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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



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.

Monday 16th March

School Council meeting 7:00pm in the staffroom

Tuesday 17th March

Year 5/6 Bodyworks incursion (consent required)



Easter Special Effort Tickets

have gone home today. Please return monies and ticket butts to the office.

Wednesday 18th 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 19th March

UCLF (F-2) lesson



Friday 20th March



Interschool sports Years 4 (selected) & 5/6 students cost \$15.

Netball Knox Regional Netball Centre

T-ball – Kings Park Upper FTG

Wednesday 25th March

Leadership Badge Ceremony 9am

Friday 27th March
STREAM Incursion -whole school



Words from our Principal on the job – Brett Speed

Wednesday 1st April



Easter Special Effort drawn at assembly

It was lovely to have everyone return after the long weekend full of energy and vigour. Our learning boards across the school are being updated with some fantastic work so please make sure you come in and take a look.

Thursday 2nd April



UCLF (F-2) lesson

Final day for Term 1
2.30pm dismissal

We only have a few weeks left of term and they will fly by quickly. There are a lot of changes occurring both inside and outside the classroom which we are all eagerly watching each day.

Friday 3rd April – Good Friday Public Holiday



STAR STUDENTS

*presented at assembly
Wednesday 1st April 2026*

FC	Eli <i>For doing outstanding writing of our new letters.</i>
12D	Vanille <i>for stepping outside her comfort zone for maths and participation during class time.</i>
34M	Willow <i>For her exceptional flexibility and hard work during assessments.</i>
56M	Arina <i>For showing resilience and perseverance in the face of adversity.</i>
STREAM	Arina (5/6) <i>For exploring light using prisms to create rainbows.</i>
PE	Ailah (3/4) <i>For conquering her fears and striving for continual improvement.</i>
ART	Ivy (1/2) <i>For adding extra creativity to her art pieces.</i>
MUSIC	Tarrus (5/6) <i>For his enthusiasm in all music classes. Great musical skills.</i>

I would like to thank all of our families for your support with the changes occurring around the school. It has been a very busy Term 1 and the children have settled well into both the temporary fit out and the BER building.

BUILDING WORKS:

The site is beginning to take shape with asphalt and concrete removal across the site. In the coming weeks we will continue to see more changes occurring with building starting shortly after.

The works are also a great learning opportunity for our students to reflect on. Over the last few weeks students have been busy working on Narrative stories around the works. Using a writing prompt “Boom. Crash. Bang” students used their own experiences seeing the diggers to create some very clever pieces. These are displayed in the office foyer and are quite entertaining to read. Thank you to everyone involved in creating the pieces and to Miss McGinley and Ruby for the artistic design.



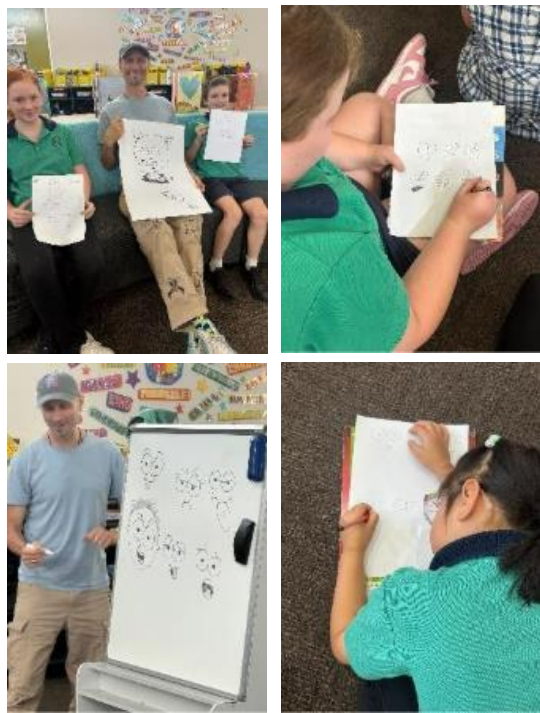
AUTHOR VISIT:

It was fantastic to host the New York Times best selling author Adam Wallace at Darrang for a workshop! A local author Adam has had an amazing career and has just launched his new book "Hatman".



Adam shared stories and pages from his many books to our students which had the children giggling throughout. He then took them through a drawing workshop where they first drew faces to build characters. They then developed their own pig creation.

Students were also given a signed book from his catalogue. How exciting! Thank you to Adam for his time!



NAPLAN:

Year 3 and 5 students completed NAPLAN testing this past week. There were some early glitches on the first day, but all testing since has gone smoothly. Students were assessed on Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy. Our students did their best in each assessment. Results will come out later this year.

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE FOUNDATION:

It is always lovely to welcome Leah and Pippin back into our school community. Junior students have been working with them both for the last few weeks and are enjoying each and every session.

As an added extra our senior students were involved in a new initiative with Haddie and Barb spending time with both 3/4 and 5/6 classes. Pat & Chat program focuses on developing empathy and kindness by providing students the opportunity to connect with animals. This partnership continues to provide our school with additional supports and allows our students to break down emotional and social barriers further. Thank you to Leah, Barb and the team at UCLF.



