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**"Choose Respect"**

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Dates to Remember:

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> May:** NAPLAN Week

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> May:** Mural Painting commences

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> May:** Scitech Incursion (date changed)

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> May:** K / PP Assembly

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun:** Pupil Free Day (date added)

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jun:** W.A. Day Holiday

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Jun:** Years 1/2/3 Assembly

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Jun:** Years 4/5/6 Assembly

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jun:** World Tree Planting Day Excursion  
Years 4/5/6

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Jul:** Term 2 Ends

**Weekly Events at D.P.S.**

**Wed:** Playgroup 9.00-11.00am

**Educational Websites at DPS:**

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

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

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

## Welcome Oliver

We extend a very warm welcome to **Oliver Birmingham** who is in year 2. We also welcome his mum **Lauren**, dad **Mat** and little sister **Lucy** to our school and wider community. We are



actually welcoming Mat back as he completed his primary education here.

*Left: Oliver with his mum Lauren and little sister Lucy.*

## Welcome Back!

Parents, welcome back into the corridor and classrooms! We have missed the interaction but were impressed with the independence that the students, especially the kindy and year ones demonstrated. Thank you all for your co-operation during these unusual times.

## Masks

As you are aware, mask wearing is no longer required unless you choose to.

*Right: Mitchell removes the mask from Charlie the red-tail.*

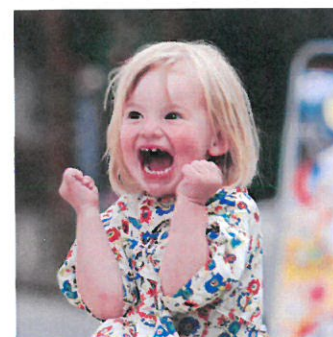


## Virtue: Enthusiasm

*"I am full of enthusiasm. I look on the bright side. I give 100% to whatever I do. I use my imagination. I think that every day is full of potential positives."*

You are practising enthusiasm when you...

- Let yourself enjoy looking forward to something.
- Think of imaginative ways to get things done.
- Put 100% effort into all tasks.
- Smile, laugh and enjoy life.
- Look for what is wonderful about life.
- Are positive.



## Staffing

As you know, there are staff changes happening this term.

**Miss Davies, teacher year 4/5/6** is leaving us on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. I am commencing Long Service Leave next week, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Due to the current demands on staffing across the state due to COVID, the staffing process has been strained and delays have been the result. I have been assured that there will be a relieving principal and a year 4/5/6 teacher appointed in due course. I will inform you as soon as I am advised. I apologise for any concern that this has caused.

## Music in the School Grounds

Everyone is enjoying the beautiful autumn days despite the cooler mornings. Last week we put the xylophones out and beautiful music could be heard throughout the grounds.



Left: Jacob

Below: Macy, Lotu, Lara and Breanna



## “Choose Respect” Marble in Jar Certificates

**Bronte Alers** ~ Being particularly welcoming and kind to a new relief teacher.

**Bronte Alers** ~ Working very hard to successfully learn a new concept in maths.

**Arlo Bell** ~ Working very hard to successfully learn a new concept in maths.

**Matilda Duyn** ~ Completing all work quickly, neatly and correctly.

**Bella Goncalves** ~ Completing all work quickly, neatly and correctly.

**Mitchell Hersey** ~ Doing an extremely thorough job of tidying the classroom without being asked.

**Macy Rickard-Hall** ~ Completing all work quickly, neatly and correctly.

**Breanna Reid** ~ Taking pride in keeping her classroom tidy.

**Arli Sellenger** ~ Completing all work quickly, neatly and correctly.

## CONGRATULATIONS!



## Watch This Space!

You may have noticed that some interesting coloured marks appeared in the former Principal's Rose Garden at the front of the school last week.

The huge eucalypt trees at the front of the school have compromised the growth of the roses so **Mr**

**Warren** is shifting them. An extremely exciting new project has been planned for this area.



## Punctuality / Attendance

For students to achieve success at school, they need to attend regularly. Catching up on missed work is difficult.



Punctuality is also vital. If children arrive late the rest of the class are settled and working and the late child has the stress of not knowing what is going on. In addition, other students are then disrupted whilst the late child catches up. Regular attendance is vital ~ the table below highlights the cumulative effect of non-attendance. Your child's attendance rate is indicated on their report. We are aware that COVID requirements impacts on attendance, therefore school should not be missed apart from medical and other essential reasons.

Attendance Rate	If you miss...	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of school, that's...
80%	1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
60%	2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years

Congratulations to the following students for attending school regularly in term 1.

