

# 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

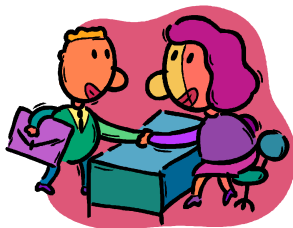
<b>JUNE</b>	Wed 17th June	Prep Excursion to Melbourne Zoo
	Thurs 18th June	School Photos
	Thurs 18th June	School Council Meeting
	Fri 26th June	Last Day Term 2 – <b>2.00pm. Finish</b>

# Together We Can

## PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

### Parent Teacher Interviews

It was a pleasure to see so many parents, accompanied by their child, attend last Friday's interview session. The teachers and parents commented on having enough time to meet and talk. If you were unable to attend, please make a time with your child's teacher to meet and discuss the report. Reports can be collected from the school office prior to the interview.



It is important to develop a partnership with your child's teacher. Together teachers and family make a lifelong contribution to a child.

Points to remember:

- Talk to your child about their day
- Try out the home help suggestions that are on the report
- Keep the teacher informed of any changes at home
- **Read to** your child
- **Listen to** your child read

- **Read together** your community's newspapers
- **Discuss** local and world events
- Sit with your child when they do homework
- Follow up with the teacher about any concerns you may have
- Praise all your child's efforts



We look forward to working together for the next two terms.

## "TOGETHER WE CAN"

Valerie Karaitiana  
Principal

## Kindergarten Report

Hello to all our families. The next two weeks will see our students Clair & Kelly take full control. The girls have been in the kinder the whole year and are now extending their skills by guiding the children and program. Some lovely changes have been made to the

room set up, as well as the introduction of some favourite kindergarten activities. Please make the girls feel welcome and value the role they are undertaking at this time.

A reminder **school holidays** are approaching fast and the kindergarten will be closed for the two weeks - Monday 29th June to Friday 10th July.

**Desperately seeking:** The kindergarten needs to restock our Dress Ups. We are asking families to donate clothes to the kinder, such as pants, jackets & dresses, as well as any clothing representing the cultures of the families in the Dallas community. Thank you for any donations.

**Please remember to provide suitable coats and hats for every session.** Please bring a **WATER BOTTLE** as well.

Andre Jack & Pina Stefanatos  
Kindergarten Teachers

## Prep Report

This week is a very special week. We have the zoo excursion and the prep classes are very excited about the visit. Thank you to all the parents and children who

brought their money and notices back to school.

We would also like to thank all the students and parents who came to the parent teacher interview day last Friday. It was a great way for students, parents and teachers, to celebrate the learning and progress that has occurred. On the day, many parents recognised the influence they had on their child's learning. The support and guidance that children receive at home is vital to their development and success in the classroom.

Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to read their reader and learn their words!

Have a great week.

Mervet Ali  
Grade Prep Teacher



### Year 1 and 2 Report

We would like to say "Well Done!" To all the grade 1/2 students who received an award for 100% attendance for term 2.

What a fantastic job you have all done to get those certificates. Wouldn't it be fantastic if every single student could get one next term. Let's have that as our goal for term 3: 100% of the students at school 100% of the time!

With just the last couple of weeks of term left we need to make sure that everyone returns their take home books each day and their homework too!

It was great to see so many parents here at school on Friday. I know that all the teachers were happy to be able to tell parents what a great term we have had

and how well their children have been working.

Debra Pastowski  
Grade 1/2 Teacher

### Year 3 and 4 Report

What's been happening in the Grade 3/4 area?

Last week, the grade 3/4 students set off to experience camp at Malmsbury Doxa Campsite. The activities and facilities at the campsite were excellent as it has been re built in the last couple of years. The surroundings allowed the students to feel a closeness to the environment and gain an understanding of our beautiful bushland. The children enjoyed the experience as stated by Imah Oztas, "I liked bush walking, rope courses, taking photos and jumping on the trampolines, I can't wait for next year to go again".

I would like to thank all teachers that were involved in the camp, but, most importantly to all students that attended with positive attitudes and a willingness to get involved in all activities and duties. What a great experience for all students to be involved in. Look out for next year!

Justin Lania  
Grade 3/4 Teacher

### Year 5 and 6 Report

This term is certainly going fast. It is hard to believe it is week 9 already! It will be the end of the term before we know it.

Students are still working hard in class and most are completing homework on time. Great job!

Please encourage your child to see their classroom teacher if they have any difficulties with their homework. It is important for students to hand their homework in on time so they develop study habits to help them at secondary college.

Students have settled well into mathematics groups. They have been placed into groups to help target their areas of need. This term we are covering length, mass

and temperature. Please engage your child in conversations about what they are covering at school to reinforce their learning.

Michelle Meracis  
5/6Team

### Community Hub

If you are interested in attending the following courses please contact the school.

Aged Care Certificate 3 will start in term 3. This course will run 2 days a week. The duration will be for approximately 4 months  
Cost - Free

Financial Literacy Course will start Thursday 6th August. Times are from 9.30am. - 11.00am. The duration will be 5 weeks.

- Cost Free without a certificate
- \$60 if you would like a certificate. If you hold a health care card you will be reimbursed from centrelink.

Please feel free to drop in and see me in the Hub

Marilyn Parker  
Hub Coordinator.

### Student of the Week

Week ending 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2009

Prep A:	Bilal M
Prep B:	Miray S
Prep C:	Shams A
Yr 1/2A:	Jordan Y
Yr 1/2B:	Mariam A
Yr 1/2C:	Matthew B
Yr 1/2D:	Saja A
Yr 3/4A:	Joshua O
Yr 3/4B:	Diana A
Yr 3/4C:	Jack T
Yr 4D:	Hassan A
Yr 5A:	Enes O
Yr5/6B	Natasha J
Yr6C:	Rukaya M
P.E.	Nisa R

Congratulations to all students that received a '100% Attendance Award'  
**Well Done**