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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 SIGNING IN ALL DEVICES AT THE OFFICE VERY DAY

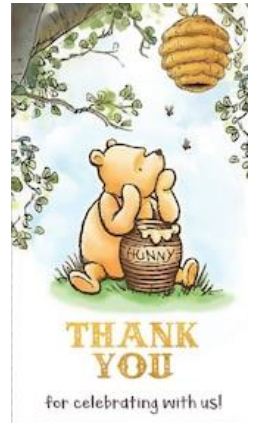


Every **Wednesday** and **Friday!!!** in the **Junior Learning Centre**.
 Doors open for service **8.30am**.
 Come on in for some Breakie with your friends -

Momentous May



Comes to an end. Thank you to those who participated in the activities. Congratulations to the winners of the book fair competitions and momentous may day these will be presented at assembly on Wednesday 3rd June.



Thursday 4th June Environmental Day



-students are encouraged to come dressed as something related to caring for the environment, nature or in a colour inspired by the environment.

Friday 5th June Curriculum Day – no OSHC operating

Monday 8th June King’s Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th June

Big Freeze lunch pre-orders close

Wednesday 10th June

Spirit Day - Students can wear a hat, a scarf and long socks one or all three to show their support for Fight MND

Fundraising lunch for those that have preordered


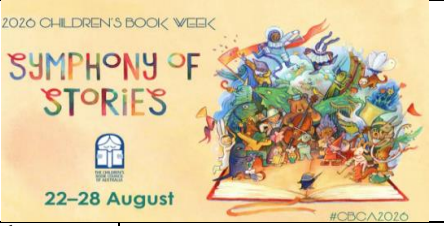


Friday 12th June

5/6M Class, Y6, Captain, Technology and JSC photo retake

Tuesday 16 th June	Scienceworks Excursion F-2
Monday 15 th June	School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 17 th June	Curriculum Day
Friday 19 th June	Student Reports sent home via Compass
Monday 22 nd June	Parent/Teacher Interviews 2.30-6.30pm
Tuesday 23 rd June	Parent/Teacher Interviews 2.30-5pm
Friday 26 th June	End of Term 2. Dismissal at 2:30pm

Term 3:

Tuesday 14 th July- Wednesday 23 rd July	Somers Camp
Friday 24 th July	DPS Athletics Carnival F-6
Wednesday 29 th July	Tentative date for whole school excursion
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 
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 3rd June 2026

FC	Melanie <i>For applying herself in all her learning.</i>
12D	Elijah <i>for showing great growth and understanding during subtraction.</i>
34M	Noah <i>For striving to do his personal best by taking on feedback to improve his work, especially when responding to Matilda.</i>
56M	Hunter <i>For showing persistence and resilience during his independent learning.</i>
STREAM	Addalyn (3/4M) <i>for doing an amazing job of showing her knowledge of states of matter.</i>
PE	Evie (12D) <i>For displaying a positive and determined attitude during PE and showing great sportsmanship during our lessons.</i>



Words from our Principal on the job – Brett Speed

It has been a very busy fortnight at Darrang PS. The building works continue to progress with the site ready for the next phase of construction. The school community came together for our Open Night where we showcased different activities across the board. It is always lovely to have our community come together for these events.

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.

MOMENTOUS MAY:

Education Week ended with our annual dress-up for Momentous May. It was great to see so many bright and creative costumes from staff and students. This year highlighted the 100-year anniversary of Winnie the Pooh, with our talented Miss Colla creating our staff photo. On the day students completed a wide range of tasks with our student leaders running different stations. These were all themed around Winnie The Pooh (thank you Miss McGinley!). A fun day was had by all.



COMPASS PORTAL:

Just a reminder that if your child is away to please enter the absence into the Compass portal. Admin staff follow up absences each day and this just ensures your child's absence is explained. If you need support using Compass, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

OPEN NIGHT:

A wonderful night was held at school with families accessing the Open Night activities. The evening was well represented with many participating in the Scavenger Hunt and entering

the door prize. Thank you to all our staff for their work around the activities in each room as they were enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to Imaya for her successful Scavenger Hunt entry and to Noah for winning the door prize! 😊



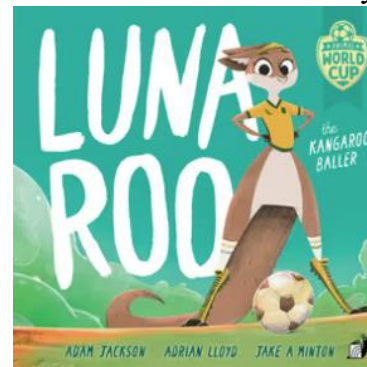
Division Cross Country:



Vera competed in the Division Cross Country at Gilbert Park on Wednesday in a very strong field of runners. She ran very well on the day and represented our school extremely well. Congratulations on reaching Division level of competition.

