

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 4

Thursday 23rd March 2017

School Diary

Parent Teacher Interviews

29th, 30th March 2017

3:30pm - 6:30pm

School Photo Day

Thursday 30th March 2017

LAST DAY OF TERM

Friday 31st March 2017

Students dismissed at 2:30pm

FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

Tuesday 18th April 2017

9:00am

Principal's Column

Harmony Day

On Tuesday the 21st March, we celebrated Harmony Day. This is an important day to celebrate our cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The message of Harmony Day is **Everyone Belongs**. Students, teachers, and parents were invited to dress in cultural dress for the day. It was great to see the number of students and staff who participated in the parade. Our cultural diversity was definitely on display.

Did you know?

- Over the last 70 years, seven million migrants have made Australia their home.
- Almost half of Australians were born overseas or have a parent who was.
- People from more than 200 countries make up our Australian community and 300 languages are spoken in our homes.
- Apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Tagalog/Filipino, Spanish and Hindi.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2017

The selection process for School Council has now been completed. We have been successful in recruiting some new parents and staff to our group as well as retain some current members.

Staff members:

Valerie Karaitiana, Justin Lania, Anne-Maree Grozdanoski, Penny Howard and Michelle Borderick

Community Member:

Pat Townsend

Parent members:

Amar Malas, Samia Osman, Zumrut Atay, Melek Oflaz, Malek Sleiman, Sushamrt Suresh and Mirsada Hibic

The role of school council is one of helping to set the long-term future for the school and maintaining oversight of our school's management. I look forward to working alongside each member in continuing to strive for excellence at DBCPS.

Student Leadership:

At Dallas Brooks Community Primary School, we aim to facilitate and embed leadership skills into the day-to-day happenings of school life. Leadership in its simplest terms is 'taking the responsibility for making a positive difference in our world and other people's lives.' We believe that it is important that our Student Leaders uphold our values and assist throughout the school year in all school and community events.

To be elected to a Leadership role at school year five and six students went through a selection process. This involved writing speeches and undergoing an interview with Principal Class. The students also voted to select their representatives. Congratulations to all students of our students who applied for these positions.

On Monday we presented our Student Leaders at assembly.

School Captains	Vice School Captains
Zehra Yadu	Irm Mohammed
House Captains	Chess Captain
Blue House – Nourhan and Khaled Red House- Shadia and Abdal Hadi Green House – Betul and Zayd Yellow House - Lara and Yasir	Hunter
Sports Captains	E-Learning Leaders
Tayibbe Yowana	Braeden Amin Mostafa
Art Captains	Environmental Leaders
Ozge Sarah	Jessica Elma
Welfare Leaders	
Habsa Zaynab	

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Wednesday 29th March 3:30 to 6:30

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This year we will be using an online booking system called schoolinterviews.com.au this online program allows parents to complete the booking themselves using the following code:

hf8sn – if you require an interpreter (20min interviews on Wednesday 29th March)

9qef3 – no interpreters (10min interviews on Thursday 30th March)

Once you have logged in there are 3 simple steps:

- 1 - Enter your email, your name and your child's name.
- 2 – Select your child's teacher
- 3 – Select a time

Our Multicultural Aides, Joumana Haouchar or Tulin Ulusoy are available to assist with these bookings. They will be set up in the Community Kitchen tomorrow and on Monday morning between 9am –9:30am. This online program allows you to select the language required for example, Arabic, Turkish etc.

Valerie Karaitiana - Principal

Prep

The grade prep students have settled really well into their schooling environment. The responsible pet program visited our school and educated the preps on the correct way to handle and approach dog's and their behaviours.

The preps are continuing to explore different occupations in our community. During developmental play, the students are building, making and creating different settings that explore multiple occupations.

We encourage students to continue to read their readers each night and practise counting, recording and making numbers from 0-20.

Sheena Collins-Marks - Prep Team

Grade 1

This week the grade 1s have been working on counting by tens and bundling numbers in mathematics. In literacy, we have been writing letters, diary entries and narratives linked to our Inquiry topic the "Past and Now". We have a Wrapper Free Day again on the 23rd of March so we encourage you to reduce the number of wrappers you are putting in your child's lunchbox on this day. Please ensure your child is reading at home every night and completing their homework.

Chisako Hamza – Grade 1 Team

Grade 2

The grade two students have had a great fortnight! They have been learning about skip counting and other number patterns in mathematics. Students have started drafting narratives in writing. Our school also had a special performance by a Serbian dance group from Brunswick and the students were very excited to see Miss Maja and Mr. Stanistic performing. It was a wonderful lead into Harmony Day, which is on 21st March. It would be wonderful to see all students dressed up in their national dress. Just a reminder that students are still required to wear hats when playing outside. Additionally, if students have any spare shoeboxes at home, can they please bring them in to school for Inquiry.

Boban Stanistic – Grade 2 Team

Grade 4

In reading, students have been practising understanding word meaning in context, such as using synonyms or other words to replace the unfamiliar words. In mathematics, students are continually practising their multiplication and division facts. In Inquiry, students are approaching the "Sorting Out" stage. Students are reminded to read their reader every night, practise their spelling words, and complete their homework every week.

Yun Chen – Grade 4 Team

Grade 5/6

The 5/6 students played like champions at Interschool Sports this week. Our basketball, softball, cricket, and volleyball teams all demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. In Inquiry, students have been developing their products for the Global Enterprise Challenge and they cannot wait to share their work with the school community in Week 9. Parents are invited to come and view the student's product launch where many companies will present their products to find funding for their business. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Leah Bassett - 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.

