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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



Momentous May

How much can we pack into the month of May?

Monday 18th May Education Week Begins "Showcase your school"

Book Fair open for students/parents to peruse and make purchases

Competitions to enter as Momentous May celebrates 100 years of *Winnie-the-Pooh* which was first published in 1926. Written by A.A. Milne and illustrated by E.H. Shepard, the book introduced the famous bear and his friends at 100 acre wood.



"You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."



EVERY STUDENT SHOULD:

✓ *HAVE A REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE. EVERY DAY*



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



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

Thursday 21st May



Open Afternoon 4:00-6:30pm
 Activities throughout the school
 Scavenger Hunt and Door Prizes
 Coffee van on-site



Whole school activities 12.30pm- 1.30pm

Wednesday 27th May

Simultaneous Book Reading

Upcoming dates



Friday 5 th June	Curriculum Day
Monday 8 th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 16 th June	Scienceworks Excursion F-2
Wednesday 17 th June	Curriculum Day
Friday 26 th June	End of Term 2. Dismissal at 2:30pm

Friday 22nd May



Not only can we **dress up today** we can walk to school as **we celebrate Momentous May**

Term 3:

Friday 24 th July	DPS Athletics Carnival F-6
Friday 31 st July	DPS Athletics Carnival Back-up
Monday 17 th August – Friday 21 st August	Science Week 
Monday 24 th August – Friday 28 th August	2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK  22-28 August #CBCA2026
Wednesday 26 th August	District Athletics Y3-6
Thursday 27 th August	Book Parade
Friday 28 th August	Rugby Gala Day
Monday 31 st August	Moonlit Sanctuary F-6



STAR STUDENTS

presented at assembly
Wednesday 20th May 2026

FC	Skyler <i>For coming out of his shell and developing his confidence.</i>
12D	Ivy <i>For showing persistence when collecting information for her report about rabbits.</i>
34M	Izabelle <i>For always striving to complete all her tasks independently and working hard to improve them when asked.</i>
56M	Summer <i>For her fantastic work during our exposition writing assessment task.</i>
STREAM	Thomas <i>For creating an imaginative invention that can push and pull.</i>
PE	Micah (34M) <i>For his willingness to help solve problems in sporting activities</i>



Words from our Principal on the job – Brett Speed

We have had several busy weeks at Darrang that have provided opportunities for families to engage with our school. It is always lovely to have families engage with our spaces and share the learning journey with us.

The colder and wetter weather is beginning to arrive more frequently. Please ensure your children are wearing appropriate clothing for the conditions.

Please make sure you are checking Compass frequently for upcoming dates, events etc. We are continuing to chase permissions for several events and want to ensure maximum participation for each event. Thank you for your support with this.

Open Night: Thursday 21st May from 4:00-6:30

The poster features a photograph of the school building at the top. Below it, the text reads: '2026 Darrang PS Open Night Thursday 21st May 4:00pm - 6:30pm'. A circular inset shows two students reading a book. A list of school features includes: Modern classrooms, Well equipped ICT program, Flexible learning spaces, Promote student voice and agency, Hands on learning, and Strong community culture. Contact information is provided at the bottom: 9763 9600, darrang.ps@education.vic.gov.au, and www.darrangps.vic.edu.au. The Darrang Primary School logo is in the bottom right corner.

The school community have been working hard to prepare for our upcoming Open Night which provide the opportunity for our families and prospective new families to tour our facilities and engage in activities throughout the school. Classrooms in the BER building and Hall will be open with some specialist tasks and the Book Fair will be accessible for purchases.

- ★ Foundation room - Abracadabra and Blue bots (STREAMO)
- ★ 1/2 - Hands on activities/games Maths
- ★ 3/4 - Procedures (literacy)
- ★ 5/6 - PE activity/movement tasks
- ★ Library – Bookmark and colouring station.
- ★ Music/Art room – visual art activity

On the night there will be a Scavenger Hunt for children to complete as well as Door Prizes for families to enter their details into. All will be drawn on Friday 22nd May.

There will be a coffee van on-site for families to purchase warm drinks from. We hope that you can drop in and enjoy the activities.

