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Dates to Remember:

Fri 27th Jan: **School Office Opens**

Mon 30th Jan, Tues 31st Jan: **School Development**

Days – no students.

Wed 1st Feb: **Students return to school**

Weekly Events in Dwellingup

Mon: Basketball 3.15 – 4.30 Dwellingup Primary School

Educational Websites at DPS:

prodigy.com

abcreadingeggs.com

www.studyladder.com.au

www.mylexile.com.au

2022 ~ The Year That Was

This is a reprint of my talk from the Presentation / Graduation Event held on Tuesday. It is a summary of what turned out to be a year full of change.

Covid placed restrictions on activities that we normally engage in including the Pumpkin Festival.

For a small school, there have been an incredible number of changes of staff. We farewelled **Mrs Bosanac and Mrs Edwards-Bech** from the office and welcomed **Mrs Rhonda Cunnington**. We farewelled **Miss Davies** as teacher of the year 4/5/6 class and welcomed **Mr Dean Carter** in term 2. We farewelled **Miss Baker** at the end of term 3 and welcomed back **Mrs Nola Kinal**. We farewelled DOTT relief provider **Mrs Kim Davies** and welcomed **Mrs Lucy Myles** and **Mrs Shani Holster**.

I had significant accumulated leave so was out of the school for a total of 13 weeks. **Mrs Lee Tunbridge** and **Mrs Julie Harrison** acted as principal in my absence.

Due our numbers, a school restructure occurred at the end of term 3.

Our new staff have added to the talents of our existing staff. **Mr Carter** has implemented a whole school data analysis system that supports effective intervention. **Mrs Shani Holster** has added 'zing' to the school via her talents in Drama and Art. **Mrs Lucy Myles** has enriched the school with her enthusiasm and talents for phys ed and the environment. **Mrs Rhonda Cunnington** is incredibly efficient and supportive of all.

Students demonstrated remarkable resilience dealing with all of these changes. Learning outcomes were above expectations. Student behaviour and consideration of each other is of a high level. The staff who were constants, **Mrs Kellie Evans, Mrs Jude Wagenaar, Mrs Juliet Lamb, Mrs Wendy Bell, Mr Geoff Warren** and **Mrs Robyn Warren** played a huge role in inducting new staff and ensuring continuity. Of course, our wonderful Chaplain, **Mrs Lisa Ferraro** was there for everyone. Our embedded whole school programs supported smooth transitions and minimised disruption to student learning when staff changed.

Special mention must be given to **Mr Warren** for creating the beautiful setting for all of us in which to work and learn. His environmental programs, that extend out into the community, are an inspiration to all and provide incredible learning opportunities to students on how they can help their planet. In addition, the role that **Mr Warren** plays at sports carnival is invaluable.

Our small community is blessed with many individuals who support the learning and healthy growth and development of the children in it in many ways. **Mrs Laine Vanelst** is a constant in our school and is an invaluable relief Education Assistant. She also volunteers every morning to

hear students read and every Friday afternoon to support the junior art program. **Lainee** and her husband **Lee** organise the annual Christmas Tree event for all children in the community. **Ms Edo O'Neill** volunteers her time and talents to teach music on Friday afternoons. Thank you to **Mrs Pam Laird** for all of her 'behind the scenes' work. **Mr Harley Hanstrum** ran the Saturday morning bike group as well as a bike skills session on Thursday afternoons in term 3. **Harley** also ran basketball in term 4. Thank you to **Mrs Lucy Myles** and the **P&C** who organised dance in the hall. The **Blue Light Committee** runs fantastic discos.

We thank the Community organisations, represented here today for welcoming our students to their events. Last term **Mrs Kinal** took her students out into the wider community to engage in active learning. Students visited **Vergone's** and **Birmingham's** orchards to develop concepts in biological Science and other learning areas. This involvement in the community supports our students to develop into active, respectful, caring and engaged citizens.

We thank the organisations who support us financially. The **Dwellingup Community Association**, **Bendigo Bank** and **Alcoa** all provide us grant opportunities which we access to purchase essential items such as computers and reading series.

