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21st August 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



Monday 24th August – BOOK WEEK



Wednesday 26th August

District Athletics Year 3-6 at Knox Athletics Track

Thursday 27th August

Book Parade in Learning Centre 9.05am

Friday 28th August

Rugby Gala Day Years 3-6 at Kings Park Ferntree Gully



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 -

Monday 31st August

Moonlit Sanctuary – whole school



Tuesday 1st September –
School Hats on when outside.

Wednesday 2nd September

Smile Squad six-month fluoride varnish visit

The Each Smile Squad team are heading back to our school to complete six-monthly fluoride varnish applications for those students who have provided consent. Fluoride varnish applications help make sure students have the best chance of preventing tooth decay, so we're excited Smile Squad are coming back.

Consent for this fluoride varnish application was provided when students' initial consent forms were returned. However, if anyone has changed their mind and do not wish to receive a fluoride varnish application, they can contact Each directly to let them know. Please contact the Smile Squad team via:

(03) 9757 6209

Smile.Squad@each.com.au

Thursday 3rd September

Father's Day Stall Items for sale from 50cents to \$6.00

Friday 4th September– Father's Day Morning
(Brekky /class)

Term 3:

Monday 7 th September	Melbourne Museum Excursion
Tuesday 8 th September	Wellbeing Day
Thursday 10 th September	Foundation Transition Session
Friday 11 th September	4-6 Inter-school sports
Wednesday 16 th September	STREAM incursion Knox Division Athletics

Thursday 17th September

Footy Day and Special Lunch



Term 4

Friday 9 th October	2027 Foundation Transition Session 1
Monday 19 th October	School Council Meeting
Friday 23 rd October	2027 Foundation Transition Session 2
Monday 2 nd November	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 3 rd November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday



STAR STUDENTS

presented at assembly
Wednesday 12th August 2026

FC	Archer S <i>For showing persistence when creating his pattern snake.</i>
12D	Evie <i>For her great fairytale writing piece and showing great editing and revising skills.</i>
34M	Keeghan <i>For striving hard to improve her learning, especially when sounding out words in her writing.</i>
56M	Emily <i>For her amazing efforts with her writing.</i>
STREAM	Tarrus (56M) <i>For exploring with great imagination during the Science Week activities</i>
PE	Ivy (12D) <i>For showing great persistence with her gymnastics</i>



Words from our Principal on the job – Brett Speed

The term is quickly passing us by. We were fortunate to have Cassie from Real Schools visit in the past few weeks to build on our restorative practices and consistency of language across the school.

It is always reaffirming to have external visitors coming through Darrang to highlight the impactful change that we have had over the past few years. In the coming weeks we are going to continue to review our processes and procedures and build on them for 2027 and beyond.

There are several Compass events requiring consent and payment currently. Please ensure these are done using the portal. Payments can be made via Compass or through the school office.



15 - 23 AUGUST 2026 - AUSTRALIA WIDE

Science Week kicked off with a bang as students undertook investigations, science experiments, completed engineering challenges and navigated robots through mazes. Miss Colla led students through a series of rotational activities in TRIBE groups.



Four activities were rotated through during the day with the first focusing on science and change. Students made their own sherbet and trialled the taste by adding in a wide range of ingredients. They also experimented with hydrophobic sand showing when submerged in water, it traps a layer of air, refuses to get wet, and can be moulded into strange shapes before emerging completely dry.

The second station allowed students to pour and spread paper pulp



before gently pushing seeds into the pulp. This will be an active growing ingredient for them to plant later in the week. They then looked at different types of seeds using magnifying glasses and identifying the different characteristics within.

During the third rotation students paired up for a maze challenge using various concrete materials. Students created different obstacles that the Spheros would navigate through.

The final task was an engineering challenge where students worked as a tribe to construct the longest domino chain. It was quite a sight to see as students used a variety of surfaces to build their creations.

Thank you to Miss Colla for her work preparing the sessions



UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT:

We welcome Gemma back to the 3/4 area for her teaching placement next week. Please make her feel welcome when she returns.

Student supervision reminder:

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.

Over the next fortnight we will continue our pilot program with SecondBite through the Unconditional Love Foundation. A range of

packaged snack items will be available for the fortnight including yoghurts, biscuits and cheese, popcorn and a range of fresh fruit.

Reminders:

- **Book Week Dress Up Parade** will be on Thursday 27th at 9:05am in the BER. Families are welcome to attend. Children will have the opportunity to parade their costume to peers.
- Most creative DIY
- Best dressed
- Most authentic character – closest to the original character.
- **School hats** to be worn from Tuesday 1st September as per our SunSmart policy. If students do not have a hat they will need to remain in shaded areas at play times.



