

Darra State School

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NEWS FROM THE HUB...

Friday 10 February 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS AT DARRA SS:-

Date	Details
P&C Meetings	Second Wednesday of every month 7pm in the P&C Room First Meeting – Wed 8 February
Uniform Shop in 2012	At Administration Office - Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings from 8.00am.
Mon, Wed & Fri mornings from 8am	Uniforms available from the office 8.00am-9.00am See Ms Phuong in the office
Thursdays in 2012	Active School Travel – Starting Thur 16 Feb - TERRIFIC TRAVEL THURSDAYS
Mon 13 Feb	National Apology Day
Tue 14 Feb	Swimming starts for 5 weeks. Finishes - Tue 13 March.
Wed 15 Feb	“We Love to Read” Event
Thur 16 Feb	Terrific Travel Thursdays 2012 Re-launch FREE Breakfast from 8.15am
Fri 17 Feb	Friday sports begins for Term 1 – Years 1-7
Thur 15 Mar	LOTE Day of Excellence at Centenary SHS
Fri 16 Mar	Darra Cross Country, Years 4-7, 1.45pm-3pm
Tue 20 Mar	Teacher Aides Professional Development Day #2
Wed 21 Mar	HARMONY DAY - Activity morning 9am-11am – shared morning tea afterwards. ALL Parents invited!!
Fri 23 Mar	National Ride to School Day
Tue 27 Mar	School Photos
Fri 30 Mar	Last day of Term 1 2012
Mon 16 April	First day of Term 2 2012
Wed 25 April	ANZAC DAY - NO SCHOOL
Thur 26 April	Inala District Cross Country event
Fri 27 April	Friday sports begins for Term 2 – Years 1-7
Mon 7 May	LABOUR DAY – NO SCHOOL
Fri 25 May	Inala Gala Sports Day
Mon 11 June	QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY – NO SCHOOL
Tue 12 June	Darra SS Junior Sports Day 9am
Fri 15 June	Darra SS Senior Sports Day 9am

Mon 18 June	Pre-Year 3 Parent Teacher Interviews
Tue 19 June	Year 4-7 Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 22 June	Last day of Term 2 2012
Mon 9 July	First day of Term 3 2012
Fri 20 July	Friday sports begins for Term 3 – Years 1-7
Fri 21 Sept	Last day of Term 3 2012
Thur 9 & Fri 10 Aug	Inala District Athletics
Fri 31 Aug	Darra SS Fun Run
Mon 8 Oct	First day of Term 4 2012
Fri 19 Oct	Friday sports begins for Term 4 – Years 1-7
Mon 22 Oct	STUDENT FREE DAY
Fri 26 Oct	Inala Gala Sports Day
Tue 30 Oct	Swimming begins for 5 weeks. Finishes Tue 27 Nov.
Mon 3 Dec	Pre-Year 3 Parent Teacher Interviews
Tue 4 Dec	Swimming Carnival
Wed 5 Dec	12.00pm-3.00pm – CONCERT 7.00pm-9.00pm – Year 7 Graduation Dinner
Tue 11 Dec	Year 4-7 Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 14 Dec	Last day of Term 4 2012

THE PIED PIPER PROJECT

Late last year, Darra State School was successful in securing a grant from Footsteps Dance Company for the sum of \$2500.00. It was exciting to receive the news that our proposal had been accepted in favour of the other applications. The theme of the project is the *“Pied Piper of Hamelin meets the Wizard of Oz!”* The proposal was as follows:

“The area used for the arts at Darra is underneath the school. Currently, the covered area outside the room where the children line up, is plain and does not indicate any of the excitement of the art, dance, music and drama activities happening in the school. The idea is to involve the children in creating a grotto outside the art room and brightening up the area with a yellow brick road into the art room. Previously learned skills would be applied to painting the doors into the art room to create a mural as if the

children were entering the mountain on the Pied Piper story. There would have to be a rainbow too of course! The floor and the ceiling would also need to be decorated.

The students would be involved in:

- Researching popular children's stories and illustrations
- Choosing features and styles for their murals for the grotto
- Applying a variety of techniques to applying the paint.
- Creating drama scenes and dance related to fairy tales."

The main educational objectives of the proposal:

- To demonstrate the skills needed to design and create a fantasy grotto
- To develop problem solving skills
- To learn how to discuss and cooperate with each other
- To develop creativity and apply concepts learned

The students have been working in class on the project and we are now starting the mural. I shall be at school from 3 o'clock until 4 o'clock on Wednesdays 8th, 15th and 22nd of February working with students in years 4 -7 who return a permission slip and are interested to stay at school after hours to help move the project along. Any adults interested in helping will be made most welcome.

