Graduation	<b>16 Dec</b>
<b>End of Term 4 1.30pm dismissal</b>	<b>17 Dec</b>

**PLEASE NOTE:**

All dates are dependent on Covid rulings for Term 4 and are subject to change. We will notify the school community of any changes as soon as we can

From Glenn

It is never a dull moment when it comes to a change of seasons in Melbourne. We were on the grade Six Bike Ride through the City in 30 degree heat and were followed back to Doreen by the rain storm that eventually hit us out here. It was a great ride through Richmond, around the MCG, into Southbank then back out past the Rowing Clubs and back along the Yarra. We had Icypoles and Lunch overlooking the river and enjoying a nice breeze (thanks Mrs Branagan for the Icy poles). A huge well done to the children and the adult riders (Mrs Green, Mr Hardy, Mr Davidson and myself), we shortened the ride from 30km to 20 km but is was still a good challenge.

Information came out on [uEducateUs](#) about the Concert yesterday and is also included in this newsletter, please check it out. To purchase tickets, click on the links or go to [www.trybooking.com/845722](http://www.trybooking.com/845722)

Please be aware of the COVID expectations that have been set by the Victorian Government. We are required to have COVID Marshals at the event and those attending need to be double vaccinated. We are filming and then streaming the concert for those who cannot attend.

**Swimming is on again next week** and we are hoping for some real summer weather. The pool has shaded areas.

Please don't forget the **Curriculum day on Monday**, there will be no teaching staff on site as they will be completing their reports on how your children have gone. We have been quite pleased with the progress of our students and testing is showing the benefits of children completing the booklets over the Remote Learning period. For any we feel have been disadvantaged by the Remote Learning period we have the Tutoring program running again next year and our intervention program will continue.

The **2022 Preps visited again** on Tuesday. We like to do half days with half groups over 4 days but COVID restricted us to 2 days this year after only one last year. They met buddies, staff and had Art and Music sessions. They also spent the whole day at school. They had a ball, with no tears this time. We look forward to 2022.

Our **Grade Sixes will be visiting** their Secondary Schools on Tuesday next week. It will be an exciting time for them and much more focussed on their transition than the experiences we may have had in the past. Watsonia Technical School had a rather unique 'unofficial' welcoming procedure. Happily, those days are long gone.

The **last School Council meeting** for the year is next Wednesday Night, 8th December. Venue is yet to be confirmed but it will be a 6.00pm start.

We are at a better time in comparison to what we have been through over the past 2 years and 37 lost weeks of school and the world's most lockdowns underlines what a tough time it has been. This Christmas will be a time to celebrate and be thankful that we are moving forward. It doesn't mean that all is well in everyone's world and many of us need support or simply some understanding as to what we may have been through. It is time to be grateful for what we have and what lies in the future. I am looking forward to a great 2022, but I am well aware there are many issues that will arise as a symptom of the past two years we have had in community. Let's make sure we all head in the same direction and as a school, make sure we rebuild and foster our brilliant Doreen Primary School culture.



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# **DOREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL END OF YEAR CONCERT.**

**MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER, 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.**

Yes, even though many schools have cancelled events, and we have had to cancel many things, we are aiming to hold an “End of Year” Concert. Grades will present an item, bands and choir will perform, and there will be a SMALL graduation presentation for Grade 6. After our Disco last week, it has become very obvious we need more normality, so we are going to buck the trends of other schools who are cancelling or simply not running events, and push ahead.

It will occur on the Basketball Court, and we would like to restrict the live event for “immediate” Family, simply due to the space we have. To help out with this we will be filming the event and then streaming it out to you, relatives etc. after we have edited the footage (so there is no downtime and my bad jokes are cut out). This means all children should attend to take part in their items, then a day or two later all can sit around and watch it happen from home. Not a bad idea for Christmas after the big feed is settling in.

There are obviously some COVID restrictions that the Victorian Government has placed on events such as concerts. By being outside we have covered most of the restrictions, BUT:

- Where social distancing cannot occur, masks should be worn.
- Singing should be outside – as we are doing.
- As per government policy all adult visitors must check in to the event VIA Covid QR Code and be able to show their proof of Covid Vaccination to the marshals.
- You will need a ticket to enter

\*During day to day drop-offs and pick-ups only parents, volunteers, visitors who enter buildings need to check in and be double vaccinated, but for an event such as a fete, concert (inside or outside) or major gathering all attendees must check-in and be double vaccinated. This may of course cause some issues with adults attending, hence we will be filming the event and then streaming it out. I apologise for any issues this will cause, but it is a Government expectation if we are to run this event

As the event will take place on the Basketball Court, the top school entries will be closed and entry will be via the two paths that lead to the court from the Eastern end of the school. Parking will be on the whole oval and in the Bottom Car Park. We are charging a small amount for adults and children over 13, as we will have costs for filming, a sound technician and COVID marshals. Tickets are available on Try Booking at a cost of \$5 (+ a small booking fee) each.