Children must be accompanied by an adult during the Open Night. Families are responsible for the supervision of their children during the night. Staff will be leading and supporting activities within the classroom.

District Cross Country:

Our 2026 DPS team competed at Bayswater Secondary College on Friday. Students from Year 3 to 6 represented our school well and showed great sportsmanship cheering on their peers. Thank you to all the families and staff that attended to support our students. Some noticeable results included:

Age group	Name	Result
9/10-year-olds	Micah	19th
	Vera (qualified)	9th
11-year-olds	Maxine	16th
	Emily	18th
	Sophia	17th
	Arina	19th

Vera will represent the school at the Knox Division in the coming weeks.

BE FIT. BE WELL SPEAKER:



Darrang was very fortunate to host the amazing Emma Mickle from the Victorian Institute of Sport as part of the Be Fit Be Well speaker program. Emma is a highly talented para-cyclist who competes at international level including a fourth in the C3 time trial and sixth in the C3 road race at the Belgian World Cup. Emma articulated her journey and rise to prominence in the para-cycling world with students. Students listened attentively, asked thought-provoking questions and were in awe of the adversity that Emma had



overcome to reach her goal of competing internationally. Thank you to Emma for her time. Our students (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed hosting you.

MOTHER'S DAY/SPECIAL PERSON AFTERNOON TEA:

It was great to see so many people in attendance last week for our Mother's Day / Special person afternoon tea. Families engaged in personalised activities in the classroom with their children and had the opportunity to enjoy some well-deserved sweet treats provided by our student leaders and well-being team. Thank you to Miss Jane, Renae, Ashley and Ruby for their work setting up and baking for the event. We hope you had a wonderful weekend and enjoyed the experience at Darrang.



TOP UP PANTRY:



The 'Top Up Pantry' continues to operate for all of our families to access in the office. Please feel free to take what you need from the trolley. The trolley is located in the entry way to the office. If there are items that you think would be worth

having on the trolley please contact Brittany or Sue.

The pantry will be restocked throughout the week. We encourage all families to access this space as needed.

TOURS / ENROLMENTS:

A large promotional poster for school tours. At the top left is the Darrang Primary School logo. The main text reads 'SCHOOL TOURS 2026/2027' and 'ENROL NOW'. Below this are four circular images showing children engaged in various activities: reading, gardening, and social interaction. A list of benefits includes 'Modern facilities', 'Hands on learning', 'Strong community culture', and 'Promote student voice'. A call to action says 'Get your ENROLMENT pack from the office'. Contact information at the bottom includes the address '43 Rickards Avenue KNOXFIELD', email 'Darrang.ps@education.vic.gov.au', and website 'www.darrangps.vic.edu.au'. The phone number '9763 9600' is prominently displayed.

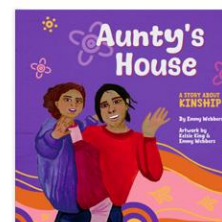
If you have a child due to start at Darrang in 2027, or know someone that does, please refer them to the school office or to our website Enrolment (www.darrangps.vic.edu.au). digital enrolment system will be in place for all Foundation students entering 2027. We are expecting an increase in our tours 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 me 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.

A purple-themed poster for a Reconciliation Week Special Storytime. The text includes: 'Reconciliation Week Special Storytime with Gunai / Kurnai author Emmy Webbers', 'Join us for a special Storytime in honor of Reconciliation Week with Gunai/Kurnai author Emmy Webbers!', 'Saturday 30 May 11am-12pm Ages 5-10', and 'Enjoy a heartwarming reading of 'Aunty's House' a beautiful children's book that celebrates the special role aunts play in childrens lives and the intertwining cultural connection.' A circular inset photo shows a woman reading a book to children. The location 'Rowville Library Stud Park SC Stud Road Rowville' is in the top right corner.

Following the reading, Emmy will guide the children through a fun and creative activity that brings these themes to life, encouraging kids to explore their own ideas of aunts, love, and community. The activity will also help young minds connect with the deeper meaning of reconciliation and the power of sharing stories across cultures.



