

DALLAS BROOKS COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS BULLETIN

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

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Principal's Column

School Diary

Mother's Day Stall
4th, 5th May

NAPLAN
9th, 10th, 11th May

Year 7 Transition Forms
DUE: 12th May

Annual General Meeting
18th May @ 5:00pm

Education Week
22nd May- 26th May

Parent Teacher Interviews
28th, 29th May

Principal's Column Term 2 week 2

Welcome back to term two. We trust that everyone enjoyed the beautiful Autumn weather over the school break. Our grounds around the new building and the canteen are coming along nicely and we hope the weather stays warm so the work can be completed by the end of May. Mr Lania and his wife welcomed a new baby girl to their family during the school holidays. We are certain that baby Siena will be loved by her two big sisters and doted on by dad. We wish Mr Lania and his wife all the best and look forward to meeting Siena soon.

ANZAC DAY

On the 20th April, members of our student leadership group represented our school at the Maygar Army Barracks as part of the countdown to ANZAC Day. Our students joined in the ceremony with other students from local schools and were filmed by SBS news. Our School Captain Yadu had the opportunity to read the ode in front of many distinguished guests. The afternoon commemorated the lives lost during the battle of Villers - Bretonneux 1915 – 1919. We are extremely proud of the students who represented our school and it was wonderful to

hear and see them on national television. A big thank you to Mr Frank McGuire for inviting our students to attend this special community event.



NAPLAN Week 4

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be improved. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

What additional support can schools provide for students with special needs?

All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with a diagnosed learning difficulty or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background. The school will contact you to sign a form if your child is exempted or withdrawn from the testing.

What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?

Where possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 12 May 2017.

Will I receive a report on my child's performance?

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent to you Individual student results are strictly confidential.

	Tuesday 9th May	Wednesday 10th May	Thursday 11th May
YEAR 3	Language conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
YEAR 5	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes

Annual General Meeting Thursday the 18th May

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 improve student achievement, an 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 5pm. This is an opportunity for all parents and guardians to learn more about the teaching and learning across all curriculum areas of the school. Please mark the time off in your diary.

Secondary School 2018

A Year 7 Placement Form will be given to each year 6 student. This form must be completed and returned to the school by the 12th May. If you require some support when selecting a secondary school for your child, please don't hesitate to contact the school. If you are a Turkish or Arabic speaker and require assistance to fill in the form, Tulin Ulusoy and Joumana Haouchar our Multicultural Aides can assist.

Anne-Maree Grozdanoski – Assistant Principal

KINDER

Welcome back to kinder for term 2. The Kindergarten children are continuing to grow in confidence within their learning spaces, developing friendships and independence. There has been a focus on supporting the children's fine motor development through a range of play based experiences including sensory play, manipulating small objects and using scissors for cutting. The children have also been engaging in different group learning experiences including using our parachute, and playing group games which aim to support their confidence and social developmental skills. Please remember to bring a hat, a drink bottle and a healthy snack to kinder daily.

Kinder Team

Prep

The prep students have settled well into Term 2. We are now focusing on healthy eating and exploring everyday foods and sometimes foods.

Students are required to wear their school hats for another two weeks, as we are a sun smart school. There are a few jumpers in our lost property that have not been collected. Please ensure that your child's school uniform is clearly labelled. If you are missing school uniform, please see the prep teachers.

Prep Team

Grade 1

The Grade One teachers and students are ready for a great term of learning. We hope that all our students had a wonderful two week break. This term, the grade 1 student's inquiry topic is, 'Australian Animals'. Each week the students will be learning about an Australian animal and what makes its unique. Thank you to all the students who brought a shoebox to school last term. These will become our learning boxes where we will do plenty of exciting learning. We will be asking each student to bring in an idea that they wish to learn about to go in their learning box. "

Grade 1 Team

Grade 2

The Grade Two students have had an outstanding start to Term 2. They have begun to investigate our inquiry unit of, 'Story Time' focusing on different forms of communication and the different ways stories can be told. We have been working very hard to improve our number skills by making, ordering and identifying numbers up to four digits. We are looking forward to a fantastic term, full of lots of new learning. Keep up the good work Grade Twos!

Tennille Bennett – Grade 2 Team

Grade 3

The Grade Three students have settled well into Term 2 and are preparing for their upcoming NAPLAN assessments. We have many things to look forward to, especially our Inquiry unit, 'Sharing Our Planet'. The students are creating their wonderings about the natural environment and how the earth copes with all of its creatures. Grade 3 assemblies will be held at 2:45pm fortnightly, beginning on Thursday 27th April. Just a reminder homework goes out every Monday and is due back every Friday. Take home books should be read daily and changed regularly.

Grade 3 Team

Grade 5/6

DBCPS year six students had a great start for term 2! Students have thoroughly enjoyed their excursion to the Gallipoli Youth's Cup commemoration Program hosted by Tennis Australia and RSL Victoria. Students learnt about the events at Gallipoli and the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle. They were also taught values of mateship. Year six students finished the excursion on a high and got to test their tennis skills. In addition to this, homework will be distributed on Monday and is expected to be handed in each Friday ready for correction. DBCPS year six teachers are looking forward to a promising term 2 with a wonderful Inquiry Program on multiculturalism, where students will be able to share their cultural backgrounds with teachers and classmates.

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

SPORTS NEWS

AUSKICK

Broadmeadows Auskick Centre

Venue: Jacana FC, Lorraine Crescent, Jacana

Day/Time: Sunday mornings 9:30 - 10:30am

Centre Contact: mark.morgan@afl.com.au

CHESS NEWS

On Tuesday 28th March, the Dallas Rookies competed at the zonal championships at Kangaroo Ground Primary school. They came second out of 15 teams.

Yadu won six out of seven games and came first in the grade5/6 section. Irm won top girl and Kaldoun came third in the grade 3/4 section. Well done to everyone in the team.

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the state finals:-

Mixed final

Yadu

Irm

Kaldoun

Devran

Girls final

Irm

Jessica

Saja

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.



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