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Bec Wrotny – Principal Report

DATES

Term 2 2025

Happy middle of term everyone! We have been very lucky to have the extended sunshine continue on through Autumn, but we can really tell in the mornings that Winter is settling in now. With the change in seasons and temperatures we are noticing an increase in cold/flu cases. If your child has symptoms and is presenting unwell, please keep them home to rest and minimize the spread through the school. Sometimes a day's rest in bed can make all the difference.

We have had a string of community events that have once again shown the strong spirit of our little school. We are so grateful for donations, enthusiasm and everyone's willingness to jump on board and lend a hand.

Mother's Day breakfast and stall

What a turn out! 2025 saw our largest bacon and egg turn over to date. The atmosphere was a buzz and we once again thank Miss Chambers dad for showcasing our community in the local paper. A huge thank you to our teachers and ES staff who turned up from 7.00am to get the day rolling and running smoothly throughout the morning. Thank you for the generous donations of eggs from the Clarkson family, Turner family and Gippsland Eggs. We also had some card donations from the Ackaoui family. Apologies if I missed any further donations- they are all so greatly appreciated and make our days together ones to remember. Our fundraiser for the Jane McGrath foundation was one close to our hearts at the moment and we were overwhelmed by families generosity towards this cause.

Wear it Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness

It was lovely to see so many families arriving in purple to acknowledge Epilepsy Awareness Day. This is a condition that currently affects a number of families – both students and staff within our school. Classes spent some time learning about Epilepsy and understanding the challenges faced by those who live with the condition. Another generous donation from families, this time towards the Epilepsy Foundation.

iRock

Our iRock performances will occur this week at Assembly. Please prepare for a slightly longer Assembly as we celebrate the magnificent talents of our little ROCKSTARS!

Division Cross Country	May 28th
Assembly	May 30th
Step into Prep (2:30-3:20)	May 30th
Foundation Big Goose Excursion	June 6th
Book Club Due Back	June 6th
Kings Birthday STUDENT FREE DAY	June 9th
Curriculum Day STUDENT FREE DAY	June 10th
Prime SCI Incursion 5/6 students	June 11th
Step into Prep (2:30-3:20)	June 13th
Regional Cross Country	June 18th
Assembly	June 27th
Step into Prep (2:30-3:20)	June 27th
Hoop Time 3/4 Students	July 1st
Winter Lightning Prem	July 2nd
Last Day of Term 2:30pm Finish	July 4th

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Devon Athletes

Congratulations to all athletes who have competed at the District Athletics and the Casey South Division Cross Country. We had so many fantastic placings, ribbons and progression to the next level. We were thrilled to see every competitor out there giving it their best!

Melbourne Murals

We are extremely lucky to have Melbourne Murals return to work with our Deadly Devons Indigenous group. Our students and Sarah van Dillen (parent) worked together with Ms Lockhart and our artists to complete our newest installation on the toilet block. It is such a wonderful addition to our school and highlights our students' strong connections with their culture.

Public Holiday and Report Writing Day

On Monday 9th June we celebrate the Kings Birthday public holiday. No students or staff are at school on this day. The following day, on Tuesday 10th June our teachers have Report Writing Day. No students are at school on this day, however TheirCare will have the day open for bookings.