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 great weekend.

STREAM Newsletter

5/6M

5/6 students have been exploring the world of coding when using the Edisons. Students have looked at 3 different ways to make the Edison move, using either barcodes, Edscratch or Edblocks.

3/4M

3/4 students have been working through the design process. Students have planned, designed/built and tested a bridge. They have then reviewed what worked well and didn't.

1/2D

1/2 students have explored the land of their imagination and mapping. Students have been reading fairytales and then designing a map to represent the story. They have then moved Bluebots along the map to tell the story.

FC

- Foundation students explored how Bluebots can create different designs with a shell on top. The shell held textas and then moved in different directions to create shapes and numbers.






PE Newsletter

FC

Foundation students have been practicing their fundamental movement skills in the context of dancing and gymnastics. Students have been challenged to practice their jumps, rolls and balancing using a range of different apparatuses. Students have also worked on their movement through space with a range of dances.

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There are opportunities to be involved in social grades to elite level for all ages!

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- ☒ Make new life long friends
- ☒ Learn to hit a ball
- ☒ Run the bases and slide
- ☒ Throw, pitch and catch

WHEN?

Join now and enjoy the fun

12th SEPTEMBER 2026

29th AUGUST 2026 @ 12PM - 2PM



WE ARE LOCATED IN JELL'S PARK, WHEELERS HILL MEET @ DIAMOND TWO

JUNIOR NEWSLETTER



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



Reading

- Questioning
- Features of Fiction
- Inferring
- Features of Non-Fiction



Writing

- Decodable rules – 'ow' sound, 'th' sound, 'oo' sound, Irregular words, Bossy 'E'
- Information Report
- Procedure writing
- Recount writing
- Narrative writing



Maths

- Division – different strategies, sharing
- Algebra and Patterns – Number and colour patterns

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1 Science week

Students participated in 4 different science week activities, including a science station, engineering station, robotics station and a seed station. The students had a very fun day and were able to go home with their own seeds that can grow when planted!



2 Pet incursion

Foundation, 1 and 2 students were together for an informative pet incursion. They learnt how to safely approach and pet a dog, as well as, move away from an aggressive dog.



INTEGRATED STUDIES

- Auslan – Nature walk,
- Values – Darrang Values
- Minibeasts
- Dinosaurs
- Science week
- Pet incursion



SENIOR NEWSLETTER



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



Reading

- Visualising
- Making connections to the text
- Using context clues
- Mentor text - Charlie and The Chocolate Factory



Writing

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



Maths

- Graphing
- Data Collection
- 2D shape and 3D objects
- Symmetry
- Angles

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1 Pet Incursion

Staff and students had so much fun learning how to approach dogs in the community. We discussed what behaviours to look for to determine if a dog is scared, angry or happy. We also revised how to ask to pat a dog that is not our own.



2 Science Week

Another great year of exploring various aspects of science. This year we made paper and created seed pods. We also made our very own sherbet, built domino chains and made a maze for our robots to move through.



INTEGRATED STUDIES

- Celebrations and commemorations
- Heat transfer
- Immigration
- Science Experiments
- Handling stress



MOORABBIN AIR MUSEUM YOUTH AVIATION CAREERS EXPO SAT SEPT 5, 10am to 3pm



Considering a career in Aviation or Aerospace?

Come and talk to professionals from the industry and discover your future career.

Set among the incredible collection of aircraft at the Museum, this is a unique opportunity to learn about all aspects of aviation and pathways to achieve your goals, from pilots, to engineers, to crew and more. Also meet the amazing youth groups and theatre group that operate from the Museum on the day.



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September 25 - October 3, 2026

Performing Arts Centre, Rowville Secondary College

**Eastern Campus, Humphreys Way, Rowville
(Corner of Wentworth Avenue and Humphreys Way)**

Director
Phill Grompton

Associate Director
Amy Robertson

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Scott Huddleston

Co-Choreographers
Emily Wakelin & Zoe Wakelin



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Performances

Friday 25 September
Saturday 26 September
Sunday 27 September
Thursday 1 October
Friday 2 October
Saturday 3 October

7:30pm
7:30pm
2:00pm
7:30pm
7:30pm
4:00pm

Tickets

Adult	\$45
Concession	\$40
Child (14 and under)	\$30
Family (2 adults, 2 children)	\$120
Group (10+)	\$40

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