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Established 1911

"Choose Respect"

Dates to Remember:

Mon 1st – Thurs 5th Dec: Year 6 Camp

Tues 3rd Dec: Seniors' Xmas Lunch

Fri 6th Dec: Growth & Development Yr 6

Fri 6th Dec: Toastie Lunch Fundraiser

Sat 7th Dec: **Dwellingup Community Christmas Tree**

Mon 9th Dec: Year 5/6 Fremantle Excursion

Tues 10th Dec: Police / SDERA Road Safety

Afternoon 1.00pm Parents welcome

Thurs 12th – Fri 13th Dec: Year 6 Transition

Fri 13th Dec: **Blue Light Disco**

Sun Dec 15th: Carols in the Forest (see flier)

Tues 17th Dec: Presentation / Graduation 9.30am

Wed 18th Dec: Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Thurs 19th Dec: Last day for students / Reports

Fri 20th Dec: **XMAS COLOUR RUN**

Fri 20th Dec: School Development Day – staff

Mon 3rd Feb 2020: Term 1 commences

Weekly Events at D.P.S.

Wed: Playgroup 9.00-11.00am

Educational Websites at DPS:

www.mathletics.com.au

www.studyladder.com.au

www.mylexile.com.au

Aboriginal Season ~ Birak

The 'hot and dry' season was characterised by the onset of hot, easterly winds. The signals of this season were the Christmas trees (down on the flat) and paperbark trees (near the river) blossoming. Noongar people burnt mosaic sections of bushland through fire stick farming. This forced animals out into the open to hunt, increased germination of summer foods and prevented wildfires.



"Choose Respect" Marble in Jar Certificates

Luca Birmingham ~ For being diligent, helpful, kind, considerate, caring and always doing his best.

Jacob Day ~ Putting a lot of effort into his writing and achieving success.

Ruby Day ~ Always working hard and doing her best.

Nate Fort ~ For always caring about others and being kind as well as having a deep respect for nature.

Lily Lamb ~ For doing things for others and for using her initiative.

Sean McCooke ~ For 'soldiering on' and demonstrating resilience.

Logan Reid ~ For demonstrating increased focus on his work and for showing delight when he accomplishes tasks.

Kaiden Robinson ~ Making terrific progress in writing.

Hemi Sellenger ~ For being able to be relied upon in any situation.

Amice Tovey ~ For being an 'all-rounder' ~ in other words always trying hard and doing her best.

Kaiden Vanelst ~ For being an exceptionally caring and responsible student.

CONGRATULATIONS!

CHOOSE RESPECT
RESPECT IS TO TREAT WITH CARE AND CONSIDERATION

“Karrak” Black Cockatoo Community Bushland

In 2018 a grant for \$5000 was obtained from NRM (Natural Resource Management) to upgrade the bushland at the back of the school. Students have planted trees, made mandalas, a working bee was held to install paths, a bird hide has been constructed and weeds have been removed from the area. The students have learned more about the jarrah forest in the process. This week the students in years 5/6 installed some signs that identify the most common plants found in the jarrah forest. We thank the **Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions** for organising and donating these signs. Students learned that plants have a common, scientific and an Aboriginal name.



Above: Luca and Jayden ~ jarrah; *eucalyptus marginata*; djara



Above: Angela ~ marri; *corymbia calophylla*; marri

Question: How do you tell the difference between a jarrah and a marri tree?

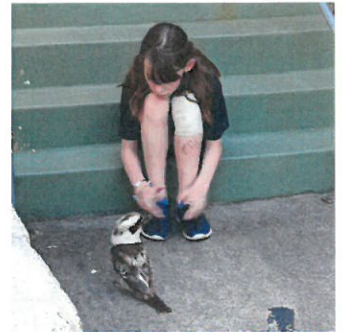
Answer: Jarrah trees have bark in strips that looks a bit like a flake chocolate and marri trees have round knobbly bark that looks a bit like a crocodile's skin.

Residents and Visitors to Our School

Last week this a huge (and perfectly camouflaged) blue tongue lizard was discovered enjoying a feast of loquats at the back of the school. The lizard was very fat!



