



The Apple

Friday 18th February 2022

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 4! Our staff and students are well and truly into the swing of things for the 2022 school year. We had the pleasure of announcing our new school and house captains at our assembly 2 weeks ago. Our parents of all our captains managed to keep the wonderful secret with us and join us for the assembly. To see the excitement and awe on the faces of our captain as they were announced is a feel-good moment! We congratulate the following students on these roles for 2022 and look forward to seeing the achieve as leaders over the coming year!

School Captains:

Munro Nikora

Freya Jordan

Lily Taylor

Kayde Patchett

House Captains

Thiele

Nevae Strangio

Jack Griffiths

Candace Pitty

Jimmy Bertram



Lawson

Emily Taylor

Zane Vergles

Lily McGrath

Logan Barnett



Patterson

Olivia Olthof

Archer Ward

Ella Saunders

Morgan Smith



Dennis

Ruth Kearney

Ryder Lane

Keira Jordan

Zane Jackson



Foundation Picnic

Our annual Foundation Picnic will also be held this coming Tuesday, 22nd February. All Foundation families are invited to meet on the soccer field at 5pm with their picnic dinner. Foundation staff, along with representation from our principal and specialist teams, will be in attendance on the night. We look forward to meeting you all!

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.

Curriculum Day
Tuesday 15th March 2022
Students do not attend school on this day

Meet & Greet

Our Meet and Greet Evening is scheduled for this Tuesday 22nd February, from 3:30pm to 4.30pm.

This is an opportunity for families to virtually visit their child's classroom, meet their child's teacher and learn about the academic program for each year level. Our specialist staff will also have 15 min sessions. Please 'drop in' to our specialist sessions also.

In keeping with COVID Regulations, we will run 15 minute sessions via Google Meets. Staff will send out a Google Meet link via Class Dojo on Tuesday. All Google Meet links will also be published on Compass.

School Council Election 2022

The new school year brings with it the school council election process. This year we have four parent representative positions available and two staff position. Please see below a call for nominations for the School Council terms of office for 2022 - 2024. A Compass post, with all relevant information, is currently online.

School Council Notice of an Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Darley Primary School. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged by **4:00pm on Wednesday 23rd February 2022**. The ballot will close at 4:00pm on Wednesday 2nd March, 2022.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership Category	Term of Office	Number of Positions
Parent Member	From the day after the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024	4
DET Employee Member		2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.
Fiona Kerton - Principal

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.

Melinda Antonenko

- How long have you worked at Darley PS?
1 Year
- What is the most rewarding part of your job?
Teaching Foundation
- What is your ideal way to unwind and relax?
Walking, preferably at the beach or in the bush
- What's your most fond childhood memory?
Driving to Swan Hill to visit my Nanna and other family/friends
- When you were little what did you aspire to be?
A teacher
- What was your favourite subject at school?
Maths.
- What book/tv series/podcasts are you right into at the moment?
Currently reading the 'Me Before You' series of books (Jojo Moyes)
- If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?
Ice cream
- What is your favourite sport to watch or play?
Football and cricket – watching only!
- Do you collect anything?
Cherished Teddies ornaments



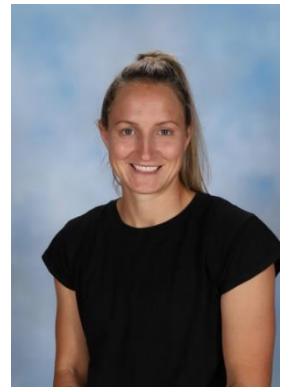
Lisa Thacker



- How long have you worked at Darley PS?
20 Years
- What is your role at the school?
Business Manager
- What is your ideal way to unwind and relax?
Walking, Reading, Swimming, Family & Friends
- What's your most fond childhood memory?
The freedom we had to be outdoors playing all day, riding bikes, horses, going to the pool etc, and our parents had no idea what we were up to.
- If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?
Christmas Roast
- What's your favourite holiday destination?
Ocean Grove/Fiji
- Who would you want to play you in a movie of your life?
Lady Gaga

