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March 23rd 2018

*Established 1911*

**"Choose Respect"**

Dates to Remember:

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Mar: Good Friday Holiday**

**Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Mar: Giant Pumpkin Festival**

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Easter Monday holiday**

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Easter Tuesday holiday**

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Apr: Yrs 4/5/6 Assembly**

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Apr: Term 1 ends**

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Apr: Term 2 commences.**

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> May: Mothers' Day Morning Tea**

Weekly Events at D.P.S.

**Wed: Playgroup 9.00-11.00am**

Educational Websites at DPS:

DPS web page: <https://www.dwellingupps.wa.edu.au>

[www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au)

[www.mylexile.com.au](http://www.mylexile.com.au)

## Years 1/2/3 Assembly

We have been very busy making scarecrows at school. Students in years 2, 3, 5 & 6 have completed their scarecrows and students in years 1 & 4 will make theirs this week.

Last week the year 2/3 students introduced us to their fabulous scarecrows. Below are some of their profiles. I am sure that you will find them interesting and that you will be really excited about actually meeting the scarecrows.

*This is my scarecrow. Its name is Batman. He is good at being a hero. He lives in a cave. Lincoln*

*My scarecrow's name is Mr Warren. He looks like Mr Warren. He scares the birds away. Karly*

*This is my scarecrow. His name is Jeffrey. He is good at scaring crows away. It is my favourite scarecrow. Kaiden*

*My scarecrow is named Chock Chip. Her favourite ice-cream is choc chip. I know this because she told me. I love her. Eve*

*This is my scarecrow Swagger. He is good in many ways like scaring the crows. Ruben*

*This is my creepy scarecrow. He is small and has black pants. He is nice but not to crows.*

*Deegan*

*My scarecrow's name is Mead. He is a good V8 racer and he works at RBH where he is a mechanic. His favourite colour is blue.*

*Hemi*

*This is my scarecrow. Her name is Tilly. She is good at scaring crows.*

*Bodhi*

*I will introduce you to my scarecrow. She is nice and beautiful.*

*Emma-Lee*

*My scarecrow is nice and she's good for scaring off crows from your garden and vegetables and everything that is in your veggie patch. Her name is Lizzy. August-Rose*



This is my scarecrow. His name is Scare. Scare is good at scaring crows and he likes motorbikes. Tyler

This is my scarecrow. His name is Jack. His favourite colours are black and white. He is made out of lots of lots of crunched up newspaper. Amiee

This is my scarecrow. Her name is Sam. She is made from newspaper. She is very fun to play with. Matilda

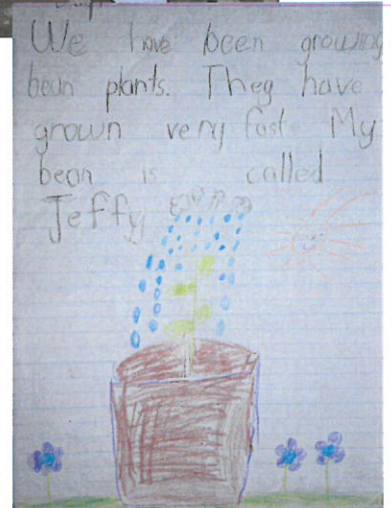
This is my scarecrow. Her talent is scaring the crows and protecting the corn. Also, her name is Teddy. I chose that name because I found her sitting in the office holding a teddy. Katie

Thank you to **Sharona Bower** for giving up her time and thank you parents for organising and sending in scarecrow outfits.



Above: Meet the beans.

Right: Capri's wonderful writing and illustration.



## Merit Certificates

*Ava Bucketin* ~ Demonstrating exceptional classroom and playground behaviour and being a kind classmate who always gives her best.

*Eve Campbell* ~ For perfecting her writing and always working hard to improve her times tables.

*Holley Goncalves* ~ For always being willing to help others with problems and being a positive, kind role model.

*Karly Goncalves* ~ For always helping others and being enthusiastic and generous.

## CONGRATULATIONS!



Above: Meet the scarecrows and their creators.

The year one students have not made their scarecrows yet but they have been growing some beans. The students wrote some stories about them. The year 2/3 students were thinking of names for their scarecrows so the year 1s thought of some very interesting names for their beans.

Here they are:

Brax (Holden), Lucas (Jeff), Anne-Elise (Mrs Wagenaar), Hunter (Blue), Nate (Green Machine), Capri (Jeffy)



## Library Day Monday

Library day for **all classes** is **Monday**. Please ensure that your child returns their book to school on that day.



A school in Perth has significantly improved their school's reading results by encouraging more reading at home for enjoyment.

## Parent Contact Details

It is essential that we are able to contact parents for a variety of reasons. Please notify us immediately if your contact details change. Please also check with your emergency contact and notify us if their details change. Thank you.



## The Dwellingup Primary School Bush Trail Enquiry

This week students in years 2 / 3 and 4 learned the difference between open ended and closed questions. They discovered that you can get a lot more information from people by asking open-ended questions. Students needed to learn about this because next week we will be constructing questionnaires to find out what different sections of the community like about trails.

Students in years 5/6 made scarecrows and painted pumpkin signs.

Students in years PP / 1 used a variety of materials to construct mazes.



*Above: No caption required!*

## Bicycle Safety

Last week we celebrated the number of parents / children choosing active transport to get to school. It is great to see students wearing helmets.



