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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5th June 2019

Motto: "Success through Endeavour"

Be Safe

Be a Learner

Be Responsible

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10	June	2019	Public Holiday
19	June	2019	Aboriginal Cultural Incursion
28	June	2019	School Volunteer Garden Day – See details under SaCC
5	July	2019	SRC Fundraiser – Crazy Hat/Hair Day
5	July	2019	Last Day of Term 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The end of term is approaching, we are half way through Term 2 and the staff are busily assessing and writing your child's school report. The school reports will be distributed in Week 10. If any parent wishes to make an appointment to discuss their child's progress please speak to the teacher and organise a suitable day and time in Term 3.

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. Please take the time to have a read of the Departments new requirements regarding absences further down in the newsletter.

We have noticed that many parents and students are choosing to stay and have a chat and play in the playground after school in the afternoons. This is fabulous to see and we encourage you to continue to build relationships with other parents in the school community but ask that you do so outside the school or at the local park close by. Please be aware that staff are not responsible for student's safety after 3pm unless they are waiting to be picked up on the veranda outside the conference room.

Finally, we are looking forward to our end of term School Garden Day. We invite all parents to come and join their child/ren in the garden. It is a great way to engage and be involved in one of the many programs our school offers. All students and parents who help in the garden on the day will be provided with a hotdog lunch.

Regards,

Jenny Vasilareas

Relieving Principal

Compulsary School Attendance

The Department of Education have recently introduced new attendance marks which applies to the recording of absences from school. It is a compulsory requirement for all school age students to attend school. As a result any absences from school will require a form to be completed and returned to the school at your earliest convenience. If no explanation is received it will result in an unexplained absence on your child's record. You may also receive reminder letters to explain these absences.

On a separate note, if you child is sick for more than 3+ consecutive days you will be required to attach a medical certificate to the absence form.

The blank absence forms will be available from the front office foyer or from your class teacher.

For more information see the Department of Education's website; www.dec.nsw.gov.au and visit the Policy library, Student Attendance.

<i>When you child misses just...</i>	<i>that equals...</i>	<i>which is...</i>	<i>and therefore from Kindy-Year 12, that is...</i>
10 mins a day	50 mins of learning each week	nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	nearly ½ year of school
20 mins a day	1 hour and 40 mins each week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	1/2 week of learning	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Reconciliation Week



National Reconciliation Week held on 27 May - 3 June is a time for all people to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively. The theme this year, **Grounded in Truth Walk Together with Courage** is asking us to continue the call for a comprehensive process of truth-telling about Australia's colonial history.

To acknowledge this all students have been discussing the significance of this and have decorated footprints which will be displayed in the edible orchard and garden. We ask students from all backgrounds to be inspired to 'walk together with courage' as they contribute to building stronger relationships based on historical acceptance.

Food Allergy Week



Food Allergy Week (FAW) aims to raise awareness of food allergy including potentially fatal food allergies. Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia (A&AA) is calling on all Australians to unite during Food Allergy Week from 26 May – 1 June 2019, and for individuals to **Be Aware. Show You Care.**

Australia has one of the highest incidence of food allergy in the world and this is increasing at an alarming rate; in fact, one in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy. With no known cure for food allergy, awareness and education is of utmost importance, as a severe allergic reaction and/or anaphylaxis can rapidly become life threatening, and must be treated as a medical emergency. It's important for all Australians to be aware of food allergies, and know how to respond in an emergency situation.

This week students at Telopea PS have helped raise awareness and have been involved in Food Allergy Week to show they care.

Library News

Library lessons for all classes will continue to be held each Thursday by Ms Lum. Please remember to return your library book in a library bag each week. Thank you to the families who purchased from Book Club. Issue # 3. All orders have now been distributed.

Book Club Issue # 4 will be handed during library lessons this week. The due date for money and orders is **Week 8, Friday June 21**.

During the month of May all students were encouraged to participate in the Scholastic Read More In May Challenge to promote National Family Reading Month. Students were all given a Reading Log to complete. It is now time to return any completed Reading Logs to Ms Lum this week in order for them to be posted.

SRC Fundraiser – Crazy Hat/Hair Day



On Friday 5th July Telopea Public School's SRC will be holding a 'Crazy Hat or Hair' fundraising day. The cost will be \$1.00 per student and all money collected will go towards building our sporting equipment resources.



You can wear or make a funny looking hat or even spray your hair with lots of colours or tie it up in different styles.

Students will be allowed to wear mufti clothing on this day to coincide with the crazy hat and hair fundraiser.

Book Covering – Parent Helpers



Thank you to the parents who gave up their time to cover our new school readers. What an amazing effort and contribution! By covering our books it helps in keeping our books in good condition so many of our students and future students can enjoy.

There are still a number of home readers that need to be covered as well library books. If you are available and would like to come along, we will be holding another session on Monday 24 June at 9am. Please sign in at the office.

Aboriginal Culture Incursion

On Wednesday June 19th, Discover Parramatta will be presenting an interactive and informative incursion, linking in to our history syllabus.

The aim is for students to explore the past and to develop a critical understanding of the past and its impact on the present.

