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“Choose Respect”

Dates to Remember:

Mon 7th Mar: Labour Day Holiday

Wed 9th Mar: Sculpture by the Sea online (date changed)

Wed 9th Mar: P & C Annual General Meeting

Fri 11th Mar: T.V. / Movie Character Dress Up

Mon 14th – Fri 18th Mar: Swimming Lessons

Sun 20th Mar: Black Dog Ride P & C

Sat 26th/ Sun 27th: White Elephant Stall P & C

Fri 8th Apr: Last day of term.

Tues 19th Apr: Term 2 commences

- **Please note: due to COVID restrictions, assemblies have been cancelled.**

Weekly Events at D.P.S.

Wed: Playgroup 9.00-11.00am

Educational Websites at DPS:

www.mathletics.com.au

www.studylander.com.au

www.mylexile.com.au

Mask Wearing

Thank you to parents for fully supporting us with the government mandate that all students in years 3-6 wear masks. I am extremely grateful.



Left: Year 3 students have been learning about the Natural Wonders of the World in Geography. Wesley thinks his mask looks like the Northern Lights.

Virtue: Excellence.

“I give my best to the work that I do. I give my best to others. I dare to set noble goals. I choose excellence in all things.”

You are producing excellence when you ...

- Give your best to whatever you do.
- Give your best to relationships.
- Set noble and realistic goals.
- Remember to plan and practise.
- Don't try to do everything.
- Develop your special gifts.



In “Talk for Writing” Sienna Panotidis and Anika Vanelst won “Best Verbal Persuasive Presentation”. Rohan Harris and Deegan Fort were runners up. These students demonstrated excellence.



Congratulations!

Aboriginal Season ~ Bunuru

During February and March, the dry conditions and hot northerly winds meant that Noongars moved to the coast and estuaries, as the mainland suffered from a shortage of fresh, clean water. Fish, mussels and crabs made up a large portion of the diet as they moved from the ocean to the lake system. Fish such as tailor and mullet were easily trapped in shallow water and marron, gilgies and turtles were collected from wetlands. A special type of bulb was collected and used as a spice and wattle, banksia blossom and various roots were also collected.



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.

DRESS UP DAY

You are invited to come to school dressed as your favourite T.V. or movie character.

Please bring a Gold Coin donation which will be donated to the Save the Children Fund. This fund provides food, education, protection and support for children who live in countries where there is very little.

Organised by the year 6 students ~ **Deegan Fort, Rohan Harris and Amiee Tovey**

Hockey Clinics ~

On Wednesday students in years **PP - 6** participated in Hockey Clinics. They enjoyed learning many new skills. We thank the **Pinjarra Hockey Club** for making this clinic available free of charge. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. A free **“Come and Try Day”** is being offered by the Pinjarra Hockey Club on **Saturday 12th March**. Please refer to the attached flier.



Above: The years 4/5/6 class.



Left: Byron

Below: Tahni



Years 4/5/6 “Talk for Writing”

~ Persuasive Writing and Verbal Presentation

Students in years 4/5/6 have been developing their knowledge of “Persuasive Texts”. Here are four very thought provoking and compelling examples:

WHY HORSES ARE THE BEST PETS

I strongly believe that horses make the best pets and here are some reasons why.

To start off, when I think of a horse I think of fun. You can pet a horse, hug a horse and ride them. So if you get a horse, it will make your life a lot more fun and exciting and a horse is there to comfort you.

Secondly, we can all agree that horses require a lot of work but there is a big upside about that. One, you get fit, two you never get bored and three you won't get addicted to your device. If you do all the work and get fit, you can eventually compete in competitions.



Finally, if you get a horse, spend lots of time with it, it will get to know you and become your friend. Most horses will be with you forever. It's a very good feeling! Horses are very loyal and accept you how you are, if you're nice and kind to them.

So, I think we can conclude that horses are a lot of fun, they keep you fit and they are loyal so we can all agree that a horse is the best pet. Do yourself a favour and get a horse today.

From your favourite student **Amiee Tovey**.

WHY DOGS ARE THE BEST PETS

Do you want a lazy cat that doesn't even think about you? If not, I strongly reassure you there is a better pet out there and that is the dog.

To start off, dogs are the most loyal pets in the world! Dogs are very easy to train, they listen to your commands and they are so loyal and affectionate. They will even give you hugs in the night.

Secondly, dogs have been known to save people in a fire or even when there's an intruder. Dogs can jump on you and wake you up when there's a fire. They can also drag you around to get to safety. Dogs will bark if someone comes near the house. You will know if someone is trying to break in.

Finally, if you have kids, dogs are good to get them off video games and outside. Dogs need regular exercise which means if you have kids your kids will get regular exercise as well. Your kids will get fit if you have a dog and you might get fit taking them on morning runs.

In conclusion, it is without doubt that every single person in the world should get a dog because dogs are loyal, they protect you and they keep the whole family fit! Do the universe a favour and buy a dog today.

Rohan Harris



BRING BACK ELLIE

I am writing to you today Miss Davies because I 110% believe we should bring back Ellie. These are my reasons why.

Firstly, if we bring Ellie back it would make us happy. Ellie would come to us if we are sad and let us pat her to make us feel better.

Secondly, I strongly believe Ellie would encourage us. If Ellie comes past it will make us happy and encourage us to learn.



Finally, Ellie could help us think. If we see Ellie it could help us think just from how cute she is.

This is why I strongly believe we should bring back Ellie. It would make us happy, encourage us and help us think. That is why I strongly believe that we should bring back Ellie.

Thank you.

Nate Fort

If you are left with any doubt as to the effectiveness of “Talk for Writing” read this endorsement from Breanna.

