

Wednesday Weekly

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Mission Statement

"To provide a safe and positive learning community where student success and achievement are our goals"

Dallas Diary

SEPTEMBER	Friday 11 th Sept Tues 15 th & Wed 16 th Friday 18 th Sept	Athletics Carnival Parent, Student & Teacher Interviews – 3.30pm – 6.00pm Last Day Term 3 ~ 2.30pm Finish
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Getting Ready for Term 4 - Sun Safety Message

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Getting Ready for Term 4

Term 4 is a very busy time at the school. There are still many new skills to be covered in the classrooms as well as important revision of the work covered throughout the year.

Parents can expect that students will be working solidly through to the end of the year, including the last two weeks of term. **The importance of this time means that all students and parents are asked to make an effort to keep up regular attendance at school.**

Slouch Hats – Compulsory

Parents and students are reminded of the School Council decision that the wearing of navy blue slouch hats during all outdoor activities such as recess, lunchtime, fitness, physical education, sport, camp, excursions etc. is compulsory at Dallas Primary School and Kindergarten during terms 1 and 4.

The School Council decision regarding the compulsory wearing of slouch hats has been advised to parents on numerous occasions via the

Wednesday Weekly and special notices.

Skin Cancer Danger

The Dallas Primary School and Kindergarten School Council has made slouch hats compulsory for all outdoor activities during terms 1 and 4 in response to the known link between exposure to the sun and skin cancer.



'No Hat, No Play'

We have implemented a 'No Hat, No Play' policy. This means that students must have the appropriate hat (Prep to 6 navy slouch hat) in order to play freely in the playground or participate in outdoor activities such as Physical Education lessons.

Students who do not wear the appropriate hat are required to sit under the shade areas in the central area of the school.

School Uniform Shop

The compulsory school uniform policy states that the hats are to be **slouch** (wide brimmed) and **navy blue**. Students are not to wear baseball caps.

Navy blue slouch hats with the school logo are available from the School Office.

Parents with any queries regarding the school's hat policy are asked to contact the school.

Valerie Karaitiana
Principal

School Uniform

If you require school uniform for term 4, please place your order at the office before the end of term 3.

Congratulations to all students that received the **Attendance Star Award** for 100% attendance



Kindergarten Report

4 Year Program.

This week we are looking at the countries our family have come from and the different cultures in the Dallas community. The children have been missing their friends who are overseas at the moment and have been interested in learning about where they are and what they are doing. We would love parents to join in this theme of discussing their heritage and invite them to come in and chat to the children, or bring in photos, souvenirs and other items which can be used.

A reminder to kindergarten families that pyjama and breakfast day is occurring in the last week of term.

*** A REMINDER THAT HATS MUST BE BROUGHT IN EACH DAY IN TERM 4. **NO HAT, NO OUTSIDE PLAY!** Please bring a **WATER BOTTLE** as well.

Pina Stefanatos & Andre Jack
Kindergarten Teachers



Prep Report

Numeracy week was a huge success. The preps learnt about numbers and shapes in different classrooms and joined the 1/2's in a shape investigation around the school.

We also had a visit from some of the kindergarten children and they were very excited and comfortable thanks to our responsible preps. Kinder-Prep transition will continue until the end of Term 4.

We would like to remind all parents who have not yet returned their child's parent teacher interview forms to do so as soon as possible in order to secure a suitable time. We look forward to seeing you and discussing your child's progress next week.

Mervet Ali - Grade Prep Teacher

Year 1 and 2 Report

Only two weeks remain of term 3; it has been a busy few weeks with literacy and numeracy activities taking place across the whole school.

The 1/2 grades have been looking at maps and map making. Discuss your child's learning about maps. Perhaps

get them to design a map of the family home. They could hide treasure somewhere and get a sibling to follow the map to find the treasure.

Please discuss with your child the importance of dispute resolution and not fighting verbally or physically with other students if they have a disagreement.

The 1/2 area is enjoying the development of times table skills. Practise the 1, 2, 5 and 10 times table with your child. It is a very important skill that, if learnt at an early age will hold students in good stead for future mathematics learning.

Mr Sterling - Grade 1/2 Teacher

Melbourne Aquarium

The Grade 1/2 students recently went to the Melbourne Aquarium to extend and consolidate their knowledge about creatures in the sea. They were amazed at how big the sharks and stingrays are in the main exhibit and how tiny and colourful some of the jellyfish are. The students were able to handle empty shark egg casings and feel sea stars. The giant eel and tiny clown fish were also very popular. We all had a fantastic time.

Grade 1/2 Team

Year 3 and 4 Report

Well done to everyone who participated in the many numeracy activities that we took part in over the last week. Our multi age activity proved to be a success with all the students returning to their classrooms with interesting things to share with their peers.

The grade 3/4s also participated in a fun maths trail, where they were sent off to explore the school grounds and answer many questions according to a booklet they were provided with. All students did a fabulous job of completing this work and learnt a lot about the amount of mathematics that surrounds us every day without us even realising. Finally to finish off numeracy week all students were involved in a sports carnival where they had to participate in various activities and gain points for their house teams – Congratulations to Blue house who came first!

I also know that every grade has worked very hard to complete some wonderful class projects, some of which include tessellating patterns. Well done to all students who have taken part in numeracy week 2009 and we look forward to next year's activities!

Only 1 week of term 3 left, so make sure you concentrate hard and begin preparing for the final term of 2009 – it's unbelievable how quickly it has come around!

Chrystal Sumpton – Grade 4 teacher

Year 5 and 6 Report

Students in Years 5 & 6 attended an excursion to Williamstown on Monday of this week. The main purpose of the excursion was to visit the tall ship Enterprize and to learn about its history.

Students had a guided tour of both the above deck and below deck areas of the ship. They were able to look through the sleeping and cooking quarters and were surprised to see how small the bathroom and toilet areas were.

The students also took part in a history lesson about the establishment of the colony of Victoria in 1835 and the reasons that the current site of Melbourne was chosen for a settlement.

Amanda Henning – Grade 5/6 Team

Community Hub

In October we will be starting Computer classes. They will be in the evening from 6.00pm until 8.30pm.

A Certificate 2 in Home And Community Care will be starting in November. This certificate will enable you to work in the community doing Home Help and Personal Care, with the elderly in our community. If you hold a health care card they will be no cost for this course.

Please contact me at the school to register your interest.

Marilyn Parker - Hub Coordinator

Student of the Week

Week ending 4th September, 2009

Prep A:	Nina & Halit
Prep B:	Selin & Isa
Prep C:	Whole Class
Yr 1/2A:	Esad
Yr 1/2B:	Mahmoud
Yr 1/2C:	Montader
Yr 1/2 D:	Sana
Yr 3/4A:	Nathan
Yr 3/4B:	Emily
Yr 3/4C:	Mohammed
Yr 4D:	Jasmine
Yr 5A:	Amina
Yr5/6B	Ibrahim
Yr6C:	Ebru
P.E:	All Sports Carnival Participants
The Arts:	Kubra & Linda

Well Done