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16th October 2026

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



Diary Dates:

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

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 Y6 Big Day Out
New Date

Wednesday 16th December @ 4:00pm Y6 Graduation

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

Friday 18th December Curriculum Day



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 -



Words from our Principal on the job – Brett Speed

Welcome back to all our families for the beginning of Term 4! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful break and is ready for a busy and exciting final term of the school year.

Term 4 is an important time for our students as we continue to build on their learning, celebrate their achievements and prepare for the next stage of their school journey. We want every student to finish the year on a high, feeling proud of their progress and ready for the challenges ahead.

As we begin the term, it is important that we continue to build strong routines and maintain regular attendance. Being at school every day helps students stay connected with their learning and friendships. Arriving on time, being ready to learn and following daily routines all help students make the most of each school day.

We also have an exciting term ahead, with our whole school swimming, Year 3-6 camp, Graduation/Big Day Out, end of year rewards etc. We ask all families to check Compass regularly and read our school newsletter to stay up to date with important notices, upcoming calendar dates, permission forms and payment deadlines.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Let's work together to make Term 4 a positive, productive and memorable end to the school year for all our students!

BUILDING UPDATE:

Both the administration and learning buildings continue to progress on the site. It is getting to the exciting time where we can actually see everything taking shape. We appreciate the flexibility and support our families have given us throughout the project.

Over the next few weeks and months we will begin to donate, repurpose and remove excess items around the school to ensure we are ready to move into these new spaces and minimise disruption to student learning and daily operation.

2027

Tuesday 26 th January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 27 th January	Curriculum Day
Thursday 28 th January	Curriculum Day
Friday 29 th January	Curriculum Day

Other Curriculum Days are:

- Friday 11th June 2027
- Monday 1st November 2027



STAR STUDENTS

*presented at assembly
Wednesday 21st October 2026*

FC	Skyler <i>For consistently demonstrating perseverance and applying himself in his writing.</i>
12D	Madilyn <i>For consistently demonstrating respect, responsibility and positive behaviour in the classroom.</i>
34M	Mason <i>For always trying his personal best to improve his learning.</i>
56M	Sam <i>For her hard-working start to term 4.</i>
STREAM	Evie (12D) <i>For experimenting and exploring how the Edisons work.</i> Izzy (34M) <i>for showing great persistence when creating a code to move the Sphero through a maze.</i>
PE	Noah (34M) <i>For his great attitude and approach to PE lessons.</i>

A massive thank you to Keith who cleared out the sheds for us.

STAFFING UPDATE:

We would like to acknowledge and thank Miss Brittany McGinley for her work at Darrang. She has taken a role in Regional Office for the next two years. Brittany has made a big impact on the whole community and we wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

This term we welcome Miss Kerrie Nink back into the school having returned from Maternity Leave. Kerrie will work in a range of roles across the school this term. Welcome back Kerrie!

Darrang also welcomes a new addition to our ES staff, Miss Amy Moss, who has joined us for a big part of Term 4. Amy will continue working in a casual capacity in 2027 as she continues her study to become an educator. Please make her feel welcome.

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.



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.



SecondBite through the UCLF support will continue throughout the entire Term 4. Thank you to the Year 6 students that tracked the items used each week and gave feedback on snacks etc.



SCHOOL TOURS

2026/2027





ENROL NOW

- ✓ Modern facilities
- ✓ Hands on learning
- ✓ Strong community culture
- ✓ Promote student voice

Get your **ENROLMENT** pack from the office

Contact us on: **9763 9600**

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 Darrang.ps@education.vic.gov.au
 www.darrangps.vic.edu.au



STREAM Newsletter



5/6M

5/6 students have been exploring the design process. They have begun their designing and planning for their own mini golf course.

3/4M

3/4 students have been developing their understanding of the coding world. Students have begun to explore the use of blocks to code Spheros to move around different mazes.

1/2D

1/2 students have explored how different robots work. They have begun to develop their knowledge of the features of an Edison robot. Students have predicted what each barcode does and tested it.