Thank you to our active, vibrant and welcoming **P&C** who support the school in so many ways, give parents an opportunity to have a voice and provide learning experiences for our students that we could not otherwise afford. Thank you **Christine Reid (President)**, **Lucy Myles (Vice President)**, **Ana Johnson (Secretary)** and **Katie Vuletic (Treasurer)** and other members. The **School Council** support the school in decision making. School Council members are to be commended for participating in training this year so that they have a broader understanding of their roles. Thank you to our **Chairperson Anne Sinclair** and members **Shani Holster**, **John McCooke**, **Christine Reid** and **Kellie Evans**.

Thank you to all parents for supporting your child's learning, helping in many ways around the school and helping to create a friendly atmosphere.

Term 4 Events

Years 1/2/3 Assembly

Mrs Evan's years 1/2/3 students performed the song / dance **YMCA** at their assembly this term. It was an extremely lively performance, the students all looked extremely 'cool', and the audience loved their moves so much that some of them joined in. We all loved it! Thank you **Mrs Evans** and the years 1/2/3 students.



*Above: A very lively version of
YMCA.*



*Right: Mrs Lamb
remembering her disco days.*

When I arrived back from my holidays I heard all about the year 4/5/6 "**Revolting Rhymes**" assembly that I missed. The year 4/5/6 class participated in a Drama workshop held by **Pinjarra Senior High School** and it was decided to hold a re-run of both assembly items.

Below: Three pigs at home.



Merit Certificates

Byron Alers ~ For being a kind, fun friend to all. You help us all to have a lovely day. Thank you Byron.

Arlo Bell ~ For his honesty and integrity when remembering if he had received a certificate earlier in the year. Well-done!

Bella Coxon ~ For your terrific imaginative play ideas and story lines! Well-done Bella!

Bella Goncalves ~ For always putting in your best effort and helping friends when they need it. Thank you Bella!

Lara Goncalves ~ For her astounding spelling ability, her kindness to others and for daring to chase her dream of being a doctor.

Indi Robb ~ For being keen to learn and being a great helper to others with learning activities. Thank you Indi!

Arli Sellenger ~ For always making sure the kindy and pre-primary kids are included in our Science group work. Thank you for being so thoughtful and inclusive.

Theodore Wass ~ For working well with kindy partners in dance and letter learning activities. Great work Theodore!

CONGRATULATIONS!

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RESPECT IS TO TREAT WITH CARE AND CONSIDERATION



Back row: Lara, Arlo, Bella, Arli
Front row: Indi, Byron, Theodore, Bella

Seniors' Christmas Party

On Tuesday 6th December the students of Dwellingup Primary School entertained the Dwellingup seniors at their annual Christmas party. We thank all of those responsible for organising this wonderful community event.

"This year, as usual, the seniors had a lot of fun. The very naughty elf played her part really well. Thanks Tam. The school children were exceptional this year. Thank you. Thanks to Santa and his two young ladies, Skie and Chantelle. Thanks to all who attended and enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Alcoa and the Shire of Murray for helping with sponsorship. Thank you to Alcoa employees for waiting on the tables. This event would not happen without these donations."

Thank you to all of the businesses in town who have supported us over the past 22 years or so. Also, thanks to our team of helpers. This is my last year of organising the event. There are plenty of younger people in town to take over. IT WILL HAPPEN!

Ireen Allen



We thank **Ireen Allen** for her tireless effort in organising this amazing event for so many years. The event brings community members together and is always full of fun and laughter. The school appreciates that **Ireen** values our students' participation. It is wonderful for the children in the community to have the opportunity to entertain the seniors.



Years PP/1/2/3 Science / Environment

Mrs Lucy Myles joined our staff in term 4. Her expertise and passion in the areas of **Science, the Environment and Phys Ed** enhanced student learning in these subjects.



Above: Arli, Tahni and Dylan tested their boats and achieved success!

Left: Oliver and Otis are ready for their test.

In Physical Science students in years PP/1/2/3 learned about forces and energy. They needed to design and test boats.

Students were required to make a foil boat to float in shallow water. The boats needed to be tested and if necessary modified. Students then had to think of a way to move their boats without touching them. They then needed to add something to their boat to assist it to go faster as well as thinking of a way to enable it to change direction.

