



# NEWSLETTER

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## Kristy Miller – Principal Report

Dear Families,

I would like to welcome all our families and students back for the start of another school year. Welcome also to the many new families joining Devon Meadows Primary School in 2024. I am sure you and your child will have a positive and rewarding time at our school. I am especially delighted to welcome our Prep students as the newest members of our school community.

Teachers and support staff have been working extremely hard in ensuring our students have a smooth and successful start to their year as they adjust to their new classes and develop new connections.

### STAFFING

I would like to welcome Teag Polner and Rebecca Bird back to our school as classroom teachers after returning from family leave and also welcome Bridget Cross to our school as an ES member.

### SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

This year our whole school newsletter will be available at the beginning and end of each term. These newsletters can be accessed through Compass and via the school website. These are the two platforms used to communicate information and messages to families. If you are unsure how to access Compass or are having difficulty with your login, please contact our front office staff for assistance or advice.

Parents can access term calendars on the school website and Compass. These are regularly updated to show school events, parent-teacher communication, parent-teacher interviews, school curriculum days, changes to school days and whole school activities. This is the best way to ensure that you are aware of what is occurring within the school.

### CURRICULUM DAY

We have a Curriculum Day on Tuesday 12th March. On this day staff will be participating in a professional development day facilitated by Bronwyn Rylie Jones. The focus for the day will be on Responsive Teaching. Students do not attend school on this day.

### PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – ‘Getting to know you’ meeting

The ‘Getting to Know You’ sessions will be held Tuesday 13th February. These sessions provided teachers and families an opportunity to meet, share information and begin an effective and valued home/school partnership. Information shared by parents with teachers will assist us to plan for and work as effectively as possible with you and your child throughout the year. A massive thank you to all of our classroom teachers for staying after their usual work hours to allow this to happen.

## FORWARD DATES

### Term 1

No Prep Students Onsite	7th Feb
Parent/Teacher Interviews	13th Feb
School Council	13th Feb
No Prep Students Onsite	14th Feb
Gr 5/6 Camp Wyuna	19th to 21st Feb
Gr 3/4 RACV Incursion	20th Feb
No Prep Students Onsite	21st Feb
Parents Association Meeting	26th Feb
Assembly	1st Mar
Gr 3-6 Athletics Day Ballam Park	4th Mar
Gr 3-6 Athletics Backup Day	7th Mar
Colour Run	8th Mar
Labour Day Public Holiday	11th Mar
Curriculum Day	12th Mar
Gr 3 & 5 NAPLAN	13th to 22nd Mar

### CHILD SAFE POLICIES FEEDBACK

As part of DET's Child Safe Standards, school policies are annually communicated to the community and feedback sought as to their content. The relevant policies we are seeking feedback on are listed below and can be found on the Devon Meadows Primary School website. Feedback can be provided by emailing the school at [devon.meadows.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:devon.meadows.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

- \* Bullying Prevention
- \* Child Safety and Wellbeing
- \* Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedures
- \* Child Safety Code of Conduct
- \* Complaints
- \* Digital Learning
- \* Student Wellbeing and Engagement
- \* Visitors
- \* Volunteers

### RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOURS WITHIN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY POLICY

(<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Respectful-Behaviours-within-the-School-Community-Policy.aspx>)

The Respectful Behaviour within the School Community policy describes the positive behaviour expected from parents, carers, and other adults in Victorian school communities. The policy sets clear standards of behaviour to create a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment for students, staff, and adults. This policy is in a very easy to read format; we hope all families will take a few minutes to engage with the positive behaviours described in this policy.

### PARENT'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parent Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday, 26th February at 9.30am in the Meeting Room at Devon Meadow Primary School. The Parent Association is the official representation of parents and guardians of students at the school. We encourage parents/guardians of students from all year levels to join the Executive Committee so we can be a truly representative body.

It is a great way to be involved with the school community and to meet other parents.

We hope to see you there.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Once again it is time to hold elections for the School Council. The Council is responsible for setting the policies that the school will follow, monitoring the expenditure of money and maintaining the facilities. Our Council meets at 5:45pm on a Tuesday, twice a term.

#### *Composition*

There are two separate electorates. —

1. The electorate of parent members (3 vacancies)
2. The electorate of Department of Education & Training (DET) employee members (2 vacancies).

#### *School Council Notice of Election and Call for Nominations*

Nominations are called for parent representatives on the school council. Nomination forms (self-nomination or nomination of a parent member) are available from the school office. **Nominations will open Friday 9th February close 9:00am on Friday 16th February 2024.**

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

#### *Timeline*

- \* Nominations for Parent and DET member vacancies are open on Friday 9th February
- \* Nomination forms are available from the Office
- \* Nominations close on Friday 16th February 2024 at 9:00am
- \* Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted – Friday 23rd March 2024

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- \* Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed (if needed) – On or before Friday 1st March 2024.
- \* Close of Ballot (if needed) – Friday 8th March 2024.

Please contact me at school if you would like further information about School Council.

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.

Here is to an amazing 2024!

Kristy Miller  
Principal





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Juniors | 11-13 years | Monday 4.30 pm  
Intermediates | 14-17 years | Thursday 6.45 pm  
Seniors | 16+ years | Tuesday 6.45 pm  
Masters | 26+ years | Monday 7.15pm



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# TheirCare Newsletter 1

## LAST WEEK:

This week gone, has been back to school week! We have had 3 and a bit amazing weeks of our very first school holiday program and have spent the last week getting to know our new coordinator Jess.

She has told us some crazy stories about her cats and we played a game of this or that. This taught us (and JESS) a LOT. We learnt we have LOTS of Collingwood supporters that attend TheirCare, which made Jess VERY happy. and that entirely too many children, do not have a favourite Disney movie.

We have started to revamp our space a little bit and Oscar gave Jess a lesson in Astronomy. We

put some stickers on the windows that included some fun astronauts, as well as ALL the planets. Which are of course now

in the correct order and orientation - because Jess now knows that Uranus, shortly after its birth, was involved in a violent collision, that altered its relative degrees AND supercharged the planets rotation. A day on Uranis is only 17 hours as opposed to Earths 24 hours.



## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

La porchetta, SupaZu, the movies, Rain hayne and shine farm, clip and climb and mini golf. A dance party, shoo-fly hats, bubble machines, and spray dye pandas.

We have had 3 and bit weeks of SO MUCH FUN. We sang, danced, snacked, drew, played, crafted and had an absolute ball. Our first holiday program was such a success. Watch this space and come join us next holidays for a world of fun.

visit us at <https://theircare.com.au/> for more information



## GET TO KNOW: JESS

Name: Jess

Age: 29

pets: 14 cats. - its a LONG story!

Favourite colour: PINK

Favourite Disney movie: Lion king 2, Peter pan and Frozen 1 and 2.

Footy team: Collingwood

Favourite place: the beach and the butterfly enclosure at the zoo!

How to game: PSS

Sport: I've been a netball umpire since i was 11

