



Discovering Doreen

Week Ending 13th June 2025

From Dave

A reminder that there is no school this coming Monday 16th June as it's a report writing day.

We're excited to announce that our annual **Jets Gymnastics** excursion begins next week! This much-anticipated program is a highlight on the school calendar and both staff and students are looking forward to participating. Prep to Year 3 students will attend sessions on Tuesdays, while Years 4 to 6 will head to the gym on Thursdays. It's a wonderful opportunity for students to build fitness, coordination, and confidence in a fun and supportive environment.

We are thrilled to share that this year's **Great Doreen Coin Drive** was a tremendous success! On Wednesday, all classes gathered on the basketball court to take part in a fun and spirited competition, laying out their collected coins in a straight line to see which class could create the longest one.

In an exciting and very close finish, our Prep class emerged as the winners of our 'Coin Challenge', narrowly edging out the Grade 6 line by just 15 centimetres. It was a fantastic achievement and a wonderful display of enthusiasm and teamwork by our youngest students. Congratulations to all classes for their participation and generosity—your contributions truly made a difference. All money raised will go towards the creation of our new sandpit. The Prep students have won the right to enjoy a 'Hot Chip Lunch'. I'll organise a day with Mrs A and Mrs Thomas and we will put a notification out to parents when ready.

The results for the longest line were:	Each Grade raised a total of:
1 st : Prep	Prep: \$332.50
2 nd : Grade 6	Grade 1: \$210.75
3 rd : Grade 3	Grade 2: \$190.85
4 th : Grade 1	Grade 3: \$422.20
5 th : Grade 4	Grade 4: \$165.25
6 th : Grade 2	Grade 5: \$131.70
7 th : Grade 5	Grade 6: \$283.80

We are proud to acknowledge several of our students who represented our school at the **Division Cross Country** event last week. Congratulations to Will, Ciara, Zack, and Neyli, who all finished in 34th place—a commendable effort! Well done also to Kusal, who achieved an impressive 27th place finish. A special thank you to Asanka for generously assisting with transport to and from Bundoora Park. Your support helped make the day possible and is greatly appreciated.

We're pleased to share that most of the **temporary fencing** around the school grounds will be removed later today or by Monday morning. This marks an exciting step forward in reopening the oval and surrounding areas for student use. However, after inspecting the area near the parent car park entry, a few staff and school council members have identified a particularly muddy section. To ensure safety and maintain the space, we'll be keeping some temporary fencing in place around this area until our new sandpit and gymnastics bar sets are installed. This will also give us time to complete landscaping works, plant lawn seed and allow the area to recover. We're looking forward to full access to the oval, as well as the new footpath and learning building from next week. See the photo attached to this newsletter outlining where the new fencing will go.

As part of our ongoing commitment to cultural understanding and inclusion, we are currently exploring opportunities to feature the work of **Aboriginal Artists** throughout our school. This initiative aims to celebrate and acknowledge the rich history, stories and contributions of First Nations peoples through visual art. We hope to have some of these artworks in place in time for NAIDOC Week, creating meaningful spaces that reflect and respect Aboriginal Culture. These pieces will not only enhance our school environment but also serve as valuable learning opportunities for our students.

We are continuing our focus on student wellbeing through two important programs: **The Resilience Project** and **Respectful Relationships**. These initiatives are embedded in classroom learning and play a key role in supporting our students' emotional and social development.

Through engaging lessons and activities, students are building important life skills such as empathy, gratitude, emotional regulation and respectful communication. We're proud to see the positive impact these programs are having across all year levels.

Important Dates and INFORMATION	
TERM 2	
Winter Sport G4-6	Fridays 9 May to 4 July
Report Writing Day Student free day	16 June
School Council	17 June 6pm
Prep-G4 Jets Gym	17, 24 June & 1 July
Gr5 & Gr6 Jets Gym	19, 26 June & 3 July
Last Day of Term	4 July
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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TEMPORARY FENCING



TERM DATES

2025:

