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Children are supervised only between the hours of 8.45am and 3.45pm unless attending the Darrang Outside School Hours Care Program. Registration forms for this program are available from the office. Please ensure you update your records at the school office and also with OSHC staff. OSHC Mobile 0419 889 253

Wednesday 4th March



Every **Wednesday and Friday!!!** in the Junior Learning Centre. Doors open for service **8.30**. Come on in for some Breakie with your friends -

Thursday 5th March



(19th March /2nd April)
 • UCLF (3-4 from 9:00-11:00 and 5-6 from 11:30-1:30)
 • UCLF (F-2) lessons as per normal

Friday 6th March

Adam Wallace Author Visit F-6



**Monday 9th March
Labour Day – Public Holiday**

**Tuesday 10th March
RACV incursion F-6**

**Wednesday 11th March – 13th March
NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 testing window**

**Friday 20th March
Interschool sports Years 4-6**



EVERY STUDENT SHOULD:
 ✓ *HAVE A REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE. EVERY DAY*

✓ *BE WEARING THEIR SCHOOL HAT WHEN OUTSIDE, AS WE ARE A SUNSMART SCHOOL*



✓ *BE SIGNING IN ALL DEVICES AT THE OFFICE VERY DAY*



If you haven't done so, NOW is the time to check if you have applied for or are eligible for **CSEF Funds**. Before you miss the cut off.

UPCOMING DATES:

Tuesday 24 th March	Wellbeing Day at DPS
Wednesday 25 th March	Leadership Badge Ceremony 9AM
Friday 27 th March	STREAM incursion
Thursday 2nd April	Final Day Term 1 Dismissal 2.30pm
Friday 3 rd April	Good Friday Public Holiday



Words from our Principal on the job – Brett Speed

We are at the mid-point of term and things are progressing well. Students are working through the curriculum with the feature writing piece being centred around the works. Keep an eye out for the updated display once these pieces are finalised.

Students are also starting to commence homework to build learning routines. This is also a good opportunity to consolidate the learning taking place.

BUILDING WORKS:



The main building is finally down to the floorboards. The children have thoroughly enjoyed



listening to and watching the demolition. Lots of work is being done in classrooms to prepare the students for the different stages of the build. The building plans are located in the office alongside the images of what



the finished product will look like. All families are welcome to view these in the office.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP:

It is with great excitement that I can officially announce our 2026 Student Leadership Team. These students have already commenced their leadership journey and are making their presence felt already.



STAR STUDENTS

*presented at assembly
Wednesday 4th March 2026*

FC	Relena <i>For demonstrating a great attitude in all her learning.</i>
12D	Bailey <i>For showing fantastic persistence and helping others</i>
34M	Imaya <i>For demonstrating Darrang values. Especially doing her personal best.</i> Addalyn <i>For always showing kindness and helping others whenever she can.</i>
56M	Blake <i>For his fantastic start to the year. Showing such a positive attitude to his learning.</i>
STREAM	Ruby (56M) <i>For consistently working hard in class, participated in all activities, and had many fantastic questions relating to our experiments with light and shadow.</i>
PE	Eli (12D) <i>For his wonderful participation and attitude to all PE lessons.</i>

We had a lot of interest in our leadership positions and thank all of the students who put themselves up for a position.

Congratulations to the following students:

School Captains Roxas and Renae
Sport Captain Maxine

TRIBE

Boonwurrung	Hunter
Wurundjeri	Tarrus
Taungurung	Vera
Kurnai	Ollie

JSC President Ashley
 JSC Year 1/2 Lachlan
 JSC Year 3/4 Isla
 Ava
 JSC Year 5/6 Sam
 Mackenzie
Art Ruby
Technology Blake
Environment Summer

Our 2026 student leaders will have their badges presented on Wednesday 25th March at 9:00am in the BER. We hope to see you there.

SCHOOL COUNCIL:

Our 2026 School Council is beginning to take shape with several nominations received on Monday with the 3 vacancies now filled. Congratulations to Bec, Chantal and Jamie-Lee for taking on these roles. The 2 short-term vacancies have also been filled. Congratulations to Dwayne and Kyla.

Vacancy	Nominated parent member
24-month vacancy	Bec Doyle
24-month vacancy	Chantal Scheepers-Stanbridge
24-month vacancy	Jamie-Lee Quinn
12-month vacancy	Dwayne Seyffer
12-month vacancy	Kyla Moorhouse

We would like to acknowledge and thank those that have now concluded their time with Council. Thank you to Brittany Organ who served on Council for several years and now departs with her girls in Secondary School. We appreciate your work and input over the past few years.

