

The Apple

Friday 4th March 2022

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 6! We are now at the half way point of the school term, how time flies! A reminder that next Monday, 14th March is the Labour Day Public Holiday.

Athletics Carnival

Our annual athletics carnival was held today. Congratulations to Dale Missen whose organisation for the day was simply superb! The students had a wonderful day, participating in the many events and striving to achieve their personal best. Thanks must also go to all staff, volunteers and our wonderful parent community who worked together to make the days such a success.

Easter Raffle

We are now accepting donations for our annual Easter Raffle.

Some ideas for donations include:

- Easter Eggs / bunnies
- Easter toys / games
- Bunny ears
- Easter crafts



Donations will close Friday, April 1st.

The eldest child in each family will bring home a book of raffle tickets to sell and we have extra raffle tickets available in the office if needed. Don't forget to write your details on the stubs when returning the tickets.

Each ticket is \$2, \$20 for a book of 10.

The winners will be drawn on **Wednesday 6th April**, and announced on Compass.

This year all monies raised will go to the purchase and installation of large, industrial ceiling fans in our gym.

School Photos

A reminder that our school photos will be taken over two days next week and you can place your photo orders via the link on Compass.

Details to note are:

- Photos will be taken on **Wednesday 9th March and Thursday 10th March**
- All children will have an individual photo taken and be included in the class photo, whether you are placing an order or not
- Sibling photos for students attending Darley will only be taken if an order is placed prior to photo days and these will be taken over the two days
- We are unable to confirm which day your child/children will have their photo taken as it will depend on the time taken with each grade
- The preferred method of ordering is on Compass, however we do have a small supply of envelopes for ordering if needed

Parent Payments

A huge thank you to our families that have already paid their voluntary curriculum contributions for the 2022 school year. These contributions ensure that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. Please read the Compass post for details as to how you can support our students with these voluntary contributions.

School Council Election 2022

Congratulations to the following parents who have elected to be on School Council: Kahlia Salmon, Deanna Preston, Stacey Fisher and Kate Wittingslow. Our elected staff representatives are Emma Boughton and Belinda Martindale.

Our Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday 17th March, commencing at 6.30pm.

Curriculum Day

Tuesday 15th March 2022

Students do not attend school on this day

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Applications

CSEF helps eligible families to cover the costs of excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

It is important that funding made available in 2022 supports students to participate in excursions, camps and sporting activities this year rather than being held for future years.

This funding can also be used in conjunction with any funding accrued from previous years. Please note these activities will only take place if they meet COVIDSafe requirements.

You can also [download the form](#), and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the [Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#) web page.

Applications should be returned to the office asap to ensure that the funds are available when needed.

Please contact the school office on 5367 1558 if you require any assistance.

Fiona Kerton, Belinda Martindale,

Rachael Wilson & Emma Boughton

"5 mins with..."

Throughout 2022, we will highlight staff members in our newsletter. We hope you enjoy getting to know our team.

Jaquie Christie

- How long have you worked at Darley PS?
2014- this is my 8th year in between having kids
- What is the most rewarding part of your job?
100% the kids, especially those I had the joy of teaching last year in 3CM
- What is your ideal way to unwind and relax?
Camping with my family
- What's your most fond childhood memory?
Sleepovers with my Nanny
- When you were little what did you aspire to be?
A Police Officer like my Dad
- What was your favourite subject at school?
PE!!
- What skill would you like to master?
Skateboarding
- What book/tv series/podcasts are you right into at the moment?
The Resilience Project
- What would you sing at karaoke night?
One Direction only because I've heard them enough thanks to my daughter so I'd know all the words
- If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?
Chicken schnitzel with gravy!
- If you were a super-hero, what powers would you have?
The ability to see into the future
- What's your favourite holiday destination?
Somewhere with mountains and a river
- Who would you want to play you in a movie of your life?
Sandra Bullock