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

National Sorry Day

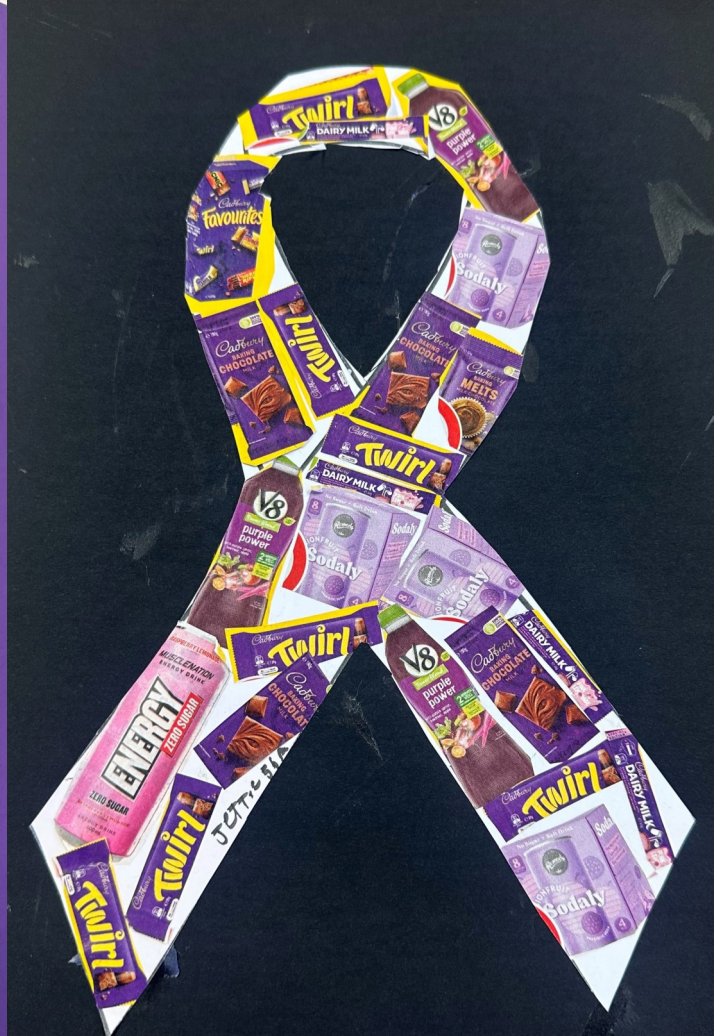
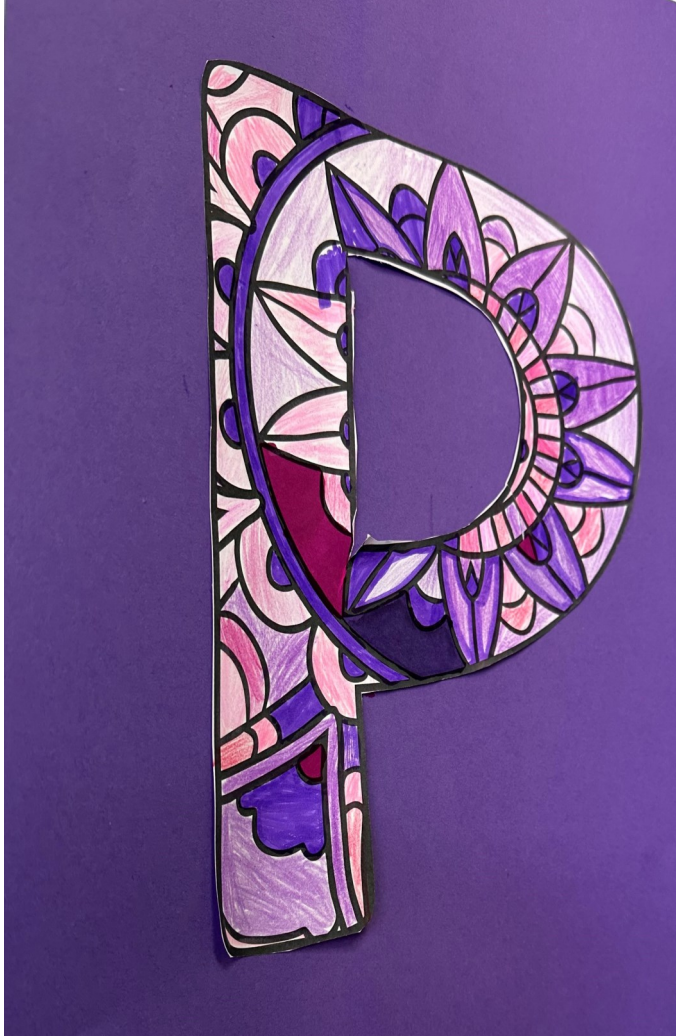
National Sorry Day

A huge thank you to staff and students for coming together on Monday to commemorate National Sorry Day. The students were respectful in listening and reflecting on the Stolen Generations. Mariah, Cody and Alirea spoke respectfully and from the heart. Thank you to all the staff who helped to put the presentations together. A huge thank you to Molly Ash, the choir and Mrs Butler for signing the song in Auslan - such a moving end to the ceremony.



ART

We have been working on collages in art to celebrate Epilepsy Awareness Day. Using old magazines to fill in different shades of purple on the ribbons. We also created a large sign to display at school. Each class had a letter that they coloured in for the collaborative display.