As you can see by the photos the students thoroughly enjoyed this challenge!

Welcome 2023 Kindy Students (and their families)

On Tuesday 24th November we were delighted to welcome our kindy students for 2023. The children came to school with their parents and participated in some fun and educational activities. We were delighted that two former Dwellingup Primary School students, **Michael Vellacott** and **Mark Coxon**, are enrolling their children here.



Left: Milla Coxon

Below: Ava Gilette



Left: Adrian Vellacott



Right: Archie Myles



Years PP/1/2/3 Arts

On Friday afternoons students in years PP/1/2/3 participate in **Music/ Technology and Visual Arts** rotations.

Visual Arts with Mrs Bell and Mrs Vanelst.

Mrs Bell and Mrs Vanelst run the Visual Arts program. The students have produced some wonderful work this term including gorgeous papier mache birds and salt dough tablets.



Music with Edo O'Neill



Above: Edo can sing like an angel and play the clarinet and ukulele. Students have learned about beat and rhythm including writing their own rhythms. Edo is reading a musical book about composer Vivaldi's composition "Four Seasons" to develop concepts of musical appreciation:

"Music can tell a story without using words". "Music can make you feel emotions."

Lainee and Edo both volunteer their talents and time. We thank them both. Both ladies have committed to continue volunteering in 2023.

Childrens' 'Bee Garden'



Last term students learned about bees as part of a "Talk for Writing" topic with Mrs Lamb. The unit covered a visit from Evie's dad Ryan Myles where students learned an incredible amount about bees, honey and bee keeping. Students planted a garden to attract bees. We are all delighted that they planted the garden at the front of the school because it looks gorgeous when we came to school each morning.

Digital Technologies with Mrs Wagenaar



Above: Logan is learning computer coding with Mrs Wagenaar.

The Hanging Garden of 'Barbalon' / Passage Mural

As you all know Mr Warren organises the "Containers for Change" program in the school and town. The main aim is to keep recyclables out of landfill, but we earn money from this as well. This money is used to enhance our school grounds. Former school cleaner, Mrs Barbara Pelham thought of the idea of brightening up the passage by installing hanging baskets. Mr Warren embraced this suggestion and installed interesting branches to hang the baskets from. He then suggested that a mural be painted as a backdrop. We named the project after Barb.

Students replanted seedlings in the baskets.

Left: Pearl



Above: Mr Warren

Left: Breanna



P & C "Marble in the Jar" Whole School Reward Excursion ~ Trees Adventure

On Friday 2nd December the whole school (K-6) had a great day at "Trees Adventure".



Every fortnight we have a "Marble in the Jar" assembly. Students receive a marble for commendable behaviour and when the jar is full the whole school receives a reward!

Students also enjoyed a barbecue with parents at nearby Nanga Mill. Thank you to the P&C for organising the day and the barbecue.

Thanks also to parents who joined in on the ropes course and the encouragement they gave to all the children.



Art / Drama

Mrs Shani Holster added another dimension to our school this term. It must have been rewarding for Shani to hear Deegan Fort state the following in his Graduation speech, “Mrs Holster did the best Drama and Drama is one of my favourite subjects now”. It is wonderful that students not only complete dramatic performances but develop their artistic skills by creating ‘props’ for their performances.

Mr Rick Holster, Shani’s husband, teaches Drama at Pinjarra Senior High School. Rick and Shani organised for his students to visit the school and taught the students stage make up techniques. We were stunned by the realism of the results.

In my long career, I have yet to see a teacher arrive at school with the diverse items that Shani has been seen with.



Above: Students from Pinjarra S.H.S. demonstrate make up techniques ~ Breanna, Pearl, Logan and Jacob.



Above: Students in years 1/2/3 used paper and their imaginations to make Chinese dragon puppets. Nash and Arli are very happy with their creations.



Left: A chainsaw, drill, jigsaw and appropriate PPE of course. Please be assured that these items were NOT used by the students!!!

Right: A fishing rod & flippers!



Left: A BBQ and a wading pool. What next?