FC

Foundation students explored how an Edison robot moves. They trialed scanning different barcodes and identifying the features on the robot.




screen, swipe down to view of screen or press Esc

PE Newsletter

FC

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COME AND PLAY BLUEBIRDS LITTLE LEGENDS T-BALL

Great for Beginners
 \$80 per player
 Ages Under 10's
 All equipment provided

Fridays
Starting Oct 16th
- Dec 4th
4.30 - 5.30pm

Playing alternatively at:

- ✓ Pinks Reserve
123 Liverpool Rd, Kilsyth
- ✓ Knox Softball Association
Gilbert Park Dve, Knoxfield

Register Here
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/bluebirds/events/380887>





JUNIOR NEWSLETTER



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



Reading

- Procedures
- Fact and Opinion
- Narratives
- Predicting
- Visualising
- Inferring



Writing

- Procedures
- Information reports
- Fact and opinion
- Narratives
- Recounts



Maths

- Capacity - measuring informal capacity
- Time - Days of the Week, timetables
- Time - Seasons, months of the year, calendar

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1 Planet Orbits

Students have begun their investigation of Space and Earth. Students have looked at the order of the planets and then created a demonstration of how the planets move. They enjoyed being the planets and demonstrating the movements of each planet on their orbit.



INTEGRATED STUDIES

- Planets order
- Planets orbit
- Gender Stereotypes
- Auslan
- PMP



SENIOR NEWSLETTER



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



Reading

- Inferring
- Making connections to the text
- Personal reactions to texts
- Mentor text - Finders Keepers



Writing

- Irregular words spelling
- Decodable spelling words
- Persuasive writing
- Planning effectively
- Editing and revising
- Root words and affixes
- Persuasive Features



Maths

- Mass
- Temperature
- Location
- Regular multiplication practice

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1 TRIBES

TRIBES has started back for the term. Students work in multi-age groups to develop a range of social and emotional skills. This fortnight students looked at respectful interactions and spreading kindness.



2 Snack Shack

Snack Shack is back on for Term 4! Generously supported by Second Bite, Snack Shack provides our students a healthy snack to fuel their bodies and minds, as well as an opportunity for our 5/6 students to run the program.



INTEGRATED STUDIES

- Weather
- Erosion
- Government
- Australian Democratic Values
- Experiment Reports
- Respectful interactions



 **EILDON PARK CRICKET CLUB**

JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS OPEN · 2026/27

Super 7s – Under 18s Rowville's home of junior cricket. All abilities & new players welcome!

JOIN THE PANTHERS



Eildon Park Reserve, Tyers Cres, Rowville
Season: Oct 2026 – Mar 2027

ENQUIRIES
Brad Wilkins
Junior Cricket Coordinator
0490 243 607
epccjuniors@gmail.com

Scan to Register



WANT TO GIVE

Netball

A GO, COME TRY OUR

5 week starter program



 Session dates are:
Wednesday October 21st, 28th,
November 4th, 11th, and 18th

 Time: 4:00 - 5:00pm

 Location: HV Jones Reserve Ferntree Gully

For more information contact our coordinators via email:
templetonnc.coord@gmail.com

 **Rotary**
Club of Emerald & District

ROTARY KIDS FUN RUN
with **PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY**
Children 3-12 years running to benefit other children





Registrations Now Open!!
Kids Running for Kids
29th November 2026



<https://emeraldrotary.org.au/5395/Page/rotarykidsfunrunwithpuffingbilly>

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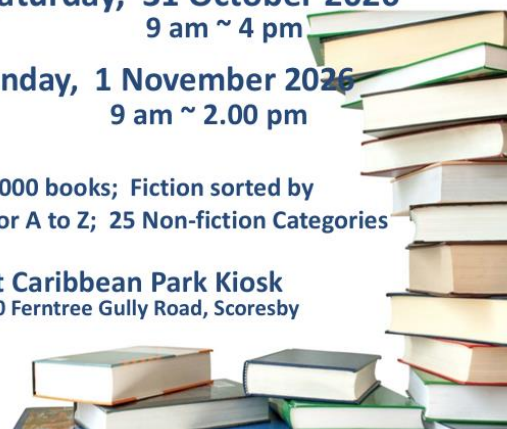
BOOK SALE

• **Saturday, 31 October 2026**
9 am ~ 4 pm

* **Sunday, 1 November 2026**
9 am ~ 2.00 pm

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

• **At Caribbean Park Kiosk**
1280 Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby



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