Meet our Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader

Hello families,

My name is Nicole Lockhart, and I'm proud to be the Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader (MHWL) at Devon Meadows Primary School. As the MHWL, I am responsible for implementing a whole school approach that includes building staff capacity to support students with mental health needs, establishing clear referral pathways, coordinating targeted support, and advocating for student voice across the school.

Throughout Term 2, I will be facilitating the Seasons for Growth program with two Grade 3/4 groups and two Grade 5/6 groups. This small group program supports students who have experienced grief, loss or significant change in their lives. In Term 3, several groups from Foundation, Grade 1 and 2 will also take part in Seasons. Please reach out if you think this may be worthwhile for your child.

Our Engagement and Wellbeing team is also currently planning a fun and meaningful event for R U OK? Day in Term 3. If you're interested in being part of the planning or helping out on the day, I'd love to hear from you! You'll find my office on the right as you enter the main building or you can contact me on nicole.lockhart@education.vic.gov.au

One of my favourite parts of the week is Thursday afternoons, when you might spot the Deadly Devons- our wonderful DMPS Koori group- outside connecting with culture, community and each other. It's a powerful and grounding experience for everyone involved.

Starting this term, I'll also be sharing helpful wellbeing articles and tips in the newsletter each fortnight to support families at home.

Warm regards,
Nicole Lockhart

Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader
Devon Meadows Primary School





R U OK?™ Day 2025

**CALLING ALL LEGENDS OF DEVON
MEADOWS - WE need YOU!**

**TUESDAY THE 9TH OF SEPTEMBER
(Please note change of date)**

This R U OK? Day– we're looking for volunteers from our school community to help spread the power of strong mental health, connection and kindness!

Can you or someone you know teach a fun & engaging mental health focused lesson?

Or share a story at our R U OK Day assembly?

No experience needed– just passion, positivity and a current WWC Check.

Let's make this another memorable day for our DMPS children. Together, we can make a real difference!

Interested?

*Contact Nicole Lockhart on 5998 2304 or
nicole.lockhart@education.vic.gov.au*

RUOK?™ Day 2025

PARENT MEETING

***Tuesday the 17th of June, 2025
3pm in the staff room***

***POP IN BEFORE PICK UP TIME
TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS OR SEE
HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED!***

*Or Contact Nicole Lockhart on 5998 2304
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**A HUGE THANK YOU ALL THE COMMUNITY
MEMBERS AND BUSINESSES WHO HAVE
ALREADY**

**CONTACTED US TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS
SPECIAL AND IMPORTANT DAY!**



2026 Foundation Transition Program Commencing Term 2, 2025

Living For Today. Learning For Tomorrow

Devon Meadows Primary School is situated in an attractive rural setting with well-established playing areas and sports grounds. We provide a caring secure environment where each child is valued as a unique and important individual. Here at Devon Meadows Primary School, we are a smaller, caring and community focused school. Our curriculum is centred around developing each child to their full potential academically, physically and socially.

The learning experiences provided at Devon Meadows Primary School aim to support our students to become critical thinkers and problem solvers. Our facilities and programs provide students with an educational experience that is engaging, collaborative and challenging.

Come and discover our:

- Spacious, rural setting and natural school grounds
- Inclusive learning community
- Supportive and caring educators and wider school community
- Evidence-based curriculum programs
- Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP) approach from Foundation-Grade 6
- Open-ended and investigative mathematics tasks that support differentiation
- Modern technologies including student iPads or laptops in every year level
- Specialist program teaching Physical Education, The Arts, AUSLAN and Science
- Extra curricular activities, clubs, incursions, excursions and camp program
- Before and after school care run by TheirCare

We understand that choosing a school for your child can be a challenging decision. We aim to support you and your child throughout their school journey.

Please turn over for details of our Transition Program commencing in Term 2, 2025.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2026

Online enrolments open term 2 .

Children must turn 5 years old by 30th April 2026.

School tours can be organised by contacting the office on 5998 2304



2025 TRANSITION DATES:

TERM TWO

FRIDAY 2nd MAY	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 16th MAY	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 30st MAY	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 13th JUN	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 27th JUN	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm

TERM THREE

FRIDAY 1st AUG	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 15th AUG	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 29th AUG	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 12th SEPT	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm

TERM FOUR

FRIDAY 17th OCT	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 31st OCT	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 14th NOV	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 28th NOV	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm

State Wide Transition

TUESDAY 9th DEC	9:15am to 12:00pm
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Respect • Teamwork • Commitment to learning • Friendship