100%	Mia Rickard-Hall, Nate Fort,
99%	
98%	Jackson Hanstrum, Wesley Holster, Lena Johnson, Ambrosia Sheridan, Pearl Sheridan
97%	
96%	Alby Birmingham, Rohan Harris, Mitchell Hersey, Macy Rickard-Hall, Anika Vanelst
95%	Vinnie Bell, Cedar Birmingham, Tahni Case, Matilda Duyn, Lily Hanstrum,
94%	Bella Goncalves, Lara Goncalves, Sienna Panotidis,
93%	
92%	Bronte Alers, Alby Hughes,
91%	
90%	

In 2021 attendance at Dwellingup P.S. was 84.8%.  
Like school's attendance was 91.6%

## Design and Technology Years PP - 3

In term 1, students in years PP to year 3 worked with Miss Baker to design, make and then appraise models of Dwellingup. The students worked in groups, demonstrated co-operation and then used their imaginations and utilised a range of techniques to construct the various components of their town. As you can see, the results were stunning!



## Autumn

Our school grounds are a magical place to be every day of the year but right now, there are many gorgeous shades of autumn to be seen. If you want to feel peaceful and uplifted, a walk around the grounds will achieve this aim.

As well as appreciating their beautiful surroundings, the students have been inspired to create some lovely art work.



On Thursday students in K/PP went for a walk around the school grounds and collected leaves of a variety of shapes and colours. They made a trunk from paperbark and added the leaves to make this gorgeous tree.



Students in years PP – 3 used autumn leaves to construct their own trees. In addition, they used individual leaves as inspiration for some gorgeous leaf drawings.



*Left: Brontew*



*Below: Ambrosia*



*Above: Bella*

*Right: Lena*



## Running Club Term 2

Next week students and parents are invited to join a **Before School Running Club** every **Tuesday and Thursday**. If you are interested meet on the school oval at 8.30am in your running / walking shoes. All students will be running and parents are encouraged to run but power walking is permitted!



The run serves many positive purposes:

- Children's brains are stimulated and they are ready for learning.
- Fitness will improve for general well-being and in readiness for the Cross Country and faction Sports.
- Well-being will be supported by moving through our beautiful jarrah forest

## Recycling / Charities

Please bring in obsolete mobile phones (recycling); batteries (safe disposal); stamps (Rotary sell them for charity and have raised \$90 000 in 23 years); toothpaste tubes and old toothbrushes. There are collection bins in the passage.



Congratulations to **Rohan Harris** for winning the milkshake draw this week.

*Thank you to Long Riders Café for donating the award and always complimenting the students on their excellent manners!*

## Recycling ~ We Need Your Junk!

Our students, under the direction of **Mr Warren**, disassemble old electrical items. Metals are identified, sorted and then sold for scrap instead of ending up in Landfill. Please contact **Colleen Sing 0488 225 888** if you have any items to donate. Collection can be arranged.

## Containers for Change

Please remember to collect and drop off your eligible containers for this very worthwhile initiative.

A reminder that in week 3 our passage mural will commence. Thanks again **Geoff Warren** for co-ordinating this.

## P & C News

### WHITE ELEPHANT STALL Easter Saturday and Sunday



Thank you to the **P & C, Nola Kinal and Wendy Bell** for organising a White Elephant stall that was held over the Easter Weekend. As well as raising over **\$1000**, this initiative saved a lot of unwanted items from ending up in land fill.

Thank you again for all of the work that went into organising this before and after the event as well as on the day. Thank you the **Wendy and Nola** for all of their work as well as growing plants throughout the year to sell.

The school took advantage of this event to hold a Silent Auction to discard obsolete school items. Funds raised are returned to the school. Thank you to **Justine Edwards-Bech and Geoff Warren** for putting so much work into this.

## Community News

### 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: **0438 940 566 - Jo**  
(please note new hairdresser ~ in town  
every Wednesday)

**REFLEXOLOGIST: Every four weeks.**  
Bookings essential:

**Tess 0417 955 981**

## ANZAC Day

Every year the **Dwellingup RSL** organise very moving ANZAC commemorations. They even organised driveway ANZAC events when public gatherings could not occur due to COVID restrictions. This year a large crowd attended the commemoration. We are very honoured that the RSL value the participation of our students. **Sienna, Nate, Anika, Luca, Deegan, Lara and Bella** read their very moving thoughts about peace to the gathering (reprinted below from the previous newsletter.). We also displayed the work other students had completed.



