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"Choose Respect"

Dates to Remember:

Mon 20th Jul: Pupil Free Day
Tues 21st Jul: Day 1 Term 3
Thurs 30th Jul: Interschool Cross Country
Thurs 16th Jul: Covid Testing 1
Fri 17th Jul: School Photos
Fri 17th Jul: Recycling Incursion
Thurs 6th Aug: K/PP Assembly
Wed 19th Aug: Covid Testing 2
Thurs 20th Aug: Yrs 1/2/3 Assembly
Tues 15th Sept: Covid Testing 2
Fri 25th Sept: Term 3 Ends
Mon 12th Oct: Term 4 commences

Weekly Events at D.P.S.

Mon: Playgroup 9.00-11.00am (note change of day)

Educational Websites at DPS:

www.mathletics.com.au
www.studyladder.com.au
www.mylexile.com.au

Happy Holidays

We wish all of our families a safe and happy holiday. It has been an 'interesting' semester with 'Covid - 19' and changes of teachers. The students are to be commended for the resilience that they have shown in adapting to lots of changes. I thank parents for all of their support and our wonderful staff for their commitment and flexibility. Last holidays held lots of restrictions so it will be refreshing to get 'out and about'.

Interschool Cross Country

The Interschool Cross Country will be held at Jarrahdale on **Thursday 30th July**. You will be notified if your child is selected to attend the event. There are four competitors selected for the junior, intermediate and senior categories. (two boys and two girls for each age group).

Interschool Sports Carnival

Numbers of students at schools we compete against in the Interschool Sports each year (Carcoola, North Dandalup and to a lesser extent Jarrahdale), continue to rise. Numbers at our school remain static as housing availability remains an issue (there are around 40 'air B&Bs' and many weekenders in Dwellingup as tourism gains in popularity). This results in the an uneven competition as most of these schools have more than double our student numbers.

Bigger schools select a 'team' of students who are more talented at sport, leaving about half of the school behind. We take all of our students and some students have to compete in events in an older age bracket in order for us to fill teams. We train all of term 3 like these other schools. I have discussed this matter with the School Council and we came up with a few options. A survey will be sent out with the following options next term:

1. Continue as we are: (competing against Carcoola, North Dandalup and Jarrahdale).
2. Join a group of schools with similar numbers to ours. I have spoken to the principal of Yarloop and that school is in a competition with similar sized schools to ours and we could join them. Those schools are not holding an Interschool carnival this year due to Covid. This year we would have a Faction Carnival only.
3. Continue as we are this year and participate in Option 1 and 2 next year so that we can make an informed decision.

I realise this will be rather controversial as the Interschool carnival is a long established tradition. However, last year there was a measure of discontent with the Interschool carnival. Please do not hesitate to contact me on this matter. (or any others).

School Photos

School photos will be taken on **Friday 17th July**. The usual range of options will be available (individual, siblings and class). Please be advised that photographs need to be paid for on the day.

Environmental News

Recycling / Charities

We recycle the following:

mobile phones (recycling);
batteries (safe disposal); stamps;
bread tags; plastic lids.



This week the winner of the milkshake draw was **Ava Bucktin**. We thank all of the students who are collecting items to recycle.

School Uniform



The recipient of the “**School Uniform Milkshake Award**” this week was **Ruby Day**.

A Nature Based Playground



Above: Sienna and Ruby with the frog habitat they made. They even found a tiny plastic frog that they added.

A Word from the Chaplain

Hi Everyone,

I can't believe that it's the end of Term 2 already. I hope all the staff and students have a wonderful and relaxing holiday. To all the busy Mums and Dads make the most of the school holidays and remember to spend some quality family time with your children.

Poem from Diana Loomans (author and poet)

*If I had my child to raise over again,
I'd finger paint more, and point the finger less.
I'd do less correcting, and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.
I would care to know less, and know to care more.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.
I'd run through more fields, and gaze at more stars.
I'd do more hugging, and less tugging.
I would be firm less often, and affirm much more.
I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.
I'd teach less about the love of power,
And more about the power of love.
It matters not whether my child is big or small,
From this day forth, I'll cherish it all.*

Stay safe and I Look forward to seeing you all back in Term 3.

