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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



Time to dust off those school hats as they must be worn when outside during daylight hours from the beginning of September.

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 -

Diary Dates:

Please ensure you are up to date with consent/payment for upcoming events. Additional diary dates have been added for



Friday 9th October

2027 Foundation Transition Session 1

Friday 23rd October

2027 Foundation Transition Session 2

Monday 2nd November Curriculum Day

Tuesday 3rd November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th November

Mill Valley Ranch Camp Y3-6

Monday 30th Nov – Friday 11th Dec

F-6 Whole School swimming program

Tuesday 8th December

Y6 Transition Day

Thursday 10th December @ 9:00am

Christmas Concert F-6. Families welcome

Tuesday 15th December *New Date*

Y6 Big Day Out

Wednesday 16th

Y6 Graduation

December @4:00pm

Thursday 17th December End of year – 1:30pm
dismissal

Friday 18th December Curriculum Day



STAR STUDENTS

presented at assembly

Wednesday 9th September 2026



*Words from our Principal on the
job – Brett Speed*

The term has quickly passed us by and there has been a lot to celebrate for our students and community. We have finished the term on a high with STREAM incursions, end of term rewards and Footy Colours Day. Thank you to all of our families for their support throughout the term. We are looking forward to providing more opportunities for you to engage with your child's learning and the ever-changing landscape of our grounds.

BUILDING UPDATE:



The buildings continue to progress with the impressive COLA taking centre stage now that the roof is complete. The children (and staff) have enjoyed seeing the cranes actively working on the site and the roofing sheets added. The COLA will be an amazing facility for not only our students but the wider school community to engage with at all times of the day and provide us with a large space for family/school gatherings in the future.

Framework for both the learning and administration buildings are well underway with significant progress made over the past few weeks. Over the holidays the site will continue to be active and we will continue to see progress upon our return from the break.

FC	Melanie <i>For applying herself with great confidence in all her learning.</i>
12D	Elijah <i>For demonstrating confidence when comprehending texts.</i>
34M	Ava <i>For exceptional teamwork, demonstrating kindness and leadership</i>
56M	Ruby <i>For her thoughtful and considered responses during our historical significance lessons.</i>
STREAM	Maxine (56M) <i>For demonstrating amazing engagement when looking at different adaptations for extinct animals.</i> Addalyn (34M) <i>For showing great excitement during our rocket incursion.</i> Helena (12D) <i>For exploring with great enthusiasm how different forces apply to her parachute.</i>
PE	Thomas (12D) <i>For his fantastic participation and enthusiasm during PE lessons</i>

DIVISION ATHLETICS:

This week several of our students competed at Knox Division Athletics Carnival representing Darrang across a wide variety of events. There were some exceptional results achieved from our team. Competing at this level is an achievement and highlights not only the talent that our school has but the determination to do their best against some very strong opposition.

Congratulations to all involved on the day. We are proud of everyone that competed at this level and to have 4 students ranking in the Top 10 in the entire Division is an accomplishment. A fantastic effort from Tarrus who competed against much older students in his hurdle race. We wish Summer all the best who will compete at Regional Competition in Term 4.

Results for the day:

9/10 year old	Angus
	4 th 200m
11 year old	Summer
	2 nd Shot Put and 3 rd Hurdles
	Tarrus (competed in age group above)
	5 th hurdles
12-13 year old	Renae
	9 th Shot Put

WELLBEING DAY:



Wellbeing day at DPS. Students had the opportunity to learn about positive things to do to improve our daily wellbeing. Construction, emotional cookies, dancing and moving, singing and messages of joy were on the agenda. It's an important step to identify different things that can support our well-being in our daily lives. Thanks to all involved for a fun and positive day!



STREAM INCURSION:

Students across the school engaged in a STREAM incursion across the early, middle and senior levels.

F-2 students completed several station rotations focusing on experimentation and recording the changes they could see. First students decorated a paper towel with textas and dropped different liquids onto the paper towel to discover where the colour moves. They then followed this up with adding different food colourings to milk and adding dishwashing detergent on the colours. The third station saw students decorate paper rocket templates and used straws/sticky tape. They then had to breathe into their rocket to make it fly and record results. The final station saw students craft a parachute to move little plastic friends. They attached string and sticky tape to crepe paper and then tested it to see if it would land safely on the ground.

The Year 3/4 students built and launched water rockets on the oval. These rockets left students with a grasp of how forces act on the rocket at

various stages in the launching, flight and landing process.

The senior school had the opportunity to engage with a hands-on introduction about adaptations for extinct animals over millions of years. Students looked at live organisms through microscopes.



FOOTY COLOURS DAY:

It was great to see most of our students

FOOTY
Colours
Day

'wear their colours' on Footy Day. Rugby, Football and AFL colours were on display. A wide range of activities including goal kicking, passing and dribbling were completed outside before students moved into classrooms to design a new sporting jersey for DPS. Sporting quizzes and Footy Finger Puppets were also done. This was a great end of term celebration and allowed students to show off their sporting skills. Thanks to Mr M for arranging the day and to Miss Jane and her team for arranging the special lunch.



