

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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Thursday 8th June 2017

School Diary

Public Holiday
Queen's Birthday
NO SCHOOL
Monday 12th June

Parent Teacher
Interviews
28th, 29th June

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

Principal's Column

Student Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

As I write this, our teachers are hard at work writing the student half-year reports. The report writing process takes many weeks as teachers meet with their teams to talk about student achievements and the next steps for each student.

Student reports provide you with a clear picture of your child's progress. They are used in all Victorian government schools to report student achievement in Prep to Year 10. The only exception to this is where schools offer programs for students with disabilities. You will receive a written report twice a year and be invited to a parent-teacher interview to discuss your child's progress.

Half year Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the final week of term 2 on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th June after school. Bookings will be done online. Check flexibuzz for notifications.

Important Information

Absent Notices: We are mandated to account for every day that a student is absent. Parents/guardians at DBCPS will need to notify staff when their child/children are absent through phone calls or by using our school community communication application, FlexiBuzz. Teachers will also follow up with families to find out why there has been an absence. During the year, families have received notices that need to be returned to school indicating the reasons for the absence/s. Remember, every day of school counts.

Valerie Karaitiana
Principal

OFFICE NEWS:

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. Information regarding this has been sent to all families in Prep.

CSEF \$125 per student to holders of current Health Care Card/Pension Concession Card APPLY TODAY! - Applications closing 30TH JUNE, 2017.

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.

Kindergarten

The kindergarten children have been working on their library bags and have now started the book-borrowing program in each of the room. If you are unsure of what day the children are swapping their books please see your child's teacher. We have been exploring bugs at kinder, making our own bugs out of different items, looking at different ones under the microscope, and learning about the life cycle of butterflies. Please ensure that you pack a coat in your child's bag every day, although the weather is cooler we will still be exploring our outdoor learning space.

KINDERGARTEN TEAM

Prep

The students are now exploring Fairytales for reading, writing and inquiry. The students have been writing letters to their weekly fairytale characters and posting them using our 'classroom letter box.' This is a fantastic experience for the children and they are extremely excited when the characters respond to them.

The life education Van will be visiting our school on the 13th until 15TH June. Please ensure that you have returned your child's permission form to attend the incursion.

Also a friendly reminder to read with your child each night and practice their high frequency words.

PREP TEAM

5/6 TEAM

The 5/6 space has been abuzz with excitement! The Year 6 students are wearing their jumpers with pride and showing that they are the leaders of our school. Both Year 5 and Year 6 students have been busy working on their Inquiry research projects. Year 5 students have been researching natural disasters and the Year 6 students have been investigating important events that have changed Australia. The Year 5 students went on an excursion to Ecolink where exploring the environment and the impact humans have on it. A reminder to all students that homework is due on Fridays.

GRADE 5 & 6 TEAM

Community HUB

Our Community Hub is running FREE English classes. The classes are being offered to anyone in our community as well as newly arrived migrants and refugees 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. We will start taking enrolments for Term 3 from 13 June, 2017.

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 3. If you are interested in participating in this course, please contact Hub Coordinator.

The Hub has started work on Community Garden. Garden beds are in place and some students have assisted with filling them with soil. We are seeking volunteers to assist with this program. Please contact the Hub Coordinator if you are interested in joining this group.

The Community Hub has some seating available for sale. The seating is currently located on the Hub's veranda. If you are interested in purchasing the seating, please come over and make an offer.

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.

As part of working towards promoting sustainability in our school we will be collecting old clothing, small household goods and toys. Mondo will be making an appearance at our school Assembly on Monday 19th June at 9am to promote recycling with Mondo.

Thanks for your support,

Penny

Dallas Brooks Community Primary School Recycle With Mondo Fundraising Through Recycling Program

We need your help to raise vital funds for our school (name of project, our fundraising target etc)

It couldn't be easier!

All we ask is for families to have a spring clean and clean out your wardrobes and cupboards over the next few weeks/days and bag any clean unwanted clothes, toys and linen that are no longer needed.

What to bring to school:

- clothes
- shoes
- linen (sheets, doona covers, towels, blankets)
- accessories (hats, scarves, gloves, belts, handbags)
- small toys

We have organised a special recycling collection day with SCR Group's **Recycle With Mondo For A Better World - School Fundraising Through Recycling Program**. Our school will be paid 25c per kilo for the goods for reuse and recycling.

This program helps raise money for our school, reduces waste to landfill, creates jobs and supports communities in developing countries at the same time.

On our collection day (or during the week leading up to the collection day) students can drop off their bags of unwanted goods at school.

An SCR Group van will be at school on the morning of the collection day to receive the goods.

Our school collection day is on Thursday 22nd June 2017 9am

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 many 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.

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