We also had a baby kookaburra visit us. Farrah did some great 'kookaburra whispering' and christened him / her Barry. He / she stayed with us for a few days and has probably now re-joined his / her friends in the wild. We all enjoyed Barry's visit.



Fun Run

Thank you to all of the people who sponsored our students to complete a Fun Run today. Funds raised will support the year 6 camp to Rottnest. Students ran around the Fitness track. The track is 472 metres long and even some of our PP/year 1 students ran around at least twice! The year 6 students enjoyed squirting the runners with water guns and Mrs Wagenaar turned our playground slide into something a lot more slippery with the addition of some water. After the run, students played some water games. We ended the day with some hose down action to cool everyone off. Thanks again for the high level of support we received for this activity.

Right: Jumping with a water balloon between your knees requires concentration.



A Word from the Chaplain...

Hi Everyone,

I hope the Year Six students have a wonderful time at Rottnest and enjoy all the amazing activities, relaxing time and yummy food. I hope the staff members who are going with the students find some time to relax and enjoy the experience as well.

Term 4 is almost over and I have been busy making craft items with the children that they can give to parents and other family members to show how much they appreciate them and love them.

Listening to the children talk about their parents and families highlights how important it is for children to have strong family relationships. As parents and caregivers, it is important to bond with your children as it is the most valuable gift you can give them.

Positive attention communicates to your children that they are valued and loved. Something as simple as a smile, an encouraging word or sitting down and playing their favourite game with them is all you need to do to promote their self-confidence, and help them build a positive identity and self-worth.

Strong bonds and connections with parents and families help children to feel safe and secure and help with behaviour management.

Happy child, happy home.

Quote of the week:

“Parents need to fill a child's bucket of self-esteem so high that the rest of the world can't poke enough holes to drain it dry.”

(From Author Alvin Price)



Road Safety Awareness Event

On Tuesday 10th December Tania Gigg from SDERA (School Drug Education and Road Aware) and Constable Matt Payne from Dwellingup Police, will be conducting a Road Safety Awareness Event at our school at 1.00pm. All students in the school will participate.

Activities are as follows:

Stopping Distances – demonstration and discussion. Students will be made aware of how long a vehicle actually takes to stop after the brakes are applied.

Safety Door Demonstration – students will be shown the importance of using the safety door.

Bike Safety – discussion about various aspects of bike safety including the importance of wearing a bike helmet.

We thank **Sergeant Dave Harnett and Constable Matt Payne** for their commitment to community safety.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Community News

Dwellingup Community Christmas Tree

Saturday 7th December

Dwellingup Primary School

12.30pm Santa Around Town

2.00pm Entertainment – children arrive at school.

3.30pm Santa Arrives

Thank you to **Renae Armstrong** for organising this.



Chaplaincy 2020

We are delighted that our Chaplaincy Application for 2020 has been approved.



CHRISTMAS COLOUR RUN

Friday December 20th
Dwellingup Town Oval
3pm-5pm
Registration FREE
ESSENTIAL
Text 0467491392



Relationships Australia

This organisation provides a range of counselling options targeted at adults, children and families. It is a community based, not for profit organisation. This organisation has an office in Mandurah and their contact number is:

1300 364 277.

Relationships Australia.

Dwellingup Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Cadets

For details are on the Dwellingup Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Cadets Facebook page.



Dwellingup Community Compact

NEXT MEETING:
see facebook.com/DCC
Secretary/



Come along and find out about what is happening in your community.

Dwellingup Community Village Inc (former Nursing Post)





Please support the following services that are available at the Dwellingup Community Village each week:

HAIRDRESSER: Wednesdays

Bookings essential: **0439 746 183**

REFLEXOLOGIST: Every four weeks.

Bookings essential: **Tess 0417 955 981**


**CAROLS
IN THE FOREST**

DECEMBER 15TH
CARAHOLLY ORCHARD
5.00PM
PRESENTED BY



Visiting Santa & free icy poles

Join us at our Community long table dinner