Thank you to everyone for your nominations. It is great to see so many new and returning faces on Council to support our school community.

LUNCH-TIME CLUBS:

Clubs were back on the agenda this week and students heavily engaged in those on offer. Our student leaders spent considerable time with each class identifying clubs that would be great to start Term 1. As a result, we have had more than half of the school at each club. Thank you to our fantastic staff for hosting these each lunch-time. Please have a talk with your child about the clubs on offer each day. They are fluid and students can come and go as needed.



PHOTO PERMISSION:

The Department has released new photo permissions. There are 3 categories:

- Local (Compass etc)
- Global (Newsletter etc)
- Media (full release)

If you would like to have your child feature in any of these documents, please ensure you tick and sign all 3 levels. If you are unsure, please see Sue in the office and she will support you. Hard copies of the notice are located at the office.

BABY ANNOUNCEMENT:

Miss Nink and her partner welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world on Thursday evening. As a community we are very excited for the family and look forward to meeting Aurora in the coming weeks.

VOLUNTEERS:

We are always seeking volunteers within the school to listen to children read, fundraise, support with school-wide events, prune/weed gardens etc. If you have time to spare, we are always happy to have people support. I would also like to publicly acknowledge Keith and Karen Millott who support our school each week. Keith is regularly sighted doing gardens, moving excess furniture or tinkering within the school grounds. Karen has been a mainstay of the library covering new resources, repairing books that need some work or creating labels. They have been involved in the Darrang community for a long time and we appreciate their support.

OUR BACKYARD:



Whilst the buildings are being refreshed, it has allowed us to take the opportunity to look at what is living in 'our backyard' Our resident volunteer Keith has been able to capture many of these in their natural environment. From



possums to tawny frogmouths there is a wide range of wildlife living at Darrang.

Please feel free to send your snaps of our critters and we will share them within our community.



OSHC:

We are getting quite busy in OSHC, particularly in the mornings. If you are using the service please ensure you have a booking or linked in with Kane/Jane or Sue to ensure availability.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Congratulations to our own Mr M who has been swimming during the month of February to raise awareness and resources for the Star Light Foundation. It has been great to see the daily updates in 5/6M and having the children see the result of hi hard work.

A charity very close to my own heart, Mr M has well and truly exceeded his expectations and swum over 30km during the month and over \$1,000 raised – a fantastic effort. Thank you and congratulations Mr M!

Teaching Excellence Program 2026

Our school values the learning and development of our staff, and the positive impact this has on student outcomes and school improvement. We are proud to share that Mrs Marsden has continued her professional learning journey through the Teaching Excellence Program at the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership. This program enables teachers to advance their capabilities and excellence in teaching. We look forward to seeing her investigations around mathematics and seeing the impact it has at Darrang.

TOURS / ENROLMENTS:

If you have a child due to start at Darrang in 2027, or know someone that does, please refer them to the school office or to our website Enrolment (www.darrangps.vic.edu.au). A digital enrolment system will be in place for all Foundation students entering 2027. We are expecting an increase in our tours and enrolments with the building works and highly encourage those families with children starting in 2027 to get in touch with the office. Please see Brett if you require support.

School tours can be arranged upon request by contacting the office on 9763 9600. We are more than happy to showcase our programs and grounds to prospective families.



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PE – Mr M



We have had a wonderful start to PE this year. Students have been able to play a range of minor games across the school. These games have developed student’s abilities to work as a team player, play fairly and revisit their fundamental motor skills.

Students have also been practicing their locomotive skills related to running, including dodging, sprinting and stopping safely.



In Senior Sport, students in years 3 - 6 have been refining their skills relating to tee ball as a lead into interschool sport, which is occurring later this term.



STREAM Newsletter

5/6M
 5/6 students have been focusing on how light can transfer through different objects. These objects can be categorised into translucent, transparent or opaque.

3/4M
 3/4 students have been exploring living and non living things. They have discovered the different characteristics that define things being living including movement, eat, grow and breathe.

1/2D
 1/2 students have explored the different materials that make up our world including metal, plastic, wood and fabric. They have discovered how the materials change in different ways by bending or connecting.

FC
 Foundation students will begin their STREAM lessons next week after commencing full time. Next week, we will begin looking at different materials.