### *Peace is...*

*Saving the environment, respecting the trees, no war, governments being friends. **Bella***

*Taking care of your friends, family, nature, animals. Appreciate others and thank others when they help. Hopefully we can all come together like Pangea (when the world was one). **Nate***

*Peace is no wars. Be kind to our future, past and present. Not to hurt our land and the people on it. Appreciate nature and man-made objects. **Anika***

*Being nice to any living thing. Thinking about the future. Thinking about the past. Thinking about the present. Let's hope this Earth will last. Choose peace. **Luca***

*Kindness and respect. Peace should be put all across the world because kids are dying. Babies are losing fathers and mothers. People are being bombed! It's not worth it! War should be illegal. We are losing families because of war. It's really not worth it! **Lara***

*We never wanted World War 1 or World War 2 but they happened. We can't control this but then Russia started a war with Ukraine. Be nice to the future and choose respect. Show kindness. Happiness is the key. Happiness in the solution. **Sienna***

*If we all have peace everything would be awesome and nobody would be afraid of anything. It would just be a good world! **Deegan***



*Above: Peace poems.*

*Below: Frank Spear (RSL President) left, with members of the Dwellingup RSL in front of their beautifully maintained hall.*



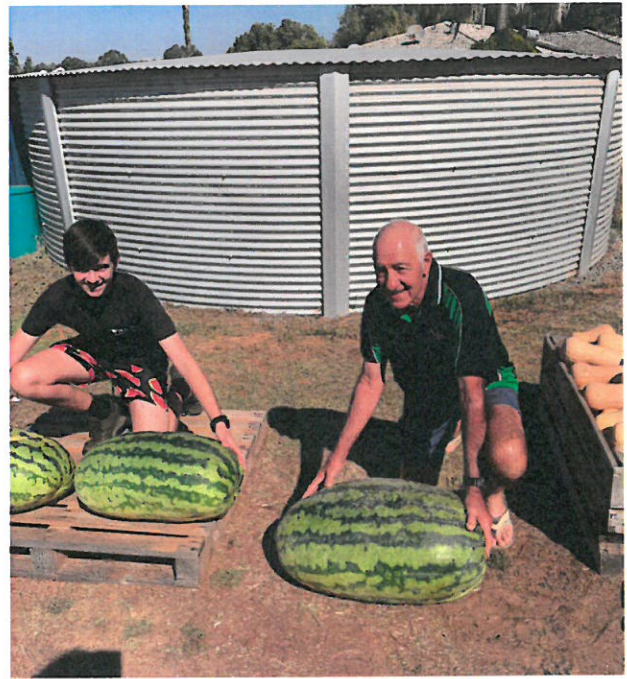
## Pumpkin Weigh Off

As most of you know, due to COVID, Dwellingup Primary School has not held the **Giant Pumpkin Festival** for several years. Hopefully, we will be back to 'normal' in 2023 and once again, our school can host this amazing event.

The P & C and the school are very grateful to the **Cocivera / Vergone** family members for sustaining interest in our Festival by conducting a weigh off out at their café when the event has not been able to be hosted here. This ensures that the local and general public continue to associate giant pumpkins with Dwellingup.

A weigh off was held on Easter Saturday. As you can see there were some very impressive pumpkins grown and some friendly rivalry occurred within the **Cocivera / Vergone** family.

The heaviest pumpkin was grown by **Lou Vergone**. It weighed **176 kilograms**. The second heaviest pumpkin was grown by Lou's son in law **Anthony Cocivera** and weighed **149.2 kilograms**.



*Above: Lou and Kobe grew this enormous 50 kg watermelon.*



*Above: Lou Vergone with his winning 176 kg pumpkin. He is pictured with his grandson Kobe Cocivera who assisted Lou to grow this whopper. We have every confidence that Kobe will be a winning grower in the future!*



*Left: A member of the public admires the pumpkins!*

*Below: Pumpkins come in all shapes and sizes.*



## Dwellingup Bush Riders

On Saturday a group of riders participated in the first Bush Ride for the season. It was a perfect day and those present were very enthusiastic about enjoying some beautiful weather, being with their friends, being active and being out in the beautiful jarrah forest.

The aim of the ride is participation, enjoyment and fitness and those that participate highly recommend it. The ride culminates in participation in the 15 kilometre event of the **Dwellingup 100**, which is held in September. In the past we have had children in kindy complete this distance with relative ease.

The ride caters for all ages, abilities and fitness levels. Children are grouped so older / faster riders are challenged and younger / slower riders can proceed at their own pace.

We ride in all weather ~ riding in pouring rain is great for children's resilience and they actually love riding through puddles and getting covered in mud. It is very impressive that so many parents accompany their children on the ride.

Thank you to **John Cusack** (junior rider organiser), **Christine Cuthbertson** (senior rider organiser) and to **John Laird** for his ongoing support.

**SATURDAY 9.00am  
WAYPOINTS CAFE**



*Above: Children ~ Vinnie, Macy (on her new bike), Arlo, Lily and Jackson*

*Adults ~ Ben, Susan, John, Christine, Harley, John and Lee*



*Left: First time rider Vinnie Bell. Vinnie is aged 4 and is in kindy!*

*Right and below: Some pictures from the past.*

