

DALLAS BROOKS COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS BULLETIN

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Vision: "For our students to be literate, numerate, creative, safe and happy"

Term 1 Number 1

Thursday 9th February, 2017

School Diary

Interscholar Sports

Friday 17th February, 2017

Parent Information Evening

3.30 -4.30

Tuesday 14th Feb – Year 5/6

Wednesday 15th Feb - Year

1/2/EAL

Thursday 16th Feb – Year 3/4/EAL

**Prep Information sessions –
Individual meetings on
Wednesdays.**

Principal's Column

WELCOME TO THE 2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome everyone to the 2017 school year at DBCPS! Hard to believe, but another school year is underway. It's always great to know that our students, staff and families have returned safely from the holiday period. A very special welcome to the many new students, families and staff who join DBCPS for the first time. We had an extremely smooth and orderly start to the school year with all of our students returning with smiles on their faces and plenty of enthusiasm for the year ahead. Everyone has settled into their new class routines quickly and the scene is all set for a terrific year ahead. Our Prep students commenced their individual meetings with their teachers yesterday. This is an important time for teachers to get to know their new students and meet their parents.

NEW STAFF 2017

We welcome the following new staff to DBCPS

- *John Leever - Performing Arts*
- *Callum Donald – Year 6*
- *Kelly Falieros – Year 6*
- *Emma Snow – Year 2*
- *Timothy Brown – Social Worker*

We believe that the new members of staff listed above are excellent additions to our team. It is already evident that our new members of staff, working alongside our established staff, will make their own contributions to the ongoing successful work of the school.

We wish Ms Jessica Iovannella all the best as she commences her family leave next week. We look forward to hearing from her soon.

ATTENDANCE

Every day counts – school attendance

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they will have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

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If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

It is the responsibility of a parent to make sure that their child attends school regularly and on time. The Department of Education and Training (DET) expects that students have a 90% minimum attendance each year.

The main reason for absence is:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they are only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

ASSEMBLY

Each Monday we start the week with a whole school assembly in our courtyard. We invite you to attend our assemblies when you can, to receive information about what has been happening in the school and celebrate or share the wonderful learning and achievements of our students as the year moves on.

SAFETY in our School

All visitors must head to the office to sign in before moving to other areas of the school. This includes parents who come to the school in the middle of the day. You may need to drop something at your child's classroom or need to leave a message for them. A quick visit to the office will enable us to know who is in the schoolyard at any given time, both for emergency purposes and safety of our children and staff.

NO HAT NO PLAY – Term 1 and Term 4

The school has a Sun Smart policy that includes a “No Hat No Play/ Sport” rule.

Children must have a school broad brimmed hat during Terms 1 and 4. Staff and children must wear a broad brimmed hat when outside during the school day. The school hat is available at Lowes Department Store at Broadmeadows Shopping Centre.

Broad brimmed hats

- Provide the best sun protection for the face, heads, ears and neck
- Provide good protection for the eyes
- Provide ventilation and are comfortable to wear
- Protect during the high UV levels that occur between September and April.
- Are compulsory as part of the DBCPS policy



Please ensure that your child's hat is clearly named and is at school every day.

Valerie Karaitiana - Principal

Prep

Welcome to our school. The grade prep children all look fantastic wearing their new school uniforms with pride. The children are quickly learning the school routines and meeting new staff. Our current learning focus are letters of our names, our special number and how books work. As we are a sun smart school there is a no hat no play rule.

Sheena Collins-Marks - Prep Team

Grade 1

The grade 1 students have settled into their new classes and have been very eager to begin their learning journey. This term our inquiry topic is about the past and present. Students are learning about family life in the past. Please make sure all students bring their hats to school. There is a “No Hat, No Play” rule in Term 1. There is a grade 1 assembly next Wednesday (15th of February) from 2:45- 3:15 in the green area. Parents are welcome to attend.

Chisako Hamza – Grade 1 Team

Grade 2

The grade 2 students have had a fantastic start to the term. Students have returned to school excited to share their adventures over the holidays. We have started our inquiry topic, titled 'Fantastic Families' and it is about how our families shape our identity. Students are excited to find out a lot about the culture of their family and share it with the class. A reminder that hats must be worn outside in term 1.

Boban Stanisic – Grade 2 Team

Grade 4

Welcome back to the start of term 1. Grade 4 students are very excited about getting their netbooks and learning about healthy food. In reading lessons, students will be learning to make predictions to comprehend texts. In mathematic lessons, students will be solving number patterns using place value knowledge. Students are reminded to read their take home books every night and complete their weekly homework.

Yun Chen – Grade 4 Team

Last Day of Term 1 ~ Friday 31st March at 2:30pm

First Day of Term 2 ~ Monday 18th April, 2017

Prep to Grade 6 students are not required to attend school during school holidays.

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