TERM 2

22 April–4 July

TERM 3

21 July–19 September

TERM 4

6 October–19 December

Direct Deposit details
for all your school
Payments

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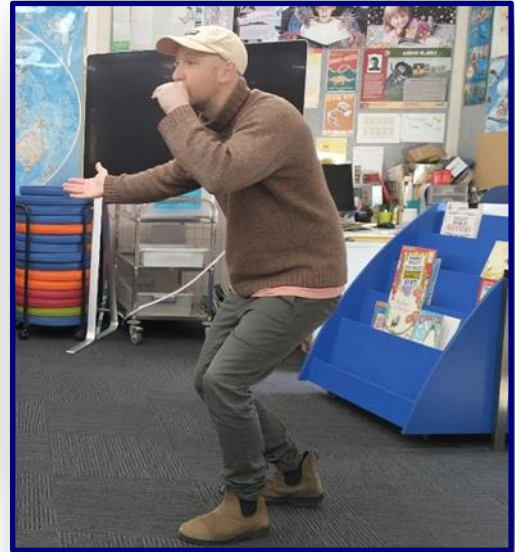
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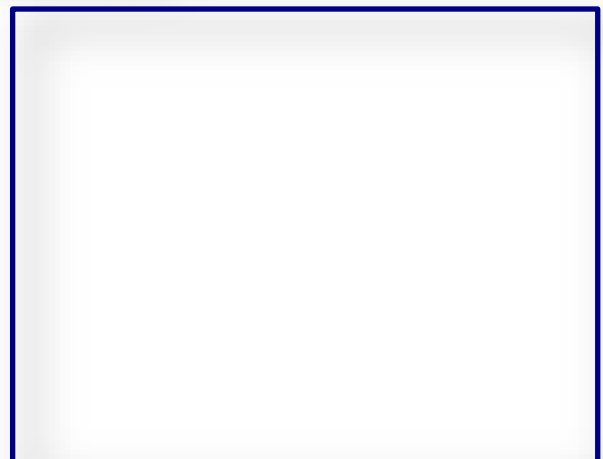
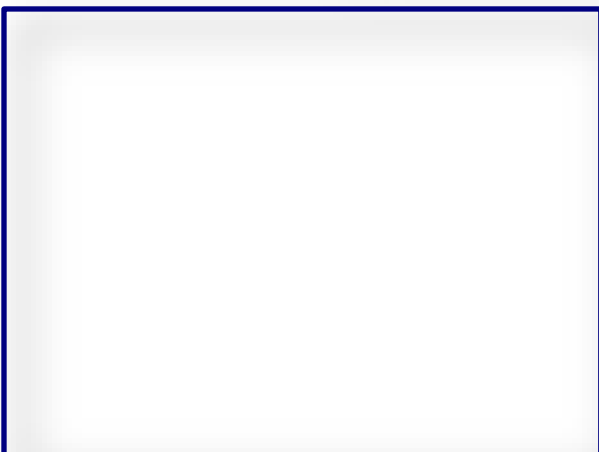
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Harmonica Incursion



On Tuesday our Grade 3-6 students participated in a harmonica incursion with professional harpist Chris Maunders from 'Harp's a Breeze'. Wow! What a fantastic musician and teacher Chris is! He played us some brilliant music and told us all about the instrument. The kids were particularly impressed with Chris' collection which included the world's smallest and largest harmonicas. Chris showed everyone how to play the instrument, with a few special techniques such as trills and vibrato and how to read harmonica charts. Students have been very inspired to play their new harmonicas; the school grounds have been humming with the sound of them at recess and lunch. The instruments and books will stay at school for a couple of weeks whilst students continue with this unit of work in their music classes. After this, they can take their harmonicas home.





WINTER WARM UP
Valley Kids Holiday Club

VALLEY KIDS HOLIDAY CLUB

MONDAY 7TH & TUESDAY 8TH JULY

CIRCUS MANIA

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/1411564

SCHOOL FEES-VOLUNTARY CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS 2025

As is usually mentioned at this time of year, 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 should now appear in your Compass account for each of your children and will 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
Classroom consumables		
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
Program Extras		
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
Total Yearly Amount (Due Now)		\$265.00



Doreen Primary Panton Hill Concert

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our winter Panton Hill Hotel Concert is on
Tuesday 1st July at 6.30pm.

This is for students in Grade 4-6 who currently have lessons with the Joel, Cara or Elvis or are in the band or choir. Always a great night out, we encourage you to come for dinner and a show. Please book from 5.00pm to eat for a 6.30pm concert. Please note we prefer people to eat before the show so that our students can have an attentive audience.

To book your table, you need to contact the Panton Hill Hotel directly on 9719 7270. *Quoting 'Doreen PS Music'*. They are taking bookings for dinner from 5.00pm.

Clean Room Award!



This award is presented to

GRADE 3

for having a super clean room!

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