



# THE APPLE NEWS

24th May 2024

## Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Well, here we are at the end of Week 6, which is mid-way through Term 2. Our days are getting shorter and the weather cooler. A reminder that Monday 10th June is the King's Birthday Public Holiday.

### Staffing/CRTs

With ongoing illnesses across the state, there is a severe shortage of relief teachers who are able to replace teachers when they are absent. We are experiencing the same shortage and doing our best to cover classes. We understand the frustration this causes when we split classes; unfortunately we don't have any other choice at this time. Thank you for your understanding through this time.

### Year 5 Camp

Our Year Five students have just returned from their 3 day camp to Roses Gap. I have heard from our staff each day, with fabulous reports of the behaviour of our Darley students. Our students have participated in many camp activities (Flying Fox, Vertical Playpen, hut building, water based activities (canoeing or rafting), archery etc.

### Education Week & ES Day

Last week, we celebrated Education Week. The 2024 theme was 'Spotlight on STEM'. Our specialist teachers planned many exciting activities throughout the week, commencing with a UFO landing in our grounds on Monday morning.

We also celebrated our wonderful Education Support staff last Thursday. Each day our Education Support staff work to keep the school running, supporting our students to learn and our teachers. We thank our education support staff for their dedication and commitment to supporting our students and staff.

THANK  
YOU

*Fiona Kerton, Casey Arrowsmith & Cameron Brown*

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### MAY

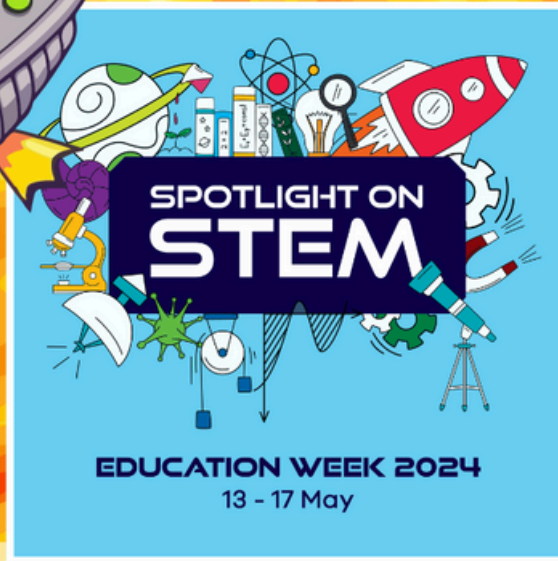
**30th** - Division X-Country  
*(for qualifying students)*

#### JUNE

**4th** - Young Leaders Forum  
*(for School Captains)*

**6th** - District Winter Sports

**10th** - Kings Birthday Public  
Holiday



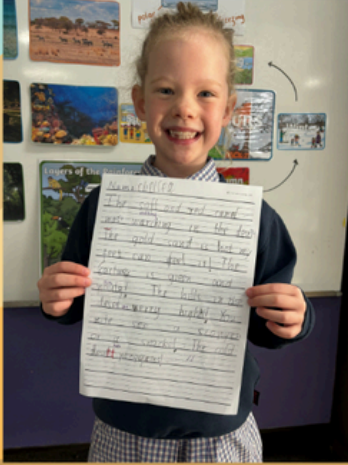
Education Week was a blast with the theme 'Spotlight On STEM' this year. All students had the chance to participate in various activities. From a UFO landing sparking creative writing ideas to a scavenger hunt, colouring contest, paper airplane competition, Minute to Win It games, coding, and Daily Brain Teasers. The week was packed with excitement. A big thank you to the Specialist Team for organizing such an enjoyable and interactive week for all the students.





# HABITATS IN YEAR 1!

Throughout Term Two, the Year One's have been learning about different habitats.



**WE HAVE BEEN BUSY MAKING  
COLLAGES IN OUR  
CLASSROOMS!**



**WE HAVE EXPLORED DESERTS,  
OCEANS, RAINFORESTS, BEACHES  
AND BUSHLAND.**





# Building Update



The last few weeks have seen quite a lot of demolition works for our new buildings. The old art room has been demolished with the ground works for the new administration building starting to take shape. One of the blue relocatables has also been demolished in readiness for the extension to the Year 1 building. Both of these buildings were shown to be in need of considerable repair, with the cost of repair outweighing the demolition costs.



The other blue relocatable will be moved to outside our Nurture Room in coming weeks. This move will be completed over a weekend. We appreciate that through building works, there can be quite a bit of noise and disruption. Once the demolition works are completed, we will see a reduction in noise levels.





# Road Safety, School Zones

With all the changes to parking in and around Darley Primary School, it is timely to remind our community about road safety and parking near schools. Please take the time to read through your responsibilities as drivers and parents.

## School Crossings

VicRoads and Council share responsibility for school crossings, including establishing the crossing, training and employing school crossing supervisors and supplying flags, uniforms and equipment.