More details will come home next week as we finalise our program. This notice is simply a heads up for the event, its expectations and details of tickets.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Glenn

Click here for tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/845722>



# LIBRARY NEWS



Whilst it has been a very interrupted year, it has been amazing to see so many students regularly borrow from the library. Our library resources have grown and we are so lucky to have a welcoming space for students to read, learn and share stories.

As the year is coming to a close, library borrowing for 2021 has now finished. We kindly ask that all borrowed books that are finished are returned to the library next week. Students still reading borrowed books can return them when finished.

A friendly reminder that we are no longer accepting book donations we have been so fortunate to receive some amazing new books, courtesy of the Scholastic Book Club purchases.

Please encourage your children to continue reading, especially over the Christmas holidays!!

## Why can't I skip my 20 minutes of reading tonight?



Thank you to our school community for supporting our school library and Happy Reading!





### Congratulations Abbey in Grade Six!

This Aussie of the Month has showed great Leadership skills over the past weeks.

She has helped run fundraising events and is a great support for her buddy. She has shown the Aussie of the month traits of inclusion and respect.



### Congratulations Shayan in Grade Five!

This Aussie of the Month displayed remarkable leadership skills when working with the students on transition day. It was a pleasure having him as part of the leadership team welcoming the new students into our school. I really look forward to watching him shine as a school leader in 2022.



### Congratulations Evie in Grade Four!

This Aussie of the Month is always looking out for others. They are able to handle conflict in the yard in a mature way and are always supportive of others if a conflict has occurred.

She has demonstrated the quality of inclusion – showing acceptance and respect of peoples differences. She has shown 'mateship' through helping others if they are in a difficult circumstance and has shown the quality of 'fair go' constantly in the classroom when she assists others.



### Congratulations Taniya in Grade Prep!

This Aussie of the Month has worked remarkably hard this year in all areas of her development. She has a very positive attitude to her learning and is to be truly congratulated for all her efforts both at school and during remote learning. She is an excellent role model for her classmates and should feel very proud of all that she has achieved in her Prep year.

# HOUSE GROUPS

Week ending 5th November

2nd

**1st**

3rd

4th

## CLEANESEST CLASSROOM



**GRADE 3**

**PLEASE DO NOT GET OUT  
OF YOUR CAR IN THE  
DROP OFF ZONE AT THE  
FRONT OF THE SCHOOL  
IT IS STRICTLY  
'A DROP AND GO'**

### TERM DATES 2021:

#### Term 4

4 Oct—17 Dec

### TERM DATES 2022:

#### Term 1

Students start

31 Jan—8 April

(Teachers start 28 Jan)

#### Term 2

26 April—24 June



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26<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

Dear parent/guardian,

We are looking at the 2022 school year at the moment and are looking forward to a great normal year of teaching and learning. In planning our budgets, we would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

Glenn Simondson  
Principal

## **Here is the breakdown of our 2022 School Fees payable after 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Classroom consumables</b> Including all stationary, textbooks, readers. This also includes items for activities run during the year.	\$100
ICT replacement and programs – Sunshine Books, Maths Plus, and Soundwaves subscriptions	\$60
<b>Program Supplements</b>	
Swimming	\$15.00
Life Education	\$10.00
Musical Instruments/replacements	\$20.00
Sports Equipment	\$30.00
Art Supplies	\$25.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$20
<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities	<b>Amount</b>
Nil	\$0
<b>Total Amount (Due February 2022)</b>	<b>\$280.00</b>

### **Educational items for students to own**

In the past we have included all books and stationery required by students in our fees and have supplied them to the students. This ensured conformity across the grade but also allowed for children to bring in extras if they wished. There are now new requirements in relation to the Education Department Parent Payment Policy which make it necessary to supply a booklist for each grade so that parents can purchase these items if they wish.

As we order through companies that supply discounts for school supplies purchased in bulk, we are able to keep costs lower than those purchased from local stores, However, **if you don't wish the school to supply classroom consumables for your child/ren and would like to receive a school booklist could you please notify the office ASAP.**

### **Financial Support for Families**

We understand that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund). For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Lisa Welch

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### **Total**

<b>Category</b>	
Curriculum Contributions	\$280.00
Other Contributions	\$ -
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ -

### **Payment methods (Due February 2022)**

- Bank Transfer - BSB 633000 Account Number 127282119
- Credit Card
- Cash

### **Refunds**

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

# PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

## ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



### FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



### PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

#### Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

#### Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

#### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



### FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



### SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.