SCHOOL COUNCIL:

Our 2026 School Council will meet for the first time next Monday. Thank you to all those that nominated to play an active role in Council this year. With the building works and rebranding, there will be plenty of opportunities for these members to have an impact.

Please feel free to speak to any of our council members should you have an idea or question requiring clarification.

DET members	Brett Speed, Jen Marsden, Mikaila Colla and Brittany McGinley
Parent members	Bec Doyle, Dwayne Seyffer, Michelle Speirs, Chantal Stanbridge, Jamie-Lee Quinn, Kyla Moorhouse (DET) and Corinne Miller

LUNCH-TIME CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

Our daily lunch-time clubs continue to be a major drawcard each lunch-time. With a range of clubs including Minecraft, Movie Making, Colouring and drawing, Art, Hama beading and STREAM, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. Student leaders will survey students later this term to determine the Term 2 clubs. If your child has a suggestion, please encourage them to share this with their class.

Our fantastic student leaders have also ensured students have access to equipment each lunch-time by taking out the sports trolleys, games and sand pit toys. It is great to see students working together, engaging in collaborative play and sharing the responsibilities of packing up once completed.



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.

Holiday bookings are also available for the upcoming Easter period. If you require care, our service is open from 8:30am-4:00pm on Tuesday 7th April-Thursday 9th April and then again on Monday 13th April-Friday 17th April. If the program does not have sufficient numbers enrolled the program may not run.

Please contact Kane/Jane on the OSHC phone or Sue in the office to arrange a booking.

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.



I will be on leave in the final week of Term 1. Brittany McGinley and Jen Marsden will be available to support our community in my absence.



PE Newsletter

5/6M

5/6 students are developing their skills for Interschool Sport. They have practiced catching and throwing for both t-ball and netball as well as playing simulated games for both sports.

3/4M

3/4 students have starting developing their game sense and awareness. Students practiced passing and catching under pressure. Students also practiced skills related to t-ball and netball to expose them to a wide range of sports

1/2D

1/2 students have continued to look at different materials and how they are used in the world. They explored how different materials can or can't scrunch and twist.

FC

- Foundation students discovered the different materials that are used in the world and how they can bend. They enjoyed bending to make a paper plane.

STREAM Newsletter

5/6M

5/6 students have explored how light is made up of different colours than our usual primary colours. They have thoroughly enjoyed working with the glass prisms to make different rainbows.

3/4M

3/4 students have continued exploring living and non living things. They have looked at different animal classifications and features of a plant.

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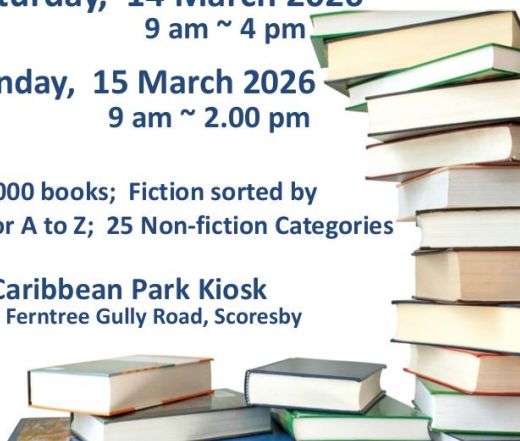
LIONS CLUB BOOK SALE

*** Saturday, 14 March 2026**
9 am ~ 4 pm

*** Sunday, 15 March 2026**
9 am ~ 2.00 pm

*** 12,000 books; Fiction sorted by Author A to Z; 25 Non-fiction Categories**

*** At Caribbean Park Kiosk**
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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:



JUNIOR NEWSLETTER



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



Reading

- Predicting texts
- Visualising texts
- Letter J, W, V, L, H, B, U, R



Writing

- Decodable rules - Sh, Th
- Narrative writing
- Procedure writing
- Informative writing
- Letter J, W, V, L, H, B, U, R



Maths

- Shape - 2D features
- Place value - define each digit placing
- Counting - subitising numbers 0-10
- Numbers - showing them in different forms 0-10

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1 Adam Wallace Visit

Students were lucky enough to have Adam Wallace (New York Times Best Selling author) visit last week. They worked through learning how to draw different characters and brainstorm different story lines based off events.



2 RACV Safety Visit

Students enjoyed their time with the RACV Safety Squad. Nicky showed us all the different signs around the streets that keep us safe. Students were fantastic at identifying different hazards that need assistance with.



INTEGRATED STUDIES

- Buddy work
- UCLF visit
- Auslan - family signs, farm animals, vegetables, outside
- Sharing stories



SENIOR NEWSLETTER



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



Reading

- Visualising
- Making connections to the text
- Using context clues
- Vivacious reading



Writing

- Irregular words spelling
- Decodable spelling words
- Narrative writing
- Persuasive writing
- Planning effectively
- Root words and affixes



Maths

- Shape - 2D and 3D features
- Shape - Nets of 3D shapes
- Place Value - Numbers up to and beyond 100,000
- Place Value - Place value of decimals to 3 decimal places.

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INTEGRATED STUDIES

- Buddy work
- Staying healthy
- Growth mindset
- School values
- Zones of Regulation
- Identity - Role models and self identity



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AFL PLAY



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