



DIMBOOLA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 8 – TUESDAY 19th MARCH, 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:

Tuesday 19th March – Science Expo in Horsham – Grade 6s involved

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

Thursday 21st March – Harmony Day and Multi-age cultural day.

Wednesday 27th March – DPS Athletics Carnival

Thursday 28th March – Last day of Term 1 – 2:15 finish.

NAPLAN:

NAPLAN testing is nearly fully completed with students in Year 3 still to complete their numeracy testing and some catch up tests for students who have been away. I would like to thank Mrs Clugston for her support in administering these tests.

SOMERS CAMP:

Six brave students from grade 5 and 6 left for Somers where they will be involved in developing their independence and engage in activities to develop their leadership skills. I trust that for Milla, Summer, Sierra, Levi, Ryan and Alfie they have a wