Dunsborough Primary School News Edition 13

Our vision is to be a school where every child feels a sense of belonging and is encouraged to grow into their best self. We strive to create a dynamic and responsive community that embraces change, fosters resilience, and promotes curiosity. By nurturing relationships, valuing diversity, and providing rich learning opportunities, we aim to inspire students to be independent thinkers, problem-solvers, and connected, compassionate individuals.

Our values are integrity, connection, collaboration, resilience, and empathy and inclusivity.

23rd October 2026



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Welcome to our first newsletter for Term 4. It was wonderful to see so many parents at the Learning Journey and Art Expo last night. I'd like to acknowledge the wonderful work of Mrs Nimmo and Ms Scrimgeour who organised and ran our Art Expo. It was an incredible evening showcasing student's art pieces, highlighting the great work in this area. Thanks also to our P&C parents who organised or volunteered their time to make the night work so well. Thanks to the P&C for organising the food, entertainment and to everyone who showcased their talent. A fantastic community event and a great turn out!

With Year 3 Bike Education starting this week, it's been great to see so many bikes at school! Led by Miss Green, our 106 Year 3 students are learning about safe riding, bicycle maintenance, road rules and how to correctly fit their helmets. These sessions take place during PE lessons and lead up to the **Year 3 Ride by the Sea** on Monday 2nd November. Thank you to Miss Green for leading the program, our students for their enthusiasm, and parents and carers for their support.

Celebrating Student Success

- Recently Year 5 student Liv B, represented our school at the Capes Interschool Spelling Bee. Liv did well against some stiff competition, we are super proud of your efforts.
- Congratulations to the winning entries from students across Year 1-6 at the recent Art Expo. Amazing pieces of work across our school and talent on show.

Staffing Update

- Mr Mills, Languages Teacher, has retired from Dunsborough Primary School. We look forward to acknowledging Mr Mills contributions to our school community and wish him all the very best for his next chapter. Miss Guilbert will be taking on the role.
- Miss Blackwell will be commencing maternity leave from Week 3 this term. We wish her all the very best and look forward to meeting the new addition to the family. Mrs Thomas will take on her role for the remainder of the year.
- Mrs Robb will continue to be on leave this term. Mrs Stevens will be taking on her role for the remainder of the year.

Bushfire Drill and Bushfire Plan Awareness

As our school is in a bushfire prone area, we review our Bushfire Plan each year as part of our preparations for bushfire season. This helps ensure staff, students and families understand our shared responsibility in keeping everyone safe. On Wednesday, all students and staff practised our initial response to a bushfire emergency. We also ensured classrooms and the front office had updated plans and maps.

An SMS was sent to all parents and carers as part of the practice. If you did not receive it, please contact the front office so we can check your contact details. Our Bushfire Plan outlines how we respond in the event of a bushfire. We encourage all families to read the summarised parent version, available on our website here.





World Teachers Day- Friday 30th October

We celebrate World Teachers Day next Friday. Our teaching staff do an amazing job and are an integral part of our school community. Let's celebrate our teachers for their skilled work in educating, inspiring and supporting our young people.

2027 Enrolments

Kindergarten and pre-primary enrolments are currently open. All current Kindy students need to enrol for pre-primary.

Are you leaving in 2027?

If you are moving away from DPS in 2027 (current Kindy to Year 5 students), please complete a short survey HERE, or let the front office team know, as it assists with getting our intended 2027 classes correct. Not knowing a child is leaving, can impact on staffing and class numbers. I really appreciate your support.

2027 Student Booklist (Student Supplies)

Information about 2027 student booklists will be shared with families at the beginning of Week 4. Guided by our School Board, we will again be using Campion as our preferred supplier. Please note that parents are welcome to use a different provider if they prefer; using Campion is completely optional.

2027 Class Placement Guidelines

Guided by our School Board and in consultation with teaching staff, an updated Class Placement Guidelines will be shared with families next week via Compass and email. This includes information on how to provide parent requests for consideration.

Ongoing Reminders

- *Students should **arrive at school at or after 8.30am** each day, unless attending a before school program such as tennis or choir.*
- *No playing on playgrounds before school.*
- *Please **leave school grounds** by 3.45pm each day.*
- *Please park in approved **parking** bays only. Students' safety is our priority.*
- *Parents are not to sit waiting in the **Kiss n Drop** section.*
- ***Dogs** are not permitted on school grounds. We have staff and students with dog allergies or anxiety.*
- *Students and parents are to please walk **bikes and scooters** through the school*
- *All students are not to have access to **mobile phones** or connected **smart watches** during the school day. If required, the front office can be used to contact students during the day.*

Thanks everyone, I look forward to seeing you around the school, at the upcoming K/PP Athletics Carnival or our next assembly.

Taylor Webb
Principal



P&C NEWS

Hello everyone! 👋
Term 4 is underway, and with the end of the school year fast approaching, we have a few exciting updates, Christmas gift ideas and opportunities to get involved!

Term 4 VIP Car Park Winner

A big congratulations to **Ted W and his family**, our lucky Term 4 VIP Car Park winner!
Enjoy your prime parking spot and the luxury of stress-free school drop-offs and pick-ups for the final weeks of the year.

DPS Number Plates – A Unique Christmas Gift!

Stuck for stocking fillers? Have a family member who's impossible to buy for?
Why not surprise them with their very own **DPS vehicle number plate!**
With a range of numbers available, you never know – your lucky number, birthday or favourite number might be waiting for you!
Email **DPSnumberplates@outlook.com** to find out what's available.
Best of all, every purchase supports our P&C, with all profits going straight back into our school. A gift that gives twice!

Scholastic Book Club – Final Issue for 2026!

Looking for a few more Christmas gift ideas?

Issue 7 of Scholastic Book Club is out now, and it's your last chance to order for 2026!
From exciting adventures to beautiful picture books, there's something for every little bookworm. Books make wonderful Christmas presents, so why not get a head start on your shopping while supporting our school?
Orders close on Friday 30 October. Don't miss out!

Canteen – Term 4 Volunteer Roster

This term each year group allocated a week to lend a hand!
We'd love families to jump on board and volunteer during their child's year group week, but if another day suits you better, we'd be just as grateful for your help.
Whether you can spare a couple of hours or a whole morning, every helping hand makes a difference. It's also a lovely way to meet other parents and be part of the school community!

Upcoming roster weeks:
Monday 26th October
Monday 2nd November
Monday 9th November

Ready to lend a hand?
Sign up here: here
A huge thank you to all our amazing volunteers who keep the canteen running and our students fed. We couldn't do it without you!

Thank You, DPS Families!
As we head into the final stretch of 2026, we'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who continues to support our P&C – whether it's purchasing a raffle ticket, placing a Book Club order, volunteering your time or supporting our fundraisers.
Every little contribution helps us make Dunsborough Primary School an even better place for our kids to learn, play and grow.
Thank you for being part of our wonderful school community.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

October 26th - November 6th
Active Transport Challenge

October 26th
Adopt-a-Spot Year 4 Excursion

October 26th
P&C Meeting

October 29th
Kindy/Pre-Primary Athletics Carnival

October 30th
World Teachers Day

November 2nd
Ocean Discovery Incursion Pre-Primary

November 2nd
Ride by the Sea Year 3 Excursion

November 4th
Peppies Kindy Session Groups A&B

November 5th
Assembly Rooms 4 & 6

November 13th
Bay OK Day