

# 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 3

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

## School Diary

### Labour Day Holiday

**NO SCHOOL**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

### Morning tea for Turkish

#### Speaking Parents

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March

10:30am to 12:00 noon

Community Kitchen

### Harmony Day

**Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Harmony Day is a celebration of inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Children, staff and parents are encouraged to dress up in traditional dress from their country of origin on this day.

A parade will be held at school at 11:30am

### HOMEWORK CLUB

Starting: 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

Cost: \$5.00 per day

Tue: 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Wed: 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Thur: 3.15pm – 4.15pm

## Principal's Column

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, we had the official opening of our new Discovery Centre. The building is a space where groups of students can come together to explore Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The acronym STEM refers to these not as stand-alone subjects, rather as a way of thinking. STEM is about the skills required to learn science, technology and mathematics, and how engineering and design processes and principles are used to achieve an outcome. Initially, students of STEM need to identify a problem. They then create possible solutions to that problem, which can be tested. The skills are inquiry-based approaches to teaching and learning.

Dr Gary Stager and Sylvia Martinez authors of, 'Invent to Learn facilitated student workshops and Professional Learning for School Leadership teams. The Staff at DBCPS also participated in a workshop after school. Sylvia and Gary work in schools around the world to bring the power of authentic learning into classrooms, particularly in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) subjects. Sylvia speaks, writes, and advocate for student-centred project-based learning, gender equity in STEM, computer programming, and life-long learning.

**Valerie Karaitiana - Principal**

## **Kindergarten**

At kindergarten the children are establishing relationships with the teachers and their kindergarten friends while continuing to settle and learn the routine. They are also learning to communicate their needs and ask for assistance. We are learning about colours and shapes as the children explore the indoor and outdoor play spaces. We ask that all children remember to bring a summer hat each day that covers their ears and is clearly labelled with their name. Thank you, kindergarten Staff

**(Red Group/Blue Group/Green Group/ Kinder) – Kindergarten Staff**

## **Prep**

The grade preps are busy exploring different types of occupations within our community for our inquiry unit. During numeracy, they are exploring how to make, name and record numbers 0-20. We encourage parents to practise counting, recording and making numbers 0-20. During reading and writing the students have almost completed learning the sounds of the individual letters of the alphabet. The students have been learning how to trace the letters correctly as well as learning how to hold their pencil correctly. Soon we will be sending home a ‘travel buddy’ from each class. This travel buddy is used to connect the relationship of school with your student’s home life. We ask that the students reflect by drawing a picture of their experience with the ‘travel buddy’ and bring it back to school the following day.

**Sheena Collins-Marks - Prep Team**

## **Grade 1**

The grade 1s have been working hard on learning about life in the past. If you have a spare shoe box at home, please send them with your children to school for our inquiry project. Please remember that during Term 1, hats must be worn outside during play times. Students are expected to read at home every night and complete their homework which is due every Monday.

**Chisako Hamza – Grade 1 Team**

## **Grade 2**

The grade two students have had a wonderful fortnight filled with lots of learning and fun activities. Students have been working on addition and subtraction strategies in math’s. They have been exploring the six writing traits in writing lessons and have enjoyed learning about various cultures around the world. We would like to ask students to bring in any spare shoe boxes that they have at home to be used for inquiry lessons. We would also like to remind parents that the grade two students have a cohort assembly every second Friday.

**Boban Stanisic – Grade 2 Team**

## **Grade 3**

Grade 3s are reading about author’s purpose and learning to read with increased fluency, as well as continuing to improve reading stamina. Each child is expected to read for at least 20 minutes every day at home. In mathematics we are examining place odd and even numbers, as well as looking at right angles and capacity. Our current writing focus is persuasive texts and we will be beginning narratives in week 6. Students are beginning to formulate their own questions about their community in inquiry and are beginning to use netbooks to conduct research. Please ensure that homework is being completed each week and returned on Fridays. Please remember that during Term 1 hats must be worn outside during play times.

**Richard Eagle – Grade 3 Team**

## **Grade 4**

Grade 4 students have been solving math problems using multiplicative and proportional thinking skills. Students were very engaged in discussions where they articulated their thinking and reasoning. In reading and writing lessons, students are looking at narrative stories and are enjoying creating their personal narrative. In inquiry topic students will continue their research to find answers to their questions. It would be appreciated if parents can assist students by encouraging them to practise their multiplication and division facts at home.

**Yun Chen – Grade 4 Team**

## Grade 5/6

The grade 5 and 6 students have been working very hard this term writing and publishing their persuasive pieces. We have also been working really hard on our GEC projects, utilising the fantastic new Discovery Centre (STEM building). We have had a successful start to the summer interschool sports season. We have shown great sportsmanship on and off the field. Just a reminder to all parents and guardians, homework is due every Friday and hats are to be worn every recess, lunch and sports session during this term.

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 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. There are only a few places available on Monday mornings.

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

Breakfast Club 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

## Student of the Week Term 1

<b>PA:</b>	<b>Saja</b>
<b>PB:</b>	<b>Maya</b>
<b>PC:</b>	<b>Goktug</b>
<b>1A:</b>	<b>Ayla</b>
<b>2A:</b>	<b>Sara</b>
<b>2B:</b>	<b>Yehya</b>
<b>2C:</b>	<b>Yigit</b>
<b>EAL:</b>	<b>Elif</b>

Last Day of Term 1 ~ Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 2:30pm

First Day of Term 2 ~Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

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