



# DIMBOOLA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 2 – WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024

**"We strive to empower our students to reach their potential in a safe and inclusive school and live by our school values"**

HONESTY

ENCOURAGEMENT

APPRECIATION

RESPECT

TEAMWORK

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#### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS 2023

School Principal: Greg Sampson President: Isaac Eldridge

Vice President: Josh Cook Treasurer: Peter Down DET Rep: Kelly Henderson Secretary: Duanne Corbett Vice Secretary: Hannah Young

Parent Reps: Chris Avery, Ashlee Baker, Erin Wallace, Jenny Hauselberger

*Dimboola Primary School would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Wimmera Mallee area:  
the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk peoples, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.*



## Principals Desk

#### UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Parent's Club Meeting 3:15 in the staffroom

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Eye screening occurring – permission letter to be follow.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – School Council meeting 6:30 pm start

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Little Desert Swimming

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – **School photos**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – AFL Clinic at Nhill Recreation Reserve – Grade 3/4/5 and 6 children involved (letters to follow).

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – School Council 6:30 pm start

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – NAPLAN testing period

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Dimboola Primary School Fete – Details to follow

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Science Expo in Horsham – Grade 6s involved – details to follow

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> march – Somers Camp for a small number of Grade 5/6 children who nominated for the camp.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Harmony Day and Multi-age cultural day.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of Term 1 – 2:15 finish.

## WELCOME BACK

I trust families had an enjoyable holiday period and students are ready and raring to go for the start of a new school year. This year promises to be exciting with the great work in the Science of Reading continuing under the leadership of Ms Erin Mitchell. This year we hope to embed our daily review approach in literacy and numeracy to assist children in moving information from their short-term memory to their long-term memory.

We have a wonderful team of teachers who will work collaboratively aiming to draw the best from your children. Ms Erin Mitchell is our new learning specialist and will be working closely with teachers to drive their teaching approaches in literacy and numeracy. Erin will also be working with the grade 6 class. We welcome Miss Ella Taylor to our team. Ella will work two days per week. She will work very closely with Mrs Emma Bond in developing the minds of the children in the 4/5 classroom.

We also appreciate the return of Mrs Erin Crafter back from family leave. Erin will work one day per week teaching German to all grades. I recognise her ability to support our teaching program and take some time away from raising her beautiful daughter to impart her knowledge of German to our next generation.

Our teaching and administration support teams are shown below. I encourage you to make yourself known to your child's new teacher and celebrate or address the learning journey of your son or daughter.

### Classroom teachers:



Mrs Fiona  
Salmon  
Prep



Miss Ashlee  
Morrish  
Grade 1



Mr Peter  
Down  
Grade 2/3



Mrs Emma  
Bond  
Grade 4/5



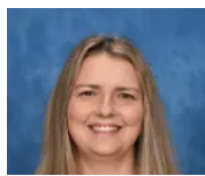
Miss Ella  
Taylor Grade  
4/5



Ms Erin  
Mitchell  
Grade 6



Mrs Mary French  
Art



Mrs Gabrielle  
Clugston – Welfare  
and tutor



Mr Greg Sampson  
Physical Education  
Teacher



Mrs Erin Crafter  
German and Health  
Teacher

## Who to contact

General enquiries – Dimboola Primary School – 5389 1270 e: [dimboola.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:dimboola.ps@education.vic.gov.au) We also encourage you to subscribe to uEducateUs and the Skoolbag app, search Dimboola Primary School.



Mrs Kelly Henderson  
Business Manager



Mrs Coleen Bouts  
Education Support



Mrs Kate Schorback  
Administration

## Volunteers – Working with Children Checks:

We encourage volunteers to support our programs but as a requirement of Child Safe Standards all interested people will require a working with children check. <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>.

**DIMBOOLA PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL**

## SCHOOL LEADERS:

Congratulations to the following students who were voted in as the school leaders for 2024. I look forward to their contribution for the year and will enjoy working with them to drive our school forward.

### School Captains for 2024



Levi Eldridge



Milla Eldridge

### Vice Captains for 2024



Georgie McKinnon



Kailah Redden

### Hinchley House Captains



Sierra Henderson



Alfie Greig



## McCann House Captains



Summer Rae Wilson



Artie Avery

## Watson House Captains



Amelia Pretorius



Penny Dixon

### ***House Teachers***

Hinchley – Miss Morrish, Mrs French, Ms Mitchell, Mrs Crafter

McCann – Miss Taylor/Mrs Bond and Miss Walsh

Watson – Mr Down, Mrs Salmon

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW PREPS:**

We welcome our 14 new prep students who have had some time to find their way and understand some of the routines at Dimboola Primary School. They are on a steep learning curve in an exciting time of their life. We welcome all new families to the school and encourage you to say hello and make yourself known to Mrs Salmon and other teachers and staff at Dimboola Primary School.



George & Grace



Daisy & Seleste





Geoffal & Abigail



Oaka & Victor



Eden & Kash



Caine & Elijah



Harvey & Owen

## **FEES**

School fees for 2024 for essential education items are to be \$125. This pays for your son/daughter to have books, pencils, glue sticks, scissors, photocopying. This is a voluntary payment, but much appreciated to help us supply items for learning.

A \$40 cultural performance fee, per child, for 2024 is required for your child to participate in the performance. Those that do not pay up front will be asked to pay per performance of \$10.00. Those who do not pay will not attend.

**Fees paid in full by the last day of Term One, will go into a draw with one lucky winner, to receive a \$50 IGA voucher.**



## **SCHOOL TRAFFIC**

With school returning it would be a timely reminder to all that:

- Drivers need to give way at school crossings until the pedestrians are well clear of the crossing
- Park in designated spots so as not to create 'black spots' for other drivers
- The '*Kiss and Drop Zone*' at the front of the school is for a quick drop off or pick up.
- Obey the 40kmh speed limits around the school.
- There is a large 'drop off' zone in Wimmera Street that has a gate to allow children to walk across the big oval if it is too congested at the front or back of school.
- Bike riders will dismount from their bikes at the front gate (Hindmarsh Street) or the back gate (Church St) and wheel their bikes to the racks.
- Please assist with the education of your child by using the school crossing. Near misses have occurred due to people taking short cuts.
- Bike/scooter riders are to dismount prior to using the school crossings.





## **VALUES AWARD WINNERS**

Congratulations to students who received a values or academic achievement award last week your efforts have been recognized. Keep up the great work!



## **FOOD ALLERGY**

A reminder about the importance of safety around students who have severe food allergies. We currently have one student who has anaphylaxis to nuts. This student is in Grade 2/3 so we ask parents to be mindful of lunches and snacks that contain nuts particularly in this classroom. Students are reminded not to share food with classmates.

Please refer to our **Anaphylaxis Policy** attached to this newsletter for further information.

## **POLICIES**

I refer you to various policies attached to this newsletter

1. Child safety responding and reporting obligations
2. Child safety and well-being policy
3. Child safety codes of conduct
4. Complaints policy
5. Privacy Collection Notice
6. Anaphylaxis policy

## **CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

This fund offers financial assistance to eligible families to assist with costs of camps and extra curricular activities. Please see information attached at the end of the newsletter or visit the office for further information.