Rachael Wilson

- **How long have you worked at Darley?**
I have worked at Darley for a really long time. Since 2001 in fact. Lots of things have changed over the last 20 years. I've reached the stage where I'm now teaching the children of students I taught years ago!
- **What is your role at the school?**
This year I have the role of a Learning Specialist, helping the teachers and students achieve great results within our school. I am also a Team Leader in Years 5 and 6 area.
- **What is the most rewarding part of your job?**
The best part of my job has always been seeing my students grow academically and emotionally throughout the year. I can't imagine there is any other job as rewarding as teaching.
- **What is your ideal way to unwind and relax?**
I love to unwind by spending time with my family, reading my book and walking in my local park. Who doesn't love curling up on the couch with their favourite book?
- **What's your most fond childhood memory?**
When I was a child most school holidays were spent camping. We didn't often camp in caravan parks, only remote rivers, mountains and beaches. My dad was a big fan of a huge campfires and telling amazing stories so many nights we would toast marshmallows and listen to him tell funny or sometimes scary stories before bed. Now that I'm older I love to reminisce with my dad about those times.
- **When you were little what did you aspire to be?**
Because we travelled a lot as kids, I always thought I wanted a job that meant I could travel the world and see different places. Instead I'm happily working at Darley and like to plan future holidays with my family and friends.
- **What was your favourite subject at school?**
At school I really loved geography. This was partly because I loved learning about different countries and why people live where they do. My dad also taught geography at my secondary school and I often had him as my teacher. I guess it gave me a chance to spend extra time with him as well as having a love of countries and landscapes in common.
- **How many languages do you speak?**
One! I learnt German at school though and speak a little Italian as well.
- **What skill would you like to master?**
My grandmother taught me to knit many years ago and I wish I'd kept it up!
- **What is your favourite sport to watch or play?**
While I don't watch a lot of sport I did love following Ash Barty in the Australian Open. What a great sportswoman and role model for all Australians, especially young women.
- **What would you sing at karaoke night?**
I'll save my singing for the car!
- **If you could choose to be anything for a day, what would it be?**
A lazy cat. I watch my own cats at home and often think I'd like to laze about in the sun all day like they do!
- **If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?**
I've been a vegetarian for a long time. Nearly 30 years! I love a great veggie curry or risotto! I also love coffee ice cream!
- **If you were a super-hero, what powers would you have?**
Being able to teleport myself anywhere in the world quickly. While I love travelling I'm not a fan of long haul flights!
- **What's your favourite holiday destination?**
Italy. I have been there many times and would love to go again. I have a big trip planned so I'm hoping Covid will free up overseas travel soon.
- **Do you collect anything?**
My family would say shoes!



Karen Thomas



- How long have you worked at Darley primary?
Since October 2007
- What is your role at the school?
Student educational support
- What is the most rewarding part of your job?
Seeing a student's excitement when they suddenly 'get it'
- What is your ideal way to unwind and relax?
In the spa
- What's your most fond childhood memory?
Sitting on my granny's bed, listening to her stories and looking at her jewellery.
- When you were little what did you aspire to be?
The first female astronaut
- What was your favourite subject at school?
Dressmaking
- What book/tv series/podcast are you right into at the moment?
Farm to Fork
- What is your favourite sport to watch or play?
Dancing
- If you could choose to be anything for a day, what would it be?
My dog- as she is spoilt.
- If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?
My partners cooked breaky - crumpet with vegemite, poached egg and grilled tasty cheese seasoned well with black pepper.
- If you were a superhero, what powers would you have?
Bionic hearing and sight.
- What's your favourite holiday destination?
I can't concur as I'm still exploring.
- Who would you want to play you in a movie of your life?
Julia Roberts

Assembly Achievers (Week 5)

Student of the Week Awards

FA	Ava	3F	Kade & Beau	5/6M	Munro
FL	Lenny	3G	Rachael	5/6W	Hayes
FM	Hayley	3H	Lola	CHINESE	Levi (4M)
FP	Sadie	4C	Aaron	HAPE	Lucas (3F)
1M	Piper	4J	Willa	PERFORMING ARTS	Whole Class 5/6E & 5/6B
1S	Inoke	4M	Brayden	STEM	Craig (FL)
1T	Harvey	4W	Ashton	VISUAL ARTS	Gigi (1W) & Mack (3G)
1W	Archer & Lillian	5/6B	Cooper		
2D	Mikayla	5/6C	Freya	Nurture Room	All Nurture Students
2S	Cooper	5/6E	Tasmyn	Messy Squad	Hunter (56M) & Maylana (4W)
2V	Cruz	5/6K	Lily	Kids Club	Freya (56C)

Awards

Principals' Awards	Foundation – 3		Years 4 – 6		
	Emily (1S)	Maggie (2S)	Jax (4J)	Harley (4J)	Archer (56W)
	Owen (2V)		Olivia (56M)	Jimmy (56K)	
Counting on Each Other	Jaxon (2D)	Alora (2S)			