School Crossings are only operational when flags are displayed. During this time, drivers must stop if a child or adult is about to cross or is crossing the road, even if there is no Crossing Supervisor. Drivers must stop if a handheld “Stop” sign is being displayed. Drivers must proceed only when all children and adults, including the School Crossing Supervisor, are clear of the crossing. When crossing flags or flashing lights are not displayed, pedestrians must give way to passing road traffic. Parking within 20 metres before a designated school crossing or 10 metres after is illegal.

## Use the Safest Crossings

Where available, School Crossings are the safest place for children and pedestrians to cross the road. Crossing Supervisors are trained to help children (and adults) cross the road. Be a positive role model for your child - always use the School Crossing or a Pedestrian crossing where available and Stop Look Listen Think before crossing any road - your child will copy and be a safer pedestrian.

## Be considerate of the local community and each other

Double-parking, parking on nature strips and blocking driveways are illegal and dangerous. Remember lots of families are all trying to do the same thing as you - get their child safely to school and home again - be patient and think about the impact of your behaviour.

## Follow the signs around your school

The signage around your school is there to keep all children safe. Please read and follow the signs:

SCHOOL ZONE 40 KM - slow down, lots of children

NO STOPPING - you cannot stop your car here at all

## Parking Enforcement

Parking Officers patrol and enforce parking restrictions around schools on a daily basis to ensure the safety of children and motorists. As part of their enforcement activity, officers take photos of offending vehicles to assist with reviews and prosecutions of infringements. Officers are trained to record this evidence while avoiding identifying children and parents around the vehicle wherever possible.

While conducting their duties, Parking Officers are exempt from parking road rules under Road Rule 307. Officers are legally able to record evidence of offending vehicles while they are stationary, which in some circumstances will include them parking contrary to law, for which they are permitted to do so



# FOUNDATION 2025

Application for enrolments for children who will be in Foundation in 2025 are

**NOW OPEN!**



Please check our website for the process to enrol in Government Schools in 2025.



New and existing families are invited to our school tours which are scheduled on the following date:

**Thurs 20th June - 4:00pm**

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Please contact the office to book a place on any of these tours. We look forward to meeting you!

If you know of any families within our zoned community, please share this information with them.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Awards

Foundation

FA -TK & Hamish  
FB -Denham & Blake  
FC - Caitlin & Milla  
FD - Ellie & Aubeigh

Year One

1A - Adelaide & Ruby  
1B -Frankie & Xavier  
1C - Maia, Mill &  
Sebastian  
1D - Antonio & Indie

Year Two

2A - Elijah, Elliott &  
Emma  
2B - Heath & Grace  
2C - Sophia & Blake  
2D - Ciahani & Thomas

Year Three & Four

34A - Hunter, Izabella & Eli  
34B - Evie & Alora  
34C - Hendrix, Asha &  
Teuila  
34D - Rafferty & Robert  
34E - Jack & Lori

Year Five & Six

56A - Oscar, Geet & Olivia  
56B - Alycia, Patrick &  
Scarlett  
56C - Seth, Ruby & Seth  
56D - Christopher & Porus  
56E - Samuel & Jai  
56F - Leni & Willa

Specialist

**Chinese** - Ming Li (1C) & Emma (2A)  
**HAPE** - Joseph (34A) & Seth (56C)  
**Performing Arts** -Campbell (56E), Eva (1A) 7  
Seth (5/6C)  
**STEM** - Jaxon (34E) & Whole Class 1B  
**Visual Arts** - Ashton (56B) & Asha (3/4C)

School

**Nurture** - Sebastian (1D)  
**Messy Squad** - Lenni-Rose (1D)





# Principals Awards

Week 5 & 6

**COURAGE**

Logan (56F)

**CREATIVITY**

**CURIOSITY**

**COLLABORATION**

**CARING**

Ming Li (1C)

## WHEEL AWARDS



Harley (FC)  
Oscar (5/6A)

Eloise (FA)  
James (FC)



100%  
Attendance  
Award

James - FC





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**Saturday June 15th 2024**

Darley Primary Sports Centre,  
Nelson St, Darley  
2pm - 4pm

**OR**

**Saturday June 22nd 2024**


Taylor's Hill Community Centre,  
Calder Park Drive, Taylor's Hill  
2pm - 4pm

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL  
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!**

To secure your spot call us on 0407320333  
OR send us a Facebook message  
by June 1st

**Cost: \$60 per person**

**Contact Us:**

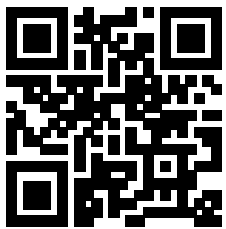
 [www.artofdefence.com.au](http://www.artofdefence.com.au)

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# Foster Care

Information Sessions On Now

Foster Care is about creating a safe space for children in our community. Take the next step in becoming a foster carer with Cafs. Register to attend one of our upcoming carer information sessions today.



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