Kären Choo
(The Arts and Drama teacher)



National Year of Reading 2012 **2012 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF READING**

This year we will be celebrating lots of reading events at Darra to mark the International Year of Reading. Our **first event** to start the year off will be 'We ❤️ to Read!' which will be on **Wednesday 15th February** – just after Valentine's Day.

Students and Teachers (and even parents and little brothers and sisters) need to bring along a book that they really ❤️ to Read!

Everyone who brings a book, will receive a special bookmark allowing them to go in the draw to win a Bookclub Book Voucher.

Show your book to Mrs Brosnan in the library before school, or just before Second Break when she comes to your classroom.

We would love to see everyone in the school have a book they ❤️ to Read!

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

The Australian Curriculum is being introduced into all

Queensland School this year, and will gradually replace the current Queensland curriculum.

What are the benefits?

The Australian curriculum gives teachers and students more consistent standards in all schools nationwide, and an updated, contemporary 21st century curriculum.



The Australian Curriculum sets out the **core knowledge, understanding, skills and general capabilities that are important for all Australian students**. It identifies what all young people should learn as they progress through schooling, and is the foundation for high quality teaching to meet the needs of all Australian students.

What will be taught as part of the Australian Curriculum?

Students across Australia will have a consistent curriculum in **English, mathematics, science, (and history in 2013)**, and these will be the four core learning areas every young Australian will study during their education from Prep to Year 10.

In addition to these four learning areas, schools will have the flexibility to offer a range of other subjects, so that education is tailored to the needs of individual students and each school community.

Within all learning areas, there will be a focus on developing seven **general capabilities** of students. The capabilities include skills, behaviours and dispositions that students need to develop and apply to content knowledge, and they will help them become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens. Throughout their schooling, students will develop and use these capabilities in their learning across the curriculum, in co-curricular programs, and in their lives outside school.

Incorporated within each of the four key subjects and the seven General capabilities, are **three cross-curriculum priorities**. Students will learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures, Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia, and Sustainability.

What are the cross-curriculum priorities?

There are three cross-curriculum priorities that deserve particular attention in the Australian Curriculum.

These are:



Why have they been included in the Australian Curriculum?

The Australian Curriculum must be both relevant to the lives of students and address the contemporary issues they face. With this in mind, the curriculum gives special attention to three priorities.

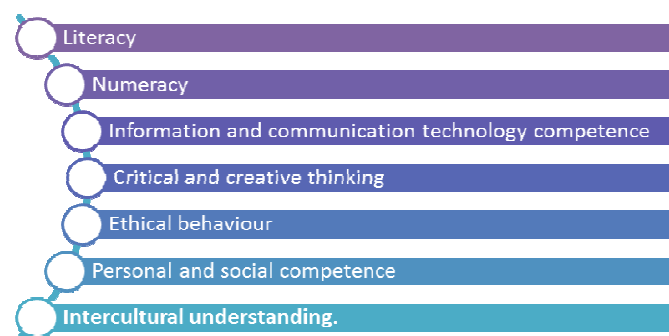
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures will allow all young Australians the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, their significance for Australia and the impact these have had, and continue to have, on our world.

Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia will allow all young Australians to develop a better understanding of the countries and cultures of the Asia region. Students will develop an appreciation of the economic, political and cultural interconnections that Australia has with the region.

Sustainability will allow all young Australians to develop an appreciation of the need for more sustainable patterns of living, and to build the capacities for thinking and acting that are necessary to create a more sustainable future.

Why does the Australian Curriculum include general capabilities?

Twenty-first century learning does not fit neatly into a curriculum solely organised by learning areas or subjects. That is why the Australian Curriculum has identified seven general capabilities that will assist students in living and working successfully in an increasingly complex, information-rich, globalised world. These are:



The Curriculum into the classroom (C2C) is an Education Queensland initiative to help introduce the new curriculum in Queensland state schools. To assist state schools with a seamless transition in 2012 a comprehensive suite of materials for classroom teachers is being developed using version 1.2 of the Australian Curriculum.

C2C materials are available for whole-school, year level and unit planning for Foundation (Prep) to Year 10 English, mathematics and science.

The C2C materials provide a starting point. Our teachers will adopt or adapt them to meet the needs of their own class and students.

