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Kristy Miller – Principal Report

THANK YOU

Next week will be my last week as Principal of Devon Meadows Primary School. As I reflect on my time as Principal of Devon Meadows Primary School, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible journey we have shared together. Today, I extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your support, dedication, and passion for our school.

First and foremost, I want to express my deepest appreciation to the amazing staff at Devon Meadows Primary School. Your tireless commitment to our students' education and well-being has been nothing short of extraordinary. Going to work every day has been a joy because of the incredible people I have had the privilege to work alongside. Your professionalism, compassion, and innovation have truly made Devon Meadows Primary School a great place to be.

To our students, I am immensely proud of each and every one of you. Your enthusiasm, curiosity, and determination inspire me daily. It has been an absolute pleasure watching you grow and thrive within our school community. Your achievements, both big and small, fill me with pride, and I have every confidence that you will continue to accomplish great things in the future.

I also want to extend my sincere thanks to the parent community for your support and partnership in your children's education. Your involvement, encouragement, and collaboration have been instrumental in creating a nurturing and inclusive environment at Devon Meadows Primary School. Together, we have built a strong foundation for our students to flourish academically, socially, and emotionally.

As I bid farewell to Devon Meadows Primary School, I carry with me cherished memories and the knowledge that our school community will continue to thrive and succeed under the guidance of our dedicated staff, talented students, and supportive parents.

Thank you once again for the privilege of being your Principal. It has been an honour and a privilege to be part of this remarkable community.

NAPLAN

Last week marked the start of the annual NAPLAN testing for all students in Grade 3 and 5. It has been fantastic to see all the students participating giving it their personal best. A big thanks to Ms Maddy Roberts and Grade 3 and 5 teachers and staff for all their work organising NAPLAN across the school.

PLANNING WEEK

Planning Week this term is the last week of this term.

For our new families to our community, Planning Week is where your child/ren's specialist classes are compressed into one day (they do not have specialist classes at any other time throughout the week). All classroom teachers in a year level (e.g. Foundation) have the same day together to reflect on the past term, and to plan for Term 2.

FORWARD DATES

Term 1 & 2

Gr 3 & 5 NAPLAN	13th to 22nd March
PA Meeting	25th March
Easter Raffle Drawn	26th March
Last Day Term 2:30pm Finish	28th March
Assembly at 9:15am	28th March
Term 2 Commences	15th April
School Photo Day	16th April
District Cross County	24th April
ANZAC DAY Public Holiday	25th April
PA Meeting	29th April
Assembly	3rd May
District Athletics	8th May
Mother's Day Breakfast	9th May
Mother's Day Stall	9th May
Gr 1/2 Coal Creek Excursion	16th May

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to Nicole Chidlow, Belinda Kearns (re-elected), Laine Kelsall (re-elected), Meg Meyer and Paula Darnell who have been elected to our School Council. Our councillors will join returning parent councillors and DET staff, to form the 2024 Devon Meadows Primary School Council.

Thank you to Maddy Roberts, Ellen Cake and Michael Floyd for their time on school council. Your input and commitment to school council are greatly appreciated.

Tonight (Tuesday 19th 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 appointed school council representatives.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to all your Easter egg donations. Our Parent Association are doing an amazing job and making all the donations into multiple prizes to be won. Tickets are still available to purchase until the end of this week. The winning tickets will be drawn on Tuesday 26th March.

COLOUR RUN

What a great afternoon we had on Friday 8th March for our School Colour Run. It certainly was a sea of colour as students and staff moved through the course. A lot of fun was had! Many thanks to Nikita for organising the event. Thank you also to all our parent volunteers. Congratulations to our students and staff for joining in the fun so wholeheartedly. All funds raised will be going toward improving our school facilities.



ASSEMBLY

Our next whole school assembly will be held Thursday 28th March at 9:15am in the hall. We would love to see you all there.

REMINDER

Thursday 28th March is the last day of Term 1. As such student dismissal time will be at 2.30 pm.

The end of school also signals our school holidays are almost here. Hopefully you will be able to take a well-deserved break. Thank you again for your continued support. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Easter, spending this special time of the year with family and friends.

Kristy Miller
Principal

Gr 5/6 Camp Queenscliffe



Gr 3-6 Athletics Ballam Park



Foundation Science

Over the last couple of weeks the Preps were able to head outside and get amongst nature to the theme of 'We're going on a Nature Hunt'. The students were excited to find matching objects in the school yard to ones they had been given in the classroom. They hunted in pairs and it was lovely to see the way they were working together and helping each other.

Being outside allows children to use their imagination and promotes creativity. Increased movement has also been shown to improve mood.



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