SIMULTANEOUS READ:

On Wednesday millions of children, parents, teachers, and library lovers across Australia and beyond will come together to read Luna Roo at the same time — celebrating the joy of reading, storytelling and connection. Published by Little Book Press the story follows the spirited kangaroo Luna and her friends as they chase their football



dreams across the outback, blending action, teamwork and fun to inspire young readers. Luna Roo was selected from 84 submissions from publishers around the country.

TOP UP PANTRY:

Parent Top Up Pantry!

The Top Up Pantry will be located in the office each day!

Please help yourself! Take what you need.



The 'Top Up Pantry' continues to operate for all our families to access in the office. Please feel free to take what you need from the trolley. The trolley is 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:

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.

PE Newsletter

FC

Foundation students have continued to develop their fundamental movement skills. Students practiced their hitting and striking skills, focusing on controlling a bat by holding a beanbag on the bat while moving. They also tried to flip their beanbag from one side to the other.

1/2D

1/2 Students continued to focus on developing striking techniques by practising controlled bat handling, including balancing a beanbag on the bat while in motion. In addition, they explored coordination and control by transferring the beanbag from one side to the other.

3/4M

Students in 3/4 have been starting to develop their abilities in the events that will become part of our athletics carnival in term 3. They also practiced their hitting and striking skills. They practiced hitting and striking off tees of different heights.

5/6M

Students in 5/6 have worked on their hitting and striking skills. They practiced using bats to hit both moving and stationary targets. Students have also started practicing the events for Athletics which are coming up in Term 3.

STREAM Newsletter

5/6M

5/6 students have been exploring what the different states of matter. They looked at how candles melting 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 sugar can change the state by dissolving in water and heating up.

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 Spheros.

FC

Foundation students explored how lego creations can be pulled towards them and created a marble toy to see how different weights roll differently.

MINECRAFT CLUB

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

JUNIOR NEWSLETTER



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



Reading

- Narrative elements
- Character description
- Sequencing
- Making Connections
- Nursery Rhymes
- Procedures



Writing

- Sentence structure
- Information reports
- Nouns and verbs
- Recounts
- Rhyming words
- Procedures



Maths

- Subtraction - using friends of ten
- Subtraction - number chart, number line
- Location - location words

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1 Simultaneous Read

Students participated with the whole nation by reading Luna Roo The Kangaroo Baller. Students enjoyed creating their own Luna Roo and medal.



2 Momentous May

Students enjoyed participating in different activities as a whole school celebration of 100 years of Winnie the Pooh. Our leaders ran wonderfully Winnie the Pooh themed activities on the oval.



INTEGRATED STUDIES

- Design process - researching and designing cards
- Momentous May
- Simultaneous Read
- Auslan - Things around the House
- National Sorry Day



SENIOR NEWSLETTER



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



Reading

- Mentor text - Matilda
- Making connections to the text
- Different types of poetry
- Literature Circles
- Poetic devices
- National Simultaneous Storytime - Luna Roo



Writing

- Irregular words spelling
- Decodable spelling rules
- Poetic devices
- Planning effectively
- The writing process
- Informative writing
- Sentence types



Maths

- BODMAS
- Division Strategies
- Worded Problems
- Estimating
- Algorithms
- Length
- Algebra

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1 Momentous May

We had a number of students dressing up on Momentous May to celebrate all the wonderful book characters we know and love. This was followed by some whole school activities celebrating the 100 Years of the Hundred Acre Wood and Winnie the Pooh!



2 National Simultaneous Storytime

Students were involved in the 2026 National Simultaneous Storytime. Students across Australia read Luna Roo and made connections to the story. They also followed up this activity with a goal setting activity in TRIBES.



INTEGRATED STUDIES

- Mother's Day
- The 7 continents
- Reconciliation Week
- Sorry Day
- Australia's role on the global stage
- Problem solving
- Cooperation





Environmental Day

Activities for the day:



Exploring our new planter boxes

All students will ready their classes planter box with materials. We will be using our new DPS garden tools.



Dress up

Everyone is encouraged to dress up as a gardener, plant or tree. It can be anything linked to the environment.



Cleaning up our spaces

Students and staff will be working outside to clean up our garden areas ready for planting.



The Lorax

We will all get to watch the Lorax which highlights the devastating impacts of deforestation, pollution, and the loss of biodiversity



Thursday 4th June



Junior School Council supporting



Join Mr Speed in a fundraising lunch on **Wednesday 10th June**. You must pre-order if you want to join in. Students can wear a hat, scarf or long socks on the day to show their support for this worthy cause.

Please return your order form with payment to the office/classroom no later than Tuesday 9th June

Thank you
Junior School Council



Name: _____ Class: _____

\$5.00 meal

Hot Dog

with sauce

with mustard



Juice Box

or

Milk Box

\$1 donation is included in this fundraising meal

I have made my selection and have enclosed \$5.00, thank you



\$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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