

DALLAS BROOKS COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS BULLETIN

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

Term 2 Number 2

Thursday 11th May 2017

Principal's Column

School Diary

Annual General Meeting
18th May @ 2:45pm

Education Week
22nd May- 26th May

Parent Teacher Interviews
28th, 29th June

CSEF - Camps, Sports,
Excursion Funds
Applications close 30/06/17

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - CHANGE OF TIME

Thursday 18th May at 2:45pm

Each year the Annual Report is presented to the school community at a public meeting. The purpose of the annual report to the school community is to inform parents and the wider school community of the school's performance outcomes and its efforts to progress improved student achievement, and to meet legislative and regulatory requirements. Every school is required to submit a school annual report to the Department of Education by 30 April each year. We invite all parents to attend this meeting on Thursday the 18th May at 2:45pm. Each year level will present to parents in each learning space. This is an opportunity for all parents and guardians to learn more about the teaching and learning across all curriculum areas of the school.

EDUCATION WEEK

Week 6 is Education Week across all school in Victoria. It is an opportunity for all primary and secondary schools and early childhood services to showcase the work they are doing for students to help ensure healthy minds and bodies.

The week aims to profile and celebrate everything from sport, dance, mentoring, yoga, meditation, reading, and art, to camps, excursions, breakfast clubs, healthy canteen menus and resilience. We will send out more information regarding what is



happening at our school.

NAPLAN

Last week our year 3 and year 5 students have participated in NAPLAN testing. This testing occurred over three days, assessing writing, language conventions, reading and maths. This assessment occurs annually throughout the country and is used to gain a measure of National and State Wide Learning. At our school level, student results will be released later in Term 3 and this will be sent home to all families with an explanation of their child's results. Our students approached the rigour of test conditions exceptionally well, and while we explained the importance of 'doing your best'. We also spoken to the students about this being one test in each curriculum area - It will tell us something about your learning but it will in no way tell us everything about you as a learner and person.

CHANGE OF NAME



For those parents who have signed up to TIQBIZ Communication Application in term 1, you will have noticed that the name has changed to FLEXIBUZZ. This Communication Application allows parents to receive newsletters, important school event details and information regarding excursions etc. Currently we have 73 families who have signed up to FlexiBuzz. This is a great way to stay informed with what is happening at Dallas Brooks Community Primary School. We hope to see more parents signing up; our aim is to have the whole community using this Communication Application by the end of the term. If you need assistance to download the application our staff can assist.

The FlexiBuzz language translation tool helps people for whom English is an additional language. Simply set your preferred language in preferences then everything is translated.

STATE SCHOOL'S RELIEF – PREP CSEF UNIFORM SUPORT

Program background

As part of the Victorian Government's Affordable Uniform Program, every Prep government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a uniform pack voucher. State School Relief are supplying each eligible child with a pair of shoes, tracksuit pants and a top. Further information regarding this will be sent to all families in our Prep grades.

Valerie Karaitiana
Principal

OFFICE NEWS:

Please see the office staff to complete your CSEF Camps, Sports and Excursion Funds Form. You must provide a copy of your current Health Care Card/Pension Concession Card to be eligible along with the form for your application to be processed. **Applications closing by 30th June, 2017.**

KINDER

The children have been learning about animals at kindergarten including where they live and the sounds they make. We have been busy exploring this through small world play opportunities, art experiences and group times where we have learnt new songs and games in relation to animals. We have continued this term with our multicultural story time from the Hume Global Learning Centre. This gives the children the opportunity to learn songs, and read stories in other languages including Arabic and Turkish

KINDERTEAM

Prep

The preps are beginning to learn the letters of B.F.O.X for reading. They are finding words in books and linking these words to the letters being taught. It is very important that you read with your child each night and help them complete their homework. As it directly links to our literacy and numeracy tasks taught that week.

A friendly reminder to please arrive to school on time each day.

PREP TEAM

Grade 1

The students in grade 1 have been busy learning about Australian animals. We have been discovering many interesting facts and characteristics about these animals. During our numeracy block, the students have been doing some addition and subtraction problem solving, as well as, learning about clocks and telling the time. Student are no longer required to wear a hat outside. However, if they still wish to they can. As the months become colder, please ensure students are wearing their school jumpers/ jackets. It is very important that the student's names are clearly labelled on their jumpers/jackets.

GRADE 1 TEAM

Grade 2

Grade Two students have begun their Learning Boxes, selecting their topics for their independent inquiry. Students will be taught to pose their own questions and how to find answers through using research skills. Some of the topics students have chosen include; rainbows, jellyfish, basketball and motorbikes. Students are allowed to bring items from home that relate to their learning boxes to be kept inside to assist them in their inquiry, such as, an animal story book, photographs or figurines.

GRADE 2 TEAM

Grade 3

The Grade Three students have been working extremely hard preparing for their NAPLAN assessments. Students have been doing well using skimming and scanning to answer questions about a text. You could help your child at home by counting money with them and telling the time. It is important that students arrive at school on time, ready to learn at 9am and have had a wholesome breakfast. Students are encouraged to attend school every single day.

GRADE 3 TEAM

Grade 5/6

The Grade 5/6 students have made a positive start to Term 2. Last week we had our Student Leadership Team attend Maygar Barracks to commemorate the battle at Villers Bretonneux. We are extremely proud of how the students represented our school and showed the utmost respect. We also has Interschool Sport Summer Finals last week, where the Open Volleyball and the Girls Softball teams won the Grand Final. Congratulations to all students who participated and represented DBCPS. Just a reminder to the parents of Grade 6 students that their secondary school transition forms were due back on 12th May.

GRADE 5/6 TEAM

Community HUB

Our Community Hub is running FREE English classes. The classes are also being offered to anyone newly arrived in Australia who is unable to access other government-funded programs. The classes run from 9.15am to 12.15pm Monday and Tuesday. New participants welcome.

The Hub operates three Playgroups, 10.00am-11.30am Monday and Tuesday and 12.30pm-2.00pm Tuesday. We are currently accepting enrolments for Term 2. We also operate a Toy & Book Library on Monday and Tuesday from 11.30am to 12.00 noon and Tuesday from 2.00pm to 2.30pm.

Supported Small Talk Playgroup is held on Mondays at 1.00pm to 3.00pm. New participants welcome.

Breakfast Cub is held on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.15am to 8.45am.

Cake Decorating/Cake Making classes are held on Thursdays from 9.30am to 11.30am and Craft Club is held on Wednesday from 9.30am to 11.00am. New participants welcome.

We will be running Certificate 111 in Education Support in Term 2. If you are interested in participating in this course, please contact Hub Coordinator.

In Term 2 the Hub will be establishing a Community Garden. We are seeking volunteers to assist with this program. Please contact the Hub Coordinator if you are interested in joining this group.

GAIL HART – HUB

Last Day of Term 2 ~ Friday 30th June
First Day of Term 3 ~Monday 17th July, 2017

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