WHY TALK FOR WRITING IS BEST

I am talking to you today because I believe that “Talk for Writing” is better than everything. Here are the reasons why.

Firstly, I believe that “Talk for Writing” surely makes you learn about paragraphs and certainly restating your opinion and persuading people about things.

Secondly, “Talk for Writing” is important. Why? It’s about doing your restating your opinion, reasons and also learning lots.

Lastly, for this reason just as I close, as I can do my best in “Talk for Writing”, I feel that it is the best in the world. It is certain.

I think therefore I feel that “Talk for Writing” is the best. Why? Because it makes you learn the best things in the entire world!

Breanna Reid

(Breanna actually jumped for joy when Mrs Lamb announced that they were having an assessment last week!)

“Seesaw”

“Seesaw” is a communication platform between parents, students and teachers. Students use built-in multimodal tools to capture what they know in Seesaw’s digital portfolio.

“Seesaw” comes highly recommended and is used by many schools. There is no open access; only the nominated parent/s can access information about their child and this information will not be available to others.

I have attached a link that gives more detailed information about the platform. You will be sent an invitation very soon. There is no requirement for you to participate. Please contact me if you require more information.

<https://web.seesaw.me/>

Seesaw

“Choose Respect” Marble in Jar Certificates

Jacob Day ~ Demonstrating gratitude by thanking his teacher for helping him in Maths.

Deegan Fort ~ Always being reliable, helpful, courteous and responsible.

Jackson Hanstrum ~ Always being friendly and helpful and willing to demonstrate his sense of humour.

Lily Hanstrum ~ Always being a kind and caring member of our school.

Mitchell Hersey ~ Demonstrating responsibility for his actions.

Otis Hughes ~ Demonstrating perseverance resulting in vastly improved listening skills.

Lena Johnson ~ Making wonderful gains in her learning and for always being friendly and kind.

Dorris Lea'aetala ~ Taking pride in her learning and making pleasing progress as a result.

Lotu Lea'aetala ~ Continuing to apply himself to his learning.

Eric Myles ~ Demonstrating perseverance by writing so much and wanting to continue even though her hand got sore!

Macy Rickard-Hall ~ Always being sweet natured and showing her beautiful smile and for working hard in class.

Breanna Reid ~ Making an enormous improvement in Persuasive Text writing and jumping up and down with excitement when it was announced that the class was having an assessment.

Amice Touey ~ Writing an outstanding Persuasive Text.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Swimming Lessons

Thank you to parents who have returned forms / money.



A reminder that forms (if you have not already returned them) and money (\$50 per child) are due by 9th March.

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.



The recipient of this week's milkshake is **Lotu Lea'aetala**.

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. Thank you to **Lotu** for bringing in an old kettle this week. Please contact **Colleen Sing 0488 225 888** if you have any items to donate.

Containers for Change

All of the containers that are collected are put to good use. The variety of uses is amazing and it is wonderful that natural resources are not being dug up, rubbish is not ending up in landfill AND we are making money for our school.

Uses of Recycled Containers

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| glass bottles | New bottles; glass sand to make roads. |
| plastic bottles | New plastic bottles, clothing, automotive parts, glasses frames, hard hats |
| aluminium cans | New cans, aeroplane wings, building products |
| steel cans | Melted down and reused in construction, transport and appliances. |
| plastic lids | Pot plants, bowls, surfboard fins, chairs, bricks. |

Snack Information from the School Dentist

Fruit Roll-Ups

It's tempting to trust snacks that market themselves as healthy and made with real fruit. However, most of the time there is added sugar, especially with treats like fruit roll-ups.

Not only that, but fruit roll-ups in particular are sticky and tend to cling to the teeth for hours after being eaten. Only thorough teeth brushing can remove this clingy treat, and most people aren't in a position to do that after eating a fruit roll-up. Without removing this sugary snack, the cavity-making bacteria crew is sure to show up.

Chips

At this point, you may be thinking, "Okay, I'll stick to snacks like chips and skip the sugar." Well, we hate to break it to you, but chips are on the list of the worst things for your teeth.

Chips can get stuck in the crevasses of your teeth for hours after eating them. And as chips are a simple carbohydrate, they quickly get broken down into glucose—aka, sugar molecules. At this point, you probably know where things are going. That trapped chip/glucose attracts bacteria, which leads to cavity developments

School Web Page / Newsletter

Our web address is:

<https://www.dwellingupps.wa.edu.au/>

Everyone is receiving hard copies of the newsletter at present as we have a glitch with our webpage which is defying even at experts attempt at rectifying. You will continue to receive a printed copy until this can be 'sorted'. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Community News

Sunday Lemonade

Thank you to Sunday Lemonade for providing such a wonderful family event for our community. Thank you Edo, Tom, Alby and Otis for sharing your friends with us. We wish you all the best for the future and hope to see you back.

P & C News

The P & C held their first meeting last Wednesday. As you know, due to COVID, the P & C are unable to run the Pumpkin Festival in its intended form. They have come up with some alternative events to facilitate parent involvement and fundraising. Please note the following dates:

Sunday 20th March "Black Dog Ride". This is an event that raises awareness of depression and suicide. The P & C will be serving food from the canteen.



Saturday 26th Sunday 27th March White Elephant Sale

Mrs Bell and Mrs Kinal have always supported 'reusing' by running a White Elephant sale at the Pumpkin Festival.



Due to their being no Pumpkin Festivals due to COVID in recent years, the ECE shed is full of 'treasures'. The P & C have decided to hold a **White Elephant Sale** at the **Dwellingup Community Hall**. Not only will this raise funds for the school but it will provide the ECE with more storage space.

AGM Wednesday 9th March