MINECRAFT AND STREAM CLUB
 Minecraft and STREAM club started up this week. There has been a lot of interest in these and has been fantastic to see the collaboration between both junior and senior students. Over the next few weeks, Minecraft club will be working through different challenges to build.



The Each Smile Squad is scheduled to attend Darrang Primary School from Monday 30th March.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at:

<https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is currently available in 30 languages.

Smile Squad oral health packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free oral health pack to bring home. The pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Standard strength toothpaste

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.



FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

If you have thought about foster care, please get in touch and

ask the questions you have always wanted to.

Ring: Key Assets 1800 932 237 or 1800 WE CARE

Email: info@keyassets.com.au

Web: canifoster.com.au or keyassets.com.au



JUNIOR NEWSLETTER



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



Reading

This month, students have been exploring different texts and developing understanding through different comprehension strategies including summarising, inferring and questioning.



Writing

Students began to investigate different letters and how they make different sounds. Some letters include e, k, f, c and g. Students have enjoyed writing different adventures that the digger (excavator) has been on.



Maths

This month students have explored different mathematical concepts through hands on activities. They have looked at graphing, place value, time and skip counting.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1 UCLF visit

Students have been lucky to have visits from the Unconditional Love Foundation. They met Scout and investigated how to look after different animals.



2 Building Works

This month, students have thoroughly enjoyed watching the demolition take place. It has been exciting to watch the progression of the building disappear over the last month. Exciting time ahead!



NOTE FROM TEACHERS

Please come on in and explore the different learning spaces to admire your child's amazing work on display.

Please don't hesitate to ask any questions.

INTEGRATED STUDIES

Students have enjoyed exploring all the different Zones of Regulation. They have discovered different emotions that represent each zone and how to get back in the Green Zone.

Foundation students have enjoyed working with their buddy. They have worked through different activities to build on their cooperation and teamwork skills.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 6

Adam Wallace
Author visit

March 10

RACV
Safety Visit

March 27

STREAM
Incursion

Senior Snapshot

Welcome back to another school year in Senior School! We have lots of fun activities and learning to do this year and are excited for the journey we will take together. There are so many new learning spaces to explore. Watching our school transform has been so exciting

In **Literacy** we have been revising our knowledge of syllable types. Looking at the writing process including planning, writing and editing our pieces. We have also had an opportunity to write recount or narrative pieces about the demolition site.

In **Maths** students have been consolidating their knowledge of time. This has involved creating timetables, diaries for important dates, time vocabulary and working out elapsed time.

Integrated Studies has started with lots of classroom start of year activities that involve learning routines and expectations that will set the grade up for success, such as room orientation, classroom culture development, as well as 'getting-to-know-you' and relationship building activities. We have also revised the Zones of Regulation and different calming strategies. The Year 5/8 students have also been supporting their Prep buddies with their transition to primary school.

This year, **Senior Sport** will take place on a **Monday** to support the student's learning in PE, build school community and help prepare them for a wide range of Interschool Sport opportunities available this year.

We have been fortunate enough to have a handful of International **Students** visit our school from China to start the year. They have been a welcome addition to our classrooms, bringing new and unique perspectives to our school.



Come join us at Playgroup

Imagine

Explore

Connect

Read

Play

One Hope Community Church

Date: Thursday **Time:** 10:00am - 11:30am

Location: Community@Cavell:
15 Cavell St,
Scoresby, 3179

For further details please contact:
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**PLACES AVAILABLE IN
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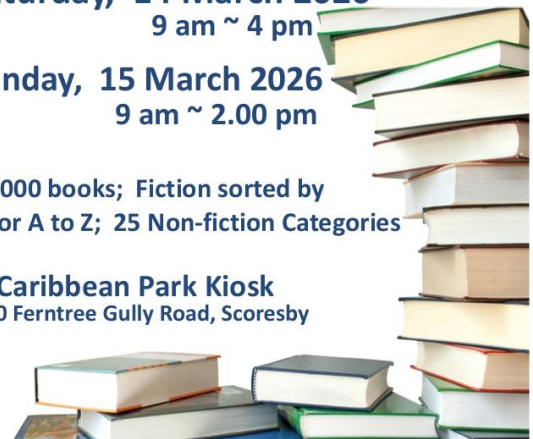
LIONS CLUB BOOK SALE

* Saturday, 14 March 2026
9 am ~ 4 pm

* Sunday, 15 March 2026
9 am ~ 2.00 pm

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