Whitney Dri

- How long have you worked at Darley Primary School?
I have worked at Darley for 12 years but I also completed my fourth year of university rounds here too
- What is your role at the school?
Year 5/6 teacher
- What is the most rewarding part of your job?
Getting to know and have a laugh with my kids
- What is your ideal way to unwind and relax?
I love to go to the gym
- What's your most fond childhood memory?
Many camping and fishing trips with my family, mainly over the Easter break
- When you were little what did you aspire to be?
I always wanted to make it to the Olympics for swimming but as a career I wanted to be a midwife or a teacher
- What was your favourite subject at school?
Outdoor Education and Physical Education
- What skill would you like to master?
A perfectly still handstand
- What is your favourite sport to watch or play?
UFC
- If you could choose to be anything for a day, what would it be?
I'd love to be a zookeeper for the day
- If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?
Chicken and salad wraps
- If you were a super-hero, what powers would you have?
To slow down time
- What's your favourite holiday destination?
Camping on the Edwards River with my family
- Do you collect anything?
I have a LOT of indoor plants, even ones made from Lego



Assembly Achievers (Weeks 3 & 4)

Student of the Week Awards

FA	Max & Evan	3F	Dominic, Vilisoni, Abigail & Marius	5/6M	Chase & Ty
FL	Annabelle & Joshua	3G	Miarose & Owen	5/6W	Jae & Qi Li
FM	Mietta & Mitchell	3H	James & Ethan	CHINESE	Billy (1W) & Alex (56K)
FP	Blake & Madison	4C	Phoebe & Scarlett	HAPE	Mack (3G), Brooke (4M)
1M	Ryley & Anastayza	4J	Jerico & Connor	PERFORMING ARTS	Whole Class 56W, 56K, Charlee (4J), Ellie (4J), Mitchell (56M) & Chase (56M)
1S	Abbie & Logan	4M	Levi & Brooke		
1T	Airlie & Noah	4W	Bryah-Rose & Jack		
1W	Hendrix & Tara	5/6B	Dean & Abbie	STEM	Zoe (1S) & Ryan (56M)
2D	Henry & Georgie	5/6C	Keira & Archer	VISUAL ARTS	Harper (2D)
2S	Laikyn & Ethan	5/6E	Emily, Tom & Talon	Kids Club	Charlee (4J) & Levi (4M)
2V	Logan & Taj	5/6K	Phoenix & Alex		

Awards

School Captains' Award	Elexis (56B)		Olivia (56M)		Dexi (56B)	
Principals' Awards	Foundation – 3			Years 4 – 6		
	Zahra (FA)	Ava (1S)	Robert (4W)	Bailey (56B)	Ella (56B)	
	Lachlan (3H)	Emily (1T)	Griffin (56W)	Malachi (4M)	Alycia (4C)	
	Jack (1T)	Tyler (1S)	Brooklyn (56E)	Xander (56K)	Ashton (4W)	
	Patrick (2D)	Charlotte (3F)	Summer (56W)	Mia (56W)		
Matthew (3H)						
Counting on Each Other	Zoe (1S)	Liam (1S)	Mikalya (2D)	Piper (3G)		

Term 1

**Subject to Department of Education COVID Guidelines*

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Week 5	21	22 Meet & Greet sessions online Foundation Picnic 5pm	23 District Swimming for qualifying students <i>Foundation Students do not attend school</i>	24	25 Years 5 & 6 Adventure Park Excursion
Week 6	28	1 <i>Foundation Picnic back-up date</i>	2	3	4 Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival



BE sure to catch the first of the FREE family film nights Moorabool Movies has to offer!

This SUNDAY the 27th of February at the Gordon Reserve, pull out your picnic rug and settle into to watch these on the BIG screen:

- Three short films made with local Wadawurrung representative Barry Gilson
- An episode of the hit SBS kids cartoon Little J and Big Cuz
- And Feature Film: Rabbit Proof Fence

The event starts at 3.30pm with the main film starting at 6pm, so with hours beforehand we have lots of pre-film entertainment, learning about country, food trucks, ballan scout saugse sizzle, musicians AND a visit from The Roo Keepers! Where the kids will be able to encounter, pet and cuddle all sorts of Native Australian animals such as Koalas, Joey's and even reptiles!!

It's set up to be such a fun event, and it's all FREE!

Just be sure to register below at <https://www.moorabool.vic.gov.au/Events/Moorabool-Outdoor-Movie-Series>

We welcome the community to come along, relax, enjoy, eat, drink, learn and play at Gordon reserve for the day - it's on us!