Term 1

**Subject to Department of Education COVID Guidelines*

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Week 7	7 Year 2 Bacchus Marsh Excursion	8	9 School Photos	10 School Photos	11
		Teeth on Wheels			
Week 8	14 Labour Day Public Holiday	15 Curriculum Day <i>Students do not attend school</i>	16	17 Divisional Swimming for qualifying students	18
			Teeth on Wheels		

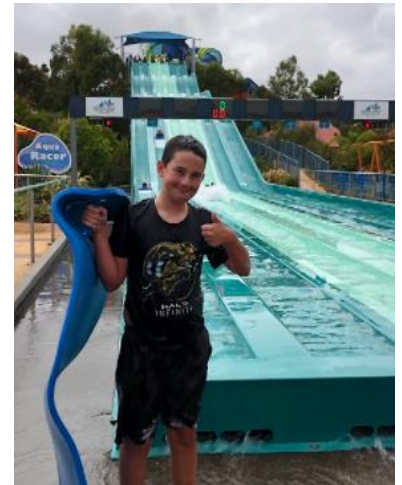
Year 5/6 Adventure Park Excursion



It was so fun going down all the waterslides!! My favourites were the Tsunami and Tornado – Cooper and Archer



We had an awesome day at Adventure Park. We really enjoyed the Lazy River and all the waterslides. Thank you Adventure Park! – Amelie and Kylah



After going on the intense Aqua Racer and Tsunami, we went and chilled in the Lazy River. – Nevae, Shayla, Ruth and Qi Li



I had the best time at Adventure Park. The waterslide and the Lazy River were so fun. My favourite was the Buggy Raceway because you got to drive actual cars. – Aiden

A big thanks to all our parent helpers!

***Important Notice for Parents:
Dangerous Challenge has Resurfaced on TikTok***

TikTok is currently seeing a resurgence in the once-popular Penny Challenge.

First going viral in 2020, the Penny Challenge involves participants plugging a charger into the wall, but only halfway so that the metal prongs are still exposed. The participants are then encouraged to take a penny (or in our case a coin) and hold it against the exposed prongs.

What follows is typically an electric shock which, if not dangerous enough in itself, can also start fires and cause life-threatening and lifelong injuries. Firefighters who have seen the effects of electric shocks say many victims have lost fingers, hands, and arms.

Even big tech companies like Amazon have had challenges with the Penny Challenge. A 10-year-old girl was encouraged by Amazon's Alexa to do the challenge, prompting Cyber Safety experts to stress the high importance of supervision of children on all technology.

It goes without saying that the Penny Challenge should not be messed around with. If you do hear your kids talking about it, there are a number of things we encourage you to do:

- Address it with them right away. Ask them where they saw it, which account, and if they or someone they know have participated in the challenge or are talking about doing so
- If you discover that the challenge is being talked about or participated in at school, contact the school immediately and report the activity
- Report the account the challenge was seen on to TikTok. You can do this by going to the video you need to report and pressing and holding on to the video. Select Report and follow the instructions provided.
- Inform, don't be infuriated. Kids sometimes make mistakes, it's part of growing up. Talk to your children about why the challenge is so dangerous and how they could get hurt. Open dialogue creates trust.

As your School, we are always here to support you and we encourage you to come to us with questions or concerns you may have on this topic.

CAFS Kinship Carer Group Dates 2022

CAFS Combined Kinship Carer Groups

Kinship Carer Group launch event: Kinship BBQ – Monday March 28th
12pm-1:30pm, 601 Sherrard Street Cafs Family House

Kinship Carers Week event: Morning High Tea- Thursday 8th September
10am-11.30am, 601 Sherrard Street Cafs Family House

Kinship Carer Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 13th December 12pm-2pm
Golf House Hotel, 920 Doveton Street North, Ballarat North. Lunch provided.

Ararat – Tuesdays 10:45am – 12.30pm

Cafs 4 Banfield Street, Ararat

19th April, 17th May, 21st June, 19th July, 23rd August, 18th October and 22nd November

Ballarat – Wednesdays 10.30am – 12pm Barkly Square, 25-39 Barkly St, Ballarat

13th April, 11th May, 15th June, 13th July, 17th August, 12th October and 16th November

Daylesford, Hepburn Beetles – Thursdays 10:30am – 12pm

Venue: Private address (enquire through Cafs Carer Recruitment Team)

28th April, 26th May, 30th June, 28th July, 25th August, 27th October 24th and November

Bacchus Marsh – Mondays 1.15pm to 2.45pm

4th April, 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 8th August, 3rd October and 7th November

Venue: Darley Early Years Hub, 182 Halletts Way, Darley

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