Year 6 – Pinjarra SHS Transition

This term our year 6 students, Deegan Fort and Rohan Harris participated in Transition activities at Pinjarra SHS. The boys travelled on the school bus. Pinjarra SHS’s Transition program is a thorough program that ensures that the anxiety about starting secondary school is reduced. Students have opportunities to meet students from other schools and are introduced to the secondary school routines.

Congratulations Lily Lamb

We congratulate Pinjarra SHS student and former Dwellingup Primary School student Lily Lamb (daughter of Mrs Lamb) on obtaining eight “A” grade allocations in her end of year report. We are very proud of you.

Presentation / Graduation

On Tuesday we held our **Presentation / Graduation** event. We acknowledged all students' efforts throughout the year. Congratulations to the following students who were presented with awards:

YEAR	AWARD	RECIPIENT
1-2-3	Academic	Jackson Hanstrum
1-2-3	Endeavour	Arlo Bell
1-2-3	Citizenship	Brodie Dimasi
1-2-3	Environment	Otis Hughes
1-2-3	The Arts	Wesley Holster
1-2-3	Junior LOTE	Ambrosia Sheridan
1-2-3	"Talk for Writing"	Alby Hughes
4-5-6	Academic	Lara Goncalves
4-5-6	Endeavour	Pearl Sheridan
4-5-6	Citizenship	Nate Fort
4-5-6	Environment	Alby Birmingham
4-5-6	The Arts	Jacob Day
4-5-6	Senior LOTE	Deegan Fort
4-5-6	"Talk for Writing"	Nate Fort
1-6	Sport	Deegan Fort
6	DUX	Rohan Harris



Above: Years 4/5/6 Item: "Aussie Jingle Bells".

Year 6 Graduation



Above: Our graduates, Deegan and Rohan

Graduation Dinner

The count down until the end of the year continued for the year 6 students after their Graduation. On Wednesday evening, year our graduating students **Deegan Fort and Rohan Harris** travelled to Sharkey's in Mandurah. They didn't seem to mind that they were outnumbered by staff, **Mr Carter, Mrs Lamb and Mrs Sing**.

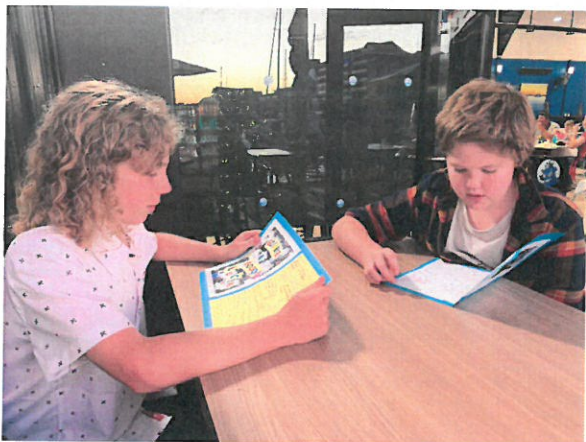


Above: Years K/PP Item: "Deck the Halls"

Below: Years 1/2/3 Item: "It's Christmas Time."



Above: Mrs Lamb, Deegan, Rohan and Mr Carter.



Above: Farewell messages from staff and students.

Below: Good luck Deegan and Rohan



Goodbye and Good Luck ~ Mrs Evans

It is with sadness that we farewell **Mrs Kellie Evans** from our school. **Kellie** has been a very effective teacher and she will be missed by all. We wish her and her husband all the best in Esperance.



Jacob and Ruby Day



Lucas Swiderski



We farewell the students pictured above who have attended Dwellingup Primary School. It has been wonderful having **Jacob and Ruby** and parents **Andrea and Phil** and **Lucas** and mum **Storm** as part of our school community. We will miss you all and wish you all the best!

Raspberry Picking

On the last day of school, the entire school walked through the bush to **Vergone's** to pick raspberries. Despite sampling quite a few, students managed to fill their punnets to take home to share with their families. This was an initiative from our P & C who also funded the excursion. It was an incredibly special treat for our students. Thank you to our wonderful P & C and **Jamie Cocivera** for her co-operation and assistance.