Gail Hart – HUB

The Mini Art Market

On the 23d March year 6B and 6A are going to be having their own little art market, they are going to be selling earrings, bracelets, and a lot more. We are also selling more handmade clay creatures, colouring in books, diaries, key chains, pencil toppers and a lot more. So do not forget your money. 1:30pm

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Week 6

	Student	Reason
Prep A	Issa	For helping others in the classroom.
Prep B	Tamim	For working extremely well during numeracy and literacy
Prep C	Iman	For always trying her hardest to complete her work.
1A	Ibrahim	For doing excellent maths work.
1C	Mohamad	For trying his best in maths sessions.
2A	Amani	For always being helpful, attentive and positive.
2B	Maria	For trying her very best with every task.
2C	Eness	For working hard to improve her counting skills when beginning at numbers other than, zero.
3B	Sam	For always displaying a positive attitude towards the class and his learning
3C	Maria	For always listening to instructions and trying her best.
4C	Noor	Bbeing a 5 star learner.

Week 7

	Student	Reason
Prep A	Mariam	For trying her best across all learning areas
Prep B	Mohamed	For forming the letter w correctly during writing
Prep C	Bentleigh	For working hard to concentrate to complete all class tasks
1C	Marwa	For staying focused during learning time.
2A	Badria	For always, paying attention and staying focused during learning time.
2B	Badriya	For always being willing to help other people when they are stuck with their work.
3B	Sedra	For taking pride in her classroom
3C	Amira	For always being respectful and trying her best.
4C	Mircan	For trying her best in maths lessons.

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

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

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



Communication App- Tiqbiz

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are pleased to inform you that we have just launched a school app.

The school will be using the app to send out the school newsletter, general updates, classroom updates, reminders, events and much, much more!

The app is called tiqbiz and is available on iPhone, iPad, iPod, Android Phone, Android Tablet and any other type of device or computer via a website version.

We kindly ask that you download tiqbiz to one of these devices, register a free account then find our school and tick on the groups that apply to you.

You will receive all the information with a push notification – much like a text message directly to your device. Any last minute changes or reminders, we will be able to reach you to keep you completely informed and up-to-date.

The app has some great features that will allow us to get information through easily and quickly, you will be reminded about important upcoming calendar dates, and everything we post can be translated into one over 100 languages!

We have programmed the app to show icons that link to all of the online tools we use, so anytime you need to access one of these tools, you can do it easily via the app by clicking the icon that you need.

You will also be able to submit student absence via the app now, authorised by your signature, electronically signed straight onto the screen with your finger!

We feel this fantastic community engagement tool is going hugely improve our flow of communication and resources to you, so we very much hope you enjoy using it.

Thank you,

Justin Lania

Assistant Principal

Here's how to set up tiqbiz

Phone and tablet.

Search **tiqbiz** in your app store.



Android



Windows Phone



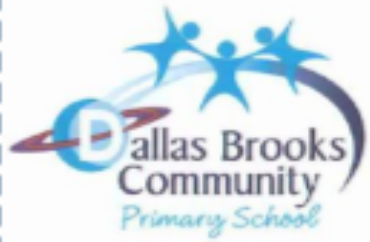
iPad & iPhone

For Apple:
Select 'allow' notifications.

Computer

Access the web version of tiqbiz.

Go to **web.tiqbiz.com** then register/log-in



Dear Parents,

Dallas Brooks Community Primary School Community Hub is pleased to be able to offer courses in Term 2/2017 for all parents and members of the school's community.

If you are interested in any of the courses listed below or would like us to offer another course, please fill in the information below and return to the Dallas Community Hub.

We look forward to supporting your needs.

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Cake Decorating Cert 3 in Education Support

Computers and internet Asian Cooking

Online safety Crafts/Sewing

Citizenship Test Street stalls

Other courses of interest:



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Dear Principal

Please find enclosed a letter inviting parents and students to our Open Day and information sessions being held on Wednesday 19th April 2017.

Pascoe Vale Girls College will be introducing SEAL in 2018

We would appreciate your assistance by including the attached information in your school newsletter. We also extend a warm welcome to you and your staff to attend our College Open Day Tours.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Ms Kay Peddle'.

Ms Kay Peddle
Principal

March, 2017



Pascoe Vale Girls College invites prospective students and their parents to attend our Open Day on **Wednesday 19th April 2017**.

Information sessions followed by tours of the College will be held at the following times:

1. Morning 9:00am – 10:30am
2. Afternoon 4:00pm – 5:30pm
3. Evening 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Parents and children need only attend one session. There is no need to register attendance at a session.

New for 2018- The Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program for girls who have above average academic ability and achieve at a high level

Pascoe Vale Girls College is proud to announce the introduction of the SEAL Program that provides personalised teaching and learning that meets the needs of gifted and talented learners. The program provides stimulating learning experiences that challenge, extend and develop the gifts and talents of students by offering acceleration and enrichment. SEAL students will study a faster paced curriculum and have the opportunity to study concepts in greater depth. There is a greater emphasis on higher order thinking and learning skills and independent learning and research.

The SEAL Program is suited to girls who are capable of studying curriculum at a faster pace than mainstream classes, have a strong passion for learning, are capable of working independently, enjoy intellectual challenges and have superior ability to problem solve.

Visit the College website for more information and to apply for the SEAL Program: www.pvgc.vic.edu.au

If you are unable to attend our Open Day Sessions, the College also conducts tours with the Principal throughout the year. Bookings can be made by calling the College on: 9306 2544 or online at www.pvgc.vic.edu.au/our-school/enrolment