Parental involvement

A wide range of research has shown that students are more likely to be successful when their parents are engaged in their education. When parents are truly engaged, children:

- attend school more regularly
- are better behaved
- have better academic outcomes
- have a greater sense of how to be successful in school
- are more likely to graduate and go on to post-secondary education

Parents and carers can support their child's education by familiarising themselves with the Australian Curriculum, to understand what their child will be learning at each stage of their schooling. <http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC INSTRUMENT REPAIRS

Last year we spent over \$3000 repairing and servicing our instruments for those students who take part in the instrumental music program here at Darra. This year we will be spending another \$1150 for repairs and servicing.

Servicing must be done every year so that the instruments are in top condition for students to learn on.

The Instrumental music levy helps us to cover these costs but with only 10 or so students each year participating in the program it is easy to see that the costs are predominantly covered by the school. We also purchase the music for students to play while they are in the program. Therefore, we encourage all families who have students participating in the instrumental program to contribute with the levy to help us cover the costs and provide the best instruments and music to our students.

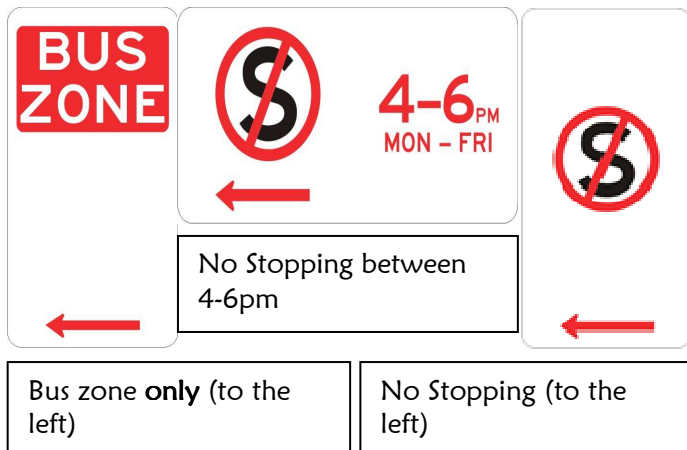
NO STOPPING & BUS ZONES

Are you aware that since December 1999 the term "No Standing" was replaced with "No Stopping" and drivers **must not stop at all** on that part of the road to which the sign applies?

These signs are normally found near crossings, intersections and bus stops and sometimes have timed restrictions, as illustrated:

There may also be a yellow edge line which also means stopping is not allowed. These lines can be used either on their own or together with the no stopping signs.

If you must park near a bus stop, be aware of the distances before and after the zone. Motorists must not stop **20 metres before** a sign indicating a bus stop (the approaching end) and **10 metres after** the sign



(the departing end of the zone). The only exceptions to this are when other parking control signs apply for this area.

For more information contact us on 1300 360 135 or visit our website on www.tmr.qld.gov.au

QUEENSLAND EDUCATION TRUST COMMUNITY FORUM

Have your say – Queensland Education Trust community forum.

Parents and carers are invited to have their say on how the next generation of Queenslanders can benefit from the state's resources boom.

The State Government has launched a proposal paper, *From Mines to Minds: A Queensland Education Trust*, to establish a multi-billion dollar **Queensland Education Trust** using 50 per cent of royalties from Liquefied Natural Gas projects to provide more education and training opportunities for our children and young people.

Ideas being considered include:

- **Establishing Individual Trust Accounts for Education** – every child born on or after 1 July 2012 would have a nest egg valued between \$7800 and \$9500 when they turn 18; or
- **Establishing a Dedicated Education Fund** – an investment fund where the proceeds would be reinvested by government in education and training initiatives beyond the basics throughout the schooling years and potentially beyond.

You are invited to attend a community forum to have your say on the proposed **Queensland Education Trust**. The community forum will be held at:

Location: Mount Gravatt State High School
Loreburn Street, Mount Gravatt
Date: Wednesday 8 February
Time: 6:30pm – 8.00pm

To learn more and RSVP for the community forum visit the Queensland Government website at www.educationtrust.qld.gov.au

PCYC SCHOOL AGE CARE

Before School Care - 6.30—9.00am
(Breakfast Provided)
After School Care – 3.00– 6.00pm
(Afternoon Tea Provided)
Enrolment Packs from office
Enquiries contact: 3372 2222



ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL - TERRIFIC TRAVEL THURSDAYS ARE HERE AGAIN

Thursdays at Darra State School are not the same as other schools!!!

In 2012, we are again asking everyone to really think about how we travel to and from school as we again launch into our Terrific Travel Thursdays as part of our Active School Travel program. We will be re-launching Terrific Travel Thursdays on Thursday the 16th February with a healthy breakfast.

All students will receive an Active School Travel passport. Students who actively travel to schools on Thursdays will collect stamps and earn lots of great rewards again throughout 2012.

We know that everyone is different, so there are lots of ways you can actively travel to school. How will you actively travel to school?

Walk - leave the car at home and walk your kids to school. If you live too far away, drive part of the way and walk the rest. We call that "Park and Stride".

Cycle - Ride with your children to school. It's legal to ride on the footpath and remember to always have your helmet secured.



Public Transport - Public transport is easy once you know how. For bus, train and ferry timetables, visit www.translink.com.au, phone 13 12 30 or visit the Transport Information Centre located on the corner of Ann and Roma Streets.

Carpool - Find a friend and carpool to school. It's an easy way to save money and time. Talk to other parents in your child's class or at music and sport to see who is going your way. Carpoolers can also Park & Stride their way to school (see above). So get started on **Thursday the 16th February** and remember that EVERY Thursday is **TERRIFIC TRAVEL THURSDAY**.

DARRA SS P&C

The first meeting for the year will be on Wednesday 8 February at 7pm in the P&C Room. The AGM (Annual General Meeting) is on Wednesday 14 March at 7pm in the P&C Room. The AGM is where all roles

are declared open for new/old people to take a role in the P&C. It will be followed by a General Meeting.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be run out of the Admin on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.00am. Ms Phuong will be in the office to take and fill orders for uniforms.

SCHOOL TEXTS & SUPPLIES

It is vitally important to our students learning that they have all the supplies they need to ensure the very best learning outcomes possible.

However, we do understand that sometimes at the beginning of a year book orders may be late in being filled. Please let your child's teacher know when they can expect your child to have the resources they need for learning. This will enable better planning to ensure that your child does not miss out on valuable learning. Many thanks!!



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSITIONS VACANT

Darra SS has 2 Teacher Aide positions available. Part of the National Partnership initiative. Positions will be for 1 year with possible extension to 3 years maximum when National Partnership programs ends. Probationary period of 3 months applies. 25 hours per week. Experience required. Application packs available at the Office from Monday 30 January 2012. Applications close Friday 10 February 2012 at 3.00pm. Attention applications to: The Principal, Mrs Bec McGuren-Nolan. Applications should be left at the Office or mailed to Darra SS, Winslow Street, Darra, Q, 4076. Phone Tracy Rice on 3375 4285 for details.

SOUTH WEST UNITED WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB SIGN ON DAY

Saturday 4th February, 9am-Midday at Graceville State School Hall, Corner Acacia Ave and Oxley Rd, Graceville.

The club has teams for all ages and skill levels, from U7s to Masters. We welcome all ages, from 5 to 65. For more details go to our website:

www.swu.com.au

WANT TO PLAY FOR AN NRL CLUB LIKE THE BRONCOS?

You've got to start somewhere. Why not sign on at your local Junior Rugby League club?! You might even get to be like some clubs who get to play at half time in a



Broncos game at Suncorp Stadium! It's so important for children to get the opportunity to play a sport on the weekends, and Junior Rugby League has a major focus on *FUN, FITNESS and FRIENDS!*

Not just the players, but the whole family can make new friends too. Most clubs have a registration price that covers all your training sessions, games, training gear and team photo (and sometimes maybe a jersey or trophy or both, at the end of the season). All local clubs are accepting new sign-ons and the best time to go down is either the weekend of February 3rd and 4th OR an evening during the week when teams are training. You can see how much fun the teams are having, playing different kinds of games with their coaches, in a safe environment!



Or you might like to visit www.arldevelopment.au/seq to find out about FREE Clinics with BRONCOS players on Sunday, 12th February. You can find information about local clubs on www.stingers.net.au or contact **Stacy Hutchison, your local Development Officer on 0402 138 737** if you have any further questions.



EDOR SIGN UP
A Traditional Indigenous Game
FREE Friday Weekly Games
Improves skills for Football, Basketball & Netball!
Sign Up In Teams or as Individuals!
Fun, Exciting Game Open for Kids to Teenagers!
Sign Up Days:

Friday 20th January: 4pm to 6pm

Friday 27th January: 4pm to 6pm

Friday 3rd February: 4pm to 6pm



Improves Fitness & Health
ADDRESS: 37 Swallow Street, Inala