Students will learn of Aboriginal people's relationships to land, listen to stories about country, discover Aboriginal ways of life and hear about the first contacts between traditional custodians and settlers, including the ongoing impacts of settlement. They will learn some words in the Darug language and may try their hand at some traditional skills.

Please return your permission notes and payments by no later than Wednesday June 12th.

Our NEW notice areas!



As part of our ongoing improvements to the school, we are now transforming two spaces, our breezeway and our office foyer. These spaces will now be a display for students work and achievements as well as a noticeboard where you will be able to keep in touch with any important dates and information. Be sure to regularly stop by to keep in the loop!



School Fees

Thank you to all who have made payment. Payments can still be made for any outstanding accounts.

We can now accept payments via EFTPOS on Wednesday and Friday mornings between 8.45-11.00am ONLY. Payments made via cash can be made on any day, the correct monies would be much appreciated as change is limited.

If you are unable to make payments in full, please speak to the Front Office staff to discuss payment plans.

Notes Sent Home

Ensure you don't miss out on important notes. Remember to check your child's School bag each day as most notes are sent home via students.

Safety

A reminder to all students and parents that entry to the School is via the Third Gate (on Chestnut Avenue near the Kindy classroom). This is for everyone's safety.

We have had a number of students entering via the first and second gates. These gates are not supervised by staff and often there are cars entering and exiting which may pose a risk to unsupervised students.

Uniform Shop

Uniforms can be purchased from the Uniform Shop every Wednesday between 8.45-11.00am. We are pleased to advise we now have the option of Eftpos for purchases. Alternatively cash is still accepted, the correct change is much appreciated. A current price list is available from the front Office.



Handy Hint: Ensure that you label all items of clothing (including hats) for your child/ren, this makes it easier to return any lost items.

Schools as a Community Centre

On May 22nd during lunch we had fun making slinky apples for students to enjoy – Yum! A great idea to encourage eating healthy all while having fun.



Pip
Telopea 'Schools as Community Centres' Project
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Come and join us for the ...

Term 2 School Garden Day

To help in the
'Edible Garden and Orchard'



You are invited to join your child's garden class along with their teacher and Seed Harvest Spoon.

Friday 28th June.

During the day we will be asking for help to:

- Weed
- Prune foliage
- Rake and tidy the pathways
- Many more and varied jobs...

As a thank you we will be providing all students and parent helpers with a hot dog lunch.

The timetable for the day will be as follows:

10:00-12:00 **SaCC Preschool Playgroup** parents, carers and children

10:00-11:00 **Kindergarten** class and parents/carers

11:00-11:30 School recess

Students will have their usual recess break.

Parents/carers can either continue in the garden or break with the students.

11:30-12:30 **1/2** Class and parents/carers.

12:30-1:15 **3/4** Class and parents/carers.

1:15-2:00 Hot dog lunch for parent/carer helpers and all students.

Provide your child with additional lunch items and drink as usual.

2:00-3:00 **5/6** Class, parents/carers.

To ensure adequate resources are provided and sufficient food is ordered please

add you name to the Garden Day Helpers list in the breezeway.

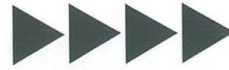
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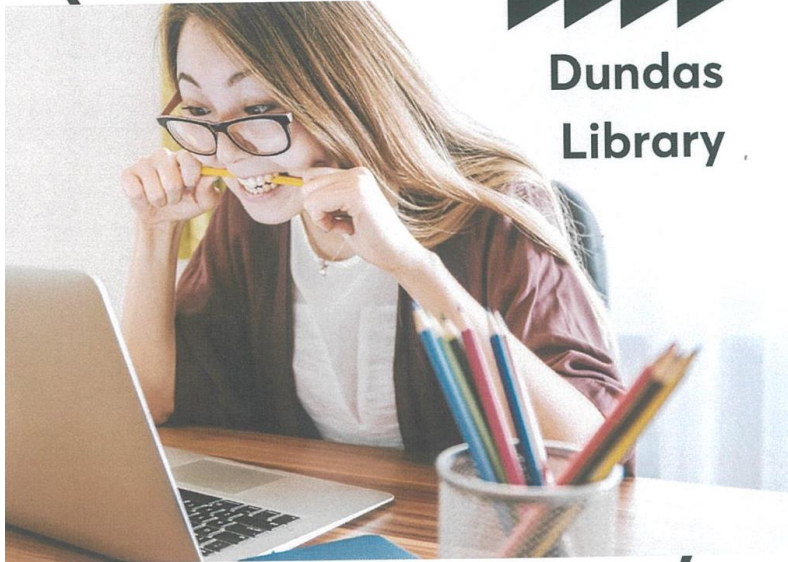
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THANKYOU IN ADVANCE 🙏

HOMESCHOOL HELP

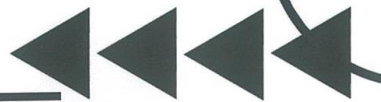


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EVERY TUESDAY *during school term*

3.30pm - 5.00pm



K TO YEAR 10 STUDENTS

In partnership with Dundas Area Neighbourhood Centre (DANC)



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