Lisa Ferraro

Visit to Wendy Bink's Studio

It is exciting that we can finally leave the school grounds for some of our learning. We are very blessed to live in Dwellingup as we can access a range of educational activities outside of school which enriches student learning. We thank the very talented and award winning **Wendy Binks** for inviting our students to her studio this week.

Wendy has previously visited the school and conducted an author session about her incredibly popular “**Stripey**” books. **Wendy** is in the process of illustrating a new book about a Boobook owl. She showed us the gorgeous pictures that she is drawing. We were amazed at the amount of work an illustrator has to go to ~ making models of a house, making a clay head so that perspective is correct, taking hundreds of photos of owls are just some of the things that needed to happen besides drawing and colouring.

We thank Wendy for sharing her immense talent with us. What an amazing educational opportunity for our students. We can't wait for the book to be published ~ we want to buy the first one!



Above: Wendy Binks in her studio with her superb work.



Left: The walk there was lots of fun!

Volunteers

A further benefit of the easing of the Covid restrictions is that we can have our fabulous volunteers back in the school. We have missed them and the support that they give us and the students. (not to mention their friendly faces).



Above: Pam Laird is a 'whizz' at covering books. She is shown covering the year 1/2/3 class's writing books. Pam also listens to reading in the year 1/2/3 class on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Barbara Serventy	Listening to reading
Barry Stewart (retired teacher)	Testing reading (PM Benchmarks).
Lainee Vanelst	Teaching art with the PP-3 students on Friday afternoon.

Playgroup News

Dwellingup Playgroup is a small but friendly group.

Monday (note change of day)
9.00-11.00am

Room behind school
Undercover Area

ALL WELCOME!



Boxes / Bottles Wanted

Mrs Kinal requires boxes smaller than cereal boxes for more exciting projects. Please drop these off at the ECE building.

I require empty 1.25 litre soft drink bottles. Please bring them to me in the front office.



Jaws!

Mrs Pelham is not just a fabulous cleaner, but her and her 'partner in grime' Mrs Warren, take an interest in what is going on in the classes that they clean continuously. Mrs Pelham heard that Lucas Swiderski was very interested in sharks so she brought in some exhibits. The whole school got to see them. Your child will now know a lot about saw fishes and Tiger sharks. If you want to find out more, you can ask them.



Left: Lucas' scared face, "Oh no, I've just been gobbled up by a Tiger shark!"

Right: The saw fish's 'saw' is nearly as tall as Dorris! (This is from a female saw fish.) Mrs Pelham has a 'saw' from a male saw fish at home which is nearly as big as Mrs Sing!



Community News

Dwellingup 'Bush Riders'

This week the ride will leave at **8.00am** instead of **9.00am** tomorrow. The reason for this is that "Fleet Cycles" from Mandurah has organised a sausage sizzle for riders at **Marrinup**. "Fleet Cycles" is also going to sponsor the group in other ways. We are grateful for their support.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Wed 15th July
10.00am



Dwellingup RSL Hall
\$5.00 entry

Door prizes and raffles.

Bring along your favourite, funny, oldest, most colourful bag to be judged.

A plate of morning tea to share would be appreciated.

Join us for a morning of fun, tea and great food. All proceeds go to the Cancer Council.

All welcome! Hope to see you there.
Host: Ireen 0427 313 178

Dwellingup Community Village Inc (former Nursing Post)

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

LIBRARY:

Wednesday from 9am until 2pm
Wide range of books available to borrow.

HAIRDRESSER: **Melissa**
Wednesdays

Bookings essential: **0439 746 183**

REFLEXOLOGIST: **'Treat Your Soul'**
Every four weeks.

Bookings essential: **Tess 0417 955 981**

AVAILABLE FOR HIRE: Wheelchairs, walking frames, crutches etc etc