



NEWSLETTER

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Bec Wrotny – Principal Report

DATES

Term 1 & 2 2025

Parent Association 9:15	Mar 3rd
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Fitness Club	Mar 6th
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Labour Day	Mar 10th
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Curriculum Day	Mar 11th
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NAPLAN	Mar 12th-24th
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Fitness Club	Mar 13th
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Book Club	Mar 17th
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School Council	Mar 18th
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Fitness Club	Mar 20th
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Harmony Day	Mar 20th
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Colour Run	Mar 28th
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District Cross Country	April 1st
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Last Day of Term 1	April 4th
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Easter Monday	April 21st
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First Day of Term 2	April 22nd
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Anzac Day	April 25th
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Happy Week 6! I can not believe how quickly the term is passing us by with Easter fast approaching. We have had so many great experiences and celebrations already and so many more to look forward to in the last half of the term. We are still waiting on the upcoming arrival of Ms Cake's baby and will be sure to share once we have news.

SRC

A huge congratulations to our nominated SRC members for 2025! This year the SRC will be led by Miss Chambers, Ms McLean and Mrs Bird, we look forward to seeing the hard work of the 2025 members throughout the year.

1/2 A Tom Fox Marley Swan	1/2 B Eve Marshall April Yarzabel	1/2 C Jax Plane Matilda Rossenlis	1/2 D Steven Watt Tilly Angerosa
3/4 A Hudson Morrell Texx Smith	3/4 B Mason Balas Owen Zauner	3/4 C Eliza Coathup Elliott Floyd	3/4 D Anemone Singh Dante Kimball
5/6 A Tyler O'Beirne Willow Scott	5/6 B Reev Andrews Kodi Andrews Bella Vannasith	5/6 C Luka Noble Tilly McKane	5/6 D Grace Jessop Jameson West

NAPLAN

2025 NAPLAN will occur for Year 3 and Year 5 students between Wednesday 12th March and Monday 24th March. Further information for parents and carers can be found using the link below. A huge thank you to Ms Roberts, Mr Bressan and Mr Mccarrick who are completing all of the organization behind the scenes. [NAPLAN 2025 Information for parents and carers](#)

Colour Run

Thank you to the Parent Association for the organization of the upcoming Colour Run. We will complete the run on Friday 28th March in the afternoon. Information has been sent out to families but if you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Meagan (President), Nikita (Vice President) or the Admin team. We are looking forward to a fantastic afternoon.

Labour Day and Curriculum Day

Monday 10th March is the Labour Day public holiday – no students are required at school. The following day Tuesday 11th March is a Curriculum Day. No students are required at school on this day also. Please contact TheirCare if you require the program on this day. The staff will be onsite engaged in Professional Learning around student Mental Health and Wellbeing education.

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Attendance

Thank you to all families who have made a conscious effort to improve attendance in 2025. We have had some real celebrations and success with working together with families and students. Our work with the Department will commence on Friday 14th March and we look forward to sharing the new updates and direction with you all.

Racism

As communicated in recent Compass update to all parents and carers, there has been a spike in the occurrence of racism at our school.

As a school, we have been trying to work with individuals and groups of students who have perpetrated this violence through the lens of education. The school will take a zero-tolerance approach and any student using racism faces suspension from school.

The school, led by Nicole Lockhart (Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader) are now fast tracking the implementation of a school wide education program based on inclusion and respect. We will use the below Department resources and will seek support from the Department's Student Support Services (SSS).

Resources used to address bullying, racism and other forms of discrimination will include a combination of:

[Bully Stoppers](#): supports students, parents, teachers and principals in working together to prevent and address all forms of bullying

[Schools Standing Up To Racism](#): a suite of resources designed to support schools to address racism and strengthen inclusion

- 'The School That Tried to End Racism' episodes and lesson plans

[Report racism or religious discrimination in schools](#) including the Report Racism hotline and [formal complaint process](#) for parents, carers and students

Additional resources and programs deemed appropriate

We ask for your support as parents and carers to engage in the conversation with your child/ren around racism and reinforce that this will not be tolerated.

Harmony Day

Harmony day will be a great opportunity to dive a little deeper into the work around inclusion, diversity and respect. We have **changed the day** we will celebrate Harmony Day to **THURSDAY 20th March**. Further details of the day can be found within the Newsletter. We hope to see a celebration and growth in education around the theme 'everyone belongs' at DMPS.



Congratulations!!!!

Past student Kelsey Loudon competed at the Australian All Schools championships at the end of 2024 in Brisbane. She placed **FIRST** in javelin and is the **BEST** year 7 female javelin thrower in the country. What an absolute legend! Well done Kelsey.

Privacy policy and statement

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy](#) describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

School Council

We received 5 parent nominations for the 5 vacant positions; therefore no voting period was required. Congratulations to our elected parent members Meagan Fox, Jayde Broersen, Amy-Leigh Kondys, Emma Collimore and Kathryn Johnson who have been elected to our School Council. Our councilors will join returning parent councilors and DET staff, to form the 2025 Devon Meadows Primary School Council.

Tuesday 18th March we will hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) where all school council positions will be declared vacant, and nominations will be called for. These roles include President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Straight after our AGM will be our first school council meeting with our newly appointment school council representatives.

As always, if you have any questions, feedback or concerns throughout the year please do not hesitate to get in contact with either your child's teacher, Paul, or myself.

Bec Wrotny
Principal



26 Days till our Monty's Colour Fun Run

Don't forget to jump online and create your profile if you haven't already! Share your profile page to family and friends to receive any last-minute donations.

Remember to bring a white shirt and wear enclosed shoes for the event as you will be covered from head to toe in coloured powder!

We Cant wait to get colourful!

Term 1 Running Club

Running Club is off to a great start! Students are focussing on their running skills in line with the upcoming Cross country.

A BIG thank-you to Laine Kelsall for once again donating some delicious fruit. Students have also been enjoying hot toasties, yoghurt and breakfast bars to refuel after all those laps!



Year 5/6 Camp—Woorabinda

In Week 3 of Term 1, year 5/6 had our camp for this year at Woorabinda in Yallourn North. With warm weather predicted we headed off on Monday, with a stop at Yarragon for snack. When we arrived, we first walked up to the camp cookout area and cooked our own lunch over campfires that students built themselves.

After the cookout lunch we hiked up to the top of the camp where we saw beautiful views of Lake Narracan, before heading into our camp area for room set up, dinner and a night walk.

Day 2 involved a range of camp activities including the Zip Line, Canoeing, High Ropes, Billy Cart riding, Farm, Rock Climbing Wall and Raft Building. These activities encouraged teamwork, problem solving and resilience as students were challenged physically and mentally.

The staff were fantastic with our students encouraging them to challenge themselves and support each other and commented on what a nice group of students were there representing our school.

Day 3 was another morning of rotations before packing up and heading home. We were lucky with the weather, with conditions being slightly cooler than predicted and we had perfect mild conditions during our stay.

Some other highlights of camp included our morning Weather and 'Power Ranger' report on the camps power usage and conditions at Assembly each morning and singing the Woorabinda song together.

Sincere thanks must go to our staff who came away with us and helped make it a great experience for students. Thank you to Mr McCarrick, Miss Roberts, Mrs Lamaro, Mr Shields, Mr Stewart, Mrs Anderson, Bridget and Vicki.

Mr Adams





Devon Meadows Primary School ask for all families to wear a splash of orange and bring along a gold coin donation on

Thursday the 20th of March

to celebrate diversity and Harmony Day.

All money raised will go towards new flags of the world which will be displayed in our school gymnasium. Each flag purchased will represent the many countries our students are from.