Bookings essential
Scan QR code, call 9800 6443
or visit events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au



JUNIOR NEWSLETTER



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



Reading

- Narrative elements
- Information Character description
- Making Connections
- Procedures



Writing

- Sentence structure
- Information reports
- Nouns and verbs
- Recounts



Maths

- Subtraction - using friends of ten
- Time - analogue time (o'clock, half past, quarter to, quarter past)
- Time - days of the week

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1 Mother's Day

Students celebrated Mother's day with their special mums. They enjoyed constructing a bouquet of flowers with their mum and siblings.



2 TRIBES

Students persisted and worked together to complete tanagrams using different shapes. They developed their resilience with support to overcome challenges.



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 followed the design process and constructed their own catapult out of different materials. They had to use some resilience when faced with different challenges when constructing. Students tested out their catapult and reviewed what they would change for next time.

SENIOR NEWSLETTER



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



Reading

- Mentor text – Matilda
- Making connections to the text
- Procedure texts
- Information Reports
- Literature Circles
- Inferring



Writing

- Irregular words spelling
- Decodable spelling rules
- Information report research
- Procedure writing
- Planning effectively
- The writing process
- Informative writing



Maths

- Multiplication Strategies
- Subtraction Strategies
- Worded Problems
- Estimating
- Algorithms

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

We had a number of mums, grandmas and other special guests come and visit for a wonderful afternoon tea and special activities in the classrooms. Thank you to everyone who came along, we hope you had a lovely time!



2

Be Fit Be Well Speaker

Students were fortunate enough to have a visit from Emma Mickle, a VIS Para Cyclist. She discussed with the students the importance of resilience and goal setting, as well as her own personal journey.



INTEGRATED STUDIES

- Mother's Day
- The 7 continents
- North America and Europe
- Positive Coping Strategies
- Problem Solving
- Cooperation



PE Newsletter

FC
Foundation students have continued to develop their fundamental movement skills. Students practiced their hitting and striking skills using different sized balls. Due to the inclement weather last week, students practiced a range of different motor skills indoors with the 1/2 students.

1/2D
1/2 students have continued to develop their fundamental movement skills. Students practiced their hitting and striking skills using different sized balls. Due to the inclement weather last week, students practiced a range of different motor skills indoors with the foundation students.

3/4M
Students in 3/4 worked in Senior Sport with the 5/6 students to develop their team work and collaboration skills. They also worked to develop their understanding of the muscles in their bodies and how to look after them.

5/6M
Students in 5/6 worked in Senior Sport with the 3/4 students to develop their team work and collaboration skills. They also worked to develop their understanding of the muscles in their bodies and how to look after them.

STREAM Newsletter

5/6M
5/6 students have been exploring what the different states of matter. They looked at how chocolate and toast can be a reversible and irreversible change.

3/4M
3/4 students have explore the different states of matter, solid, liquid and gas. They discussed how water can change into ice and steam and explored chocolate changing state.

1/2D
1/2 students have explored how different items move with push and pull forces. They have explore how push and pull forces can be made with Bluebots.

FC
Foundation students explored how lego creations can be pulled towards them and created a thaumatrope. When spun creates a picture.

MINECRAFT CLUB
This term in Minecraft club, students are working collaboratively to build a maze and create different hazards to overcome.

\$245 for 3 days! 30% Offer ends June 9!

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- 01 9-3pm each day
- 02 AFL, Basketball, Netball, Pickleball, Soccer, Hockey and Tennis on offer
- 03 Suitable for all ages and skill levels
- 04 Guest appearances at selected programs

THREE DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS!

LOCATIONS

- Camberwell High School, Canterbury - 8, 9, 10 July 2026
- Anderson Park, Hawthorn East - 7, 8, 9 July 2026
- HA Smith Reserve, Hawthorn - 30 June, 1, 2, July 2026
- Melbourne Girls Grammar, Richmond - 6, 7, 8 July 2026
- Camberwell Hockey Club, Canterbury - 30 June, 1, 2 July 2026
- Doncaster Secondary College, Doncaster - 6, 7 and 8, 9, 10 July 2026
- Bundha Indoor Sports Centre - Fitzroy North - 30 June, 1, 2 July 2026
- Boroondara Sports Complex, Balwyn North - 1, 2, 3 July 2026

It was overall very positive and the kids made great connections with coaching staff and other participants

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