



DIAMOND CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

4/5S NEWSLETTER

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Thursday 9th February

Swimming Trials
DC Swimming Pool
7.30 – 8.30am

Friday 17th February

Interschool Sports Starts

Thursday 23rd February

Parent Information Night

Monday 13th March

Labour Day holiday

Wednesday 29th March

Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 31st March

Term 1 ends

Monday April 13

Term 2 begins

Welcome to 2017

February, 2017

Welcome everyone to the 2017 school year! It's always great to know that our students and their families have returned safely from the holiday period. A very special welcome also to the many new students and their families who have joined DCPS for the first time. I am particularly grateful for the welcome myself and our other new staff members Colleen Scott (3/4C) and Maddy McLean (5/6M) have received. We have already been made to feel at home by our wonderful students.

We have had a very smooth and orderly start to the school year with all of our senior students returning with smiles on their faces and plenty of enthusiasm for the year ahead. Everyone is settling into their new routines quickly and the scene is all set for a terrific year ahead. All classrooms are looking sensational and inviting already. Please feel free to pop in and have a look!

Each term you will receive a newsletter like this one containing general information and important dates for you to note on your calendars. These will also be available on our website for further reference. We will also communicate through Tiqbiz so please ensure you have downloaded the free app onto your device.

Looking forward to a very happy and positive term.

Haley Sageman 4/5S

TEACHERS

3/4S: Renata Smith
3/4C: Colleen Scott
4/5S: Haley Sageman
5/6D: Maddy McLean
5/6D: Jodi Dean

Principal

Helen Micallef

Office Manager:

Jennie Mitchell

Specialists

**Art, Italian and
Performing Arts:** Isabella Mignuoli

P.E: David Pitts

Camp



The Grade 5/6 Camp will be from Tuesday 6th of June – Friday 9th of June 2017. More information to follow closer to the date.

WATER BOTTLES

Don't forget to send a water bottle to school every day. We encourage children to keep their bottle on their tables.

ONLY WATER PLEASE



HATS

Wearing a SCHOOL hat in terms 1 and 4 is compulsory at DCPS. This is part of our Sunsmart policy.



Please make sure your child's hat is clearly named.

INQUIRY/SCIENCE

The students in 4/5S will begin the year by exploring relationships and social interactions with their friends and classmates with the focus being on a positive and happy start to the new school year. We will look at our rights and responsibilities as learners and setting strong routines and expectations for the school year. We will be developing a, 'Bill of Rights' for our classrooms. These will be placed in the students 'Learning Logs'. Please have a chat with your child about our class 'Bill of Rights'.



Our Inquiry topic this term focuses on our 'Start Up Program' where students will learn about School Values, Rules. We will also be discussing ways to cope with Bullying and Cyber Safety. The students will be completing a home project on "Matter" (solids, liquids and gases) as part of our Science topic this term, 'What's the Matter?' The project will be given out in week 4. It will be due in Week 8 on the 20/3/2017.

HOME LEARNING

The students in 4/5S began Home Learning this week. The students have signed a Home Learning Agreement which can be found in the front of their Home Learning Book. Please discuss this agreement with your child and sign.

The students will receive their Home Learning on a Monday and will need to return them every Monday morning. The students will have a spelling test each Monday.

Home learning will consist of :

- A Maths and English contract
- 3 spelling activities from the Spelling Grid.
- Big Write talk and regular reading.

PERMISSION FORMS

Please return permission forms ASAP so that we can update our records.

- General Consent forms (white)
- First Aid (green)
- Parent helpers (blue)
- Parent survey (green)
- Internet Permission (white)
- Interschool Sport Notices

Reading

The upper school library has an extensive book collection for the students to borrow from. The students have been given a reading log in class to fill in. This keeps track of the books that the students are reading and where the books have been borrowed from. All students in grade 5/6 should be reading a minimum of 20 minutes at least 5 times per week.

Please encourage your child to discuss the books they are reading with you.

If your child needs help finding books that interest them please get them to talk to their teacher. We are updating our library with new books all the time. Please encourage your child to return any borrowed school books once they have finished.



COMMUNICATION



Education is a partnership between students, teachers and parents. If there are ever any concerns, queries and even positive feedback, please feel free to approach us, or simply write us a note or send us an email. If you require a longer discussion time it may be a good idea to make an appointment with your child's teacher. You can also contact the office through Tiqbiz.

Please inform us of:

- any medical conditions ASAP
- absences
- any changes within the family

All forms are to be returned to the classroom teacher and payments may be included in the envelope with the form or paid at the office, or over the phone.

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INFORMATION NIGHT

Our Parent Information Night will be held on Thursday February 23rd at 7pm. Please mark the date in your calendar.