Right: Look at our huge raspberries ~ Cedar and Byron.



Above: The students are very proud of their berry picking efforts.

Fire Brigade Hose Down

One of our school traditions is the hose down that all students receive to end the year. We thank our amazing local **Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade** for making this memorable activity possible. We also thank the volunteers for spending countless hours and when necessary, placing themselves at risk to keep our community safe. Volunteers and dads **Kim Birmingham** and **Ryan Myles** were very effective at dousing students!



Above: "Come on guys, let's get Mrs Myles!"

Below: Got her! Direct hit!





Above: Advice for Mr Warren for 2023. Always look behind you and watch out for Capri.

P & C Report 2022

Many of you may know of the P&C but many may not be aware what it is that we do and how we contribute to the school. Here is a quick rundown of some of the things we have been involved in over the year.

We catered for the Black Dog Riders who come through Dwellingup every year to raise awareness of depression. There was a White Elephant Sale held over the Easter weekend. The Dwellingup 100 which as always was a great success.

With these wonderful fundraisers we are able to provide great opportunities and adventures for the students and reduce the cost for parents. This includes funding for the bus trips to excursions, the free sausage sizzle at the sports carnival for all students and their families and our fabulous end of year trip to Treetops Adventure which was completely funded by the P&C.

Next year is going to be an exciting and busy year with the return of the Pumpkin Fete. With such a long break from the last one we decided to restructure and rebrand for a fresh start and to make it a more manageable event.

Also the Dwellingup 100 is going to be an international event. The first time ever to be held outside of Italy!

None of this is possible without our volunteers. New members are always welcome, and you can be involved a little bit or a lot ~ whatever suits you. Any help is appreciated, many hands make light work.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved with the P&C this year. We are extremely grateful.

Christine Reid (President)

Staffing 2023

I have left some exciting news until last. Unlike the last few years, we know who our staff are for 2023. We welcome **Miss Stephanie Fisher** as the year 1/2/3 teacher. **Stephanie** comes very highly recommended and has been teaching for four years. We had the pleasure of meeting **Stephanie** last Wednesday and we were all impressed with her friendliness and enthusiasm.



Roles	Staff	Education Assistants
K/PP	Mrs Nola Kinal	Mrs Wendy Bell
1/2/3	Miss Stephanie Fisher	Mrs Wagenaar
4/5/6	Mr Dean Carter (4 days); Mrs Shani Holster (1 day)	Mrs Lamb
Indonesian	Taught on-line by SIDE.(yrs 3-6)	
Library	Mrs Carol Hovey (Mon)	
Manager Corporate Services	Mrs Rhonda Cunningham (Mon – Fri)	
Chaplain	Mrs Lisa Ferraro (Wed & every 2 nd Tues)	
Gardener	Mr Geoff Warren	
Cleaner	Mrs Robyn Warren	
Principal	Mrs Colleen Sing	

Late News ~ Alcoa Grant

Thank you to **Alcoa** for approving a grant for \$5280.00 for computers in the senior class.



ALCOA

Community News

Monday Basketball



Thank you to **Harley Hanstrum** for running basketball skills sessions on Monday afternoons this term.

Carols by Candlelight

Thank you to the crew at **Waypoints Café** for organising **Carols by Candlelight** on Thursday night.



Edo, Alby and Otis performed a beautiful Christmas song. Everyone loved the singing and ukulele playing.

Years 1/2/3 students who were present sang **"It's Christmas Time"** by popular request. They then added **"YMCA"**, just for fun!



Community Christmas Tree

On Saturday 5th December many children enjoyed a day of fun with their families at the annual **Dwellingup Christmas Tree** event. Of course, the highlight of the day was the arrival of **Santa and his helpers**, who in the tradition of Dwellingup, arrived in the vintage Mack fire truck!

This event is a Dwellingup tradition. Many grandparents remember attending the event as children. Thank you to **Lainee & Lee Vanelst**, **Glen** from the **Post Office**, **Dwellingup Community Association** for their sponsorship, **Santa and his helpers**, raffle donors and for all of the families who attended. Santa had a very busy time handing out so many gifts!