*Above: Ruben's helmet not only protects his head if he has a fall but it has a scary face to keep magpies away.*

*Right: Even our Pumpkin Crow is wearing a helmet.*



## A Note of Appreciation from Evelynnn...

Valentine's Day was quite a long time ago but there is finally a space in the newsletter to print the wonderful poem that **Evelynn** wrote for everyone at Dwellingup Primary School:

*To the Whole School,*

*I wish you all a happy Valentine's Day. Even though you may not receive individual cards you are all special to me. Our teachers work so hard for us and we love coming to school. As well as Valentine's Day there should be a SPECIAL TEACHERS' DAY where teachers get a treat and a card saying 'thank you for being our teacher'. Even though we act silly from time to time, this is a part of the song:*

*Dwellingup, we are the greatest school,  
Dwellingup we are the best in Australia, then  
another country, then another one still and then  
in the whole world! Let us all try to accomplish  
this task.*

*from Evelynnn*



## A Word From the Chaplain

Hi Everyone,

Only nine more sleeps until the biggest social event of the year. No not the Royal Wedding (although I am waiting for my invite, which should be in my letter box any day now ha-ha). The heart stopping, spine tingling, awe inspiring event that I am referring to is preceded by the smell of pumpkin scones baking, pumpkin soup bubbling and the scent of extreme strain, stress, trepidation, bewilderment and excitement that swirls around the members of the P & C committee and Mrs Sing. Yes you guessed it. It's the Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival. Judging by the amazing scarecrows I saw at the year 1/2/3 assembly on Thursday it should be the biggest and best pumpkin festival ever.

Have a wonderful Easter, spend lots of time with your families, and stay safe on the roads.

*Lisa Ferraro* Chaplain

## In the News

Mr Melkert's class have been putting their Literacy skills to practical use by writing letters to various newspapers. They have achieved success as two newspapers have published student's letters.

**Damon Morrison (year 5)** had his letter published in the **West Australian** and **Axel Ayres (year 4)** and **Holley Goncalves (year 5)** had their letters published in the **Mandurah Mail**.

This comment was written in the West Australian following Damon's letter:

*"The West Australian also received correspondence from Axel, Nigel, Luca, Joseph, Holley, Evelyn and Kara, years 4-6 students, concerning the Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival. Thank you. The letters were very well written."*

It is wonderful that **Mr Melkert** and the students have promoted the Pumpkin Festival as well as the school. It is also good for students to realise that they can have a voice and express their views if they choose to do so.

## Community News

### Dwellingup Bushfire Brigade Cadets

Sat 31<sup>st</sup> March

Pumpkin Festival Volunteering



### Piano, Voice & Music Theory Lessons

COMMENCING TERM 2

30 April 2018 – 29 JUNE 2018

All ages and All Levels  
(Casual to examination)

Dwellingup Primary School



Term fee includes: Nine X 40 minute Music Lessons.  
Term fee: \$200.00 plus *initial* \$30.00 for Piano Course and Manuscript book.

Fee payment arrangements available.

Email: [sharona.bower@gmail.com](mailto:sharona.bower@gmail.com) for enrolment form.

## Blue Light Disco

### "Desperation Meeting"

The **Dwellingup Blue Light Disco** is the longest continually running disco in the state. It has been a Dwellingup 'institution' for many years. This really worthwhile event is in danger of ceasing to operate unless more people can come forward to volunteer.



There is a meeting at the **Dwellingup Pre-primary centre at 3.00pm this Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.**

Please be encouraged to come along so that this wonderful activity for the town's children can continue.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.



## Playgroup

Dwellingup Playgroup is based at our school. The 0-3 years is the age when brain development is at its peak and it is very important that children engage in quality play based learning.



If you know of any new comers to town please let them know about our Playgroup. Please direct all enquiries to the school on 9538 1026.



Wednesday 9.00-11.00am  
Room behind school Undercover  
Area  
**ALL WELCOME!**

## Giant Pumpkin Festival

Thank you to everyone one that has contributed to this event to date.

The planning for the festival continues to go well and we are hopeful of a fantastic day.

Please remember last week's wish list:

**Easter Eggs for Raffles** (the more eggs, the more raffles) ~ thank you to all of those who have donated; **White Elephant** stall,



empty jars and items to fill the Jars (thank you to all of you who have brought in jars with such interesting and diverse contents); We are also looking for pumpkin scone or soup makers.

## We urgently need volunteers and till trays—

The list is up on Room 3 (library Door). 1 Hour or all day, it would be very much appreciated **Please put your name down if you or any family member or friends can volunteer.**

To add to our wish list we are looking to borrow **fridges, slow cookers and gazebos** on the day.

**If anyone is available for ROAD TRIPS on Thursday to pick up various items, please let us know.**

Thank you everyone for your support, time and donations. See you on Saturday (or Friday to help set up).

## Black Dog Motorcycle Ride

Even though P&C members are “flat out” organising the Pumpkin Festival, they made time to support the “**Black Dog**” motorcycle ride that supports depression. Our school oval was crammed with a range of motorbikes and many appreciative



comments about our beautiful school grounds could be heard. The Lions Club of Pinjarra supported the event also. Even though this event is more about supporting this event than fund-raising, we still made \$280 profit. Thank you to those who helped on the day.