LITTLE ANGLER KITS:

VFA (Victorian Fisheries Authority) and the Victorian Government have provided **Grade 5 students** with Little Angler Kits to promote environmental stewardship and fostering a love for nature among children.

Each Little Angler Kit includes a fishing rod, reel, line, tackle box, tackle and information on how to use the equipment to catch fish. Parents are able to collect their Little Angler Kit from the office from Friday 18th September.

STUDENT SUPERVISION:

A friendly reminder to families that student supervision begins at 8:45am each morning and until 3:45pm each day. Students that are on-site before or after these times will be deferred to OSHC.

To help us ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students, please do not drop children at school before this time, as staff are not on duty prior to 8:45am.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us provide a safe environment for all students.

TOP UP PANTRY AND SNACK SHACK:

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 speak to Brett.



The pantry is supported by Foodbank with all items on the trolley sourced from our partnership.

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



We have been successful in gaining further engagement with SecondBite through the UCLF in Term 4. Thank you to the Year 6 students that tracked the items used each week and gave feedback on snacks etc.

Reminders:

- We still have several families accessing the car park (driving in/out). Please use the ample parking around the school site and enter / exit via the pedestrian gates to keep our community safe.



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.

Have a fantastic Term 3 holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 5th October. Take care and stay safe.

STREAM Newsletter

5/6M



1/2D



3/4M



FC



STREAM this week has been quite exciting with various different incursions occurring.

F-2 enjoyed exploring chemical science and exploring the how forces acted on parachutes and rockets.

3-4 explored how different forces acted on rockets and fuelled using pressure to make different distances.

5-6 looked at how different organisms have gone extinct over time and what adaptations assisted them to survive.

PE Newsletter

FC

Foundation students have continued to practice their fundamental movement skills in the context of dancing and gymnastics, with a new addition of Yoga. Students were able to connect with their bodies in a new and exciting way to move in a low energy way. Students also have participated in Footy Colours Day activities, building their footy skills.

3/4M

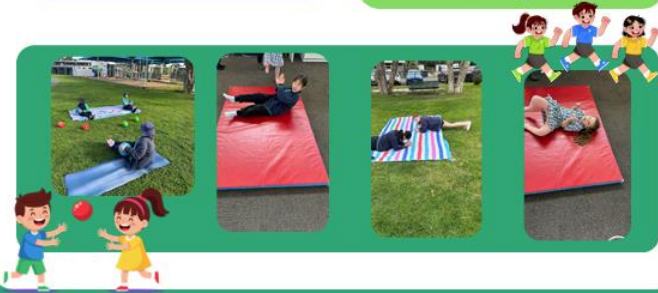
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JUNIOR NEWSLETTER



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



Reading

- Procedures
- Information reports
- Visualising
- Summarising
- Making connections



Writing

- Procedures
- Information reports
- Narratives
- Recounts



Maths

- Money - recognition of Australian Currency
- Money - counting the collection of coins

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1 Melbourne Museum

Students enjoyed a trip to the Melbourne Museum. They explored all different mini beasts and how things have changed from the past. They explored how different animals need different environments and dinosaurs.



2 Father's Day

Students welcomed their dads and special people to celebrate Father's Day. All enjoyed their bacon and egg roll along with a special medal to recognise their great support.



INTEGRATED STUDIES

- Melbourne Museum
- STREAM Incursion
- Past to Present - jobs and toys
- Auslan
- Father's Day
- Wellbeing Day



SENIOR NEWSLETTER



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



Reading

- Multi modal texts
- Making connections to the text
- Comparing similar texts
- Mentor text - Charlie and The Chocolate Factory



Writing

- Irregular words spelling
- Decodable spelling words
- Explanation writing
- Planning effectively
- Editing and revising
- Root words and affixes
- Sentence Structure



Maths

- Probability
- Fractions and Decimals
- Angles
- Regular multiplication practice

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1 Footy Colours Day

Footy Fever hit Darrang with a bang!

A great representation of all football sports in our special dress up day and activities that got us into the Footy Colours Day spirit. Students were able to do quizzes, jersey designs and of course some kicking and passing



2 End of Term Rewards

Our students have worked extremely hard this term and have enjoyed some rewards for their efforts. From cooking to movies and free time with friends, students had a great time celebrating their achievements!



INTEGRATED STUDIES

- Celebrations and commemorations
- Heat transfer
- Historical Significance
- Experiment Reports
- Handling stress



 **EILDON PARK CRICKET CLUB**

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Performances	Tickets	
Friday 25 September	7:30pm	Adult \$45
Saturday 26 September	7:30pm	Concession \$40
Sunday 27 September	2:00pm	Child (14 and under) \$30
Thursday 1 October	7:30pm	Family (2 adults, 2 children) \$120
Friday 2 October	7:30pm	Group (10+) \$40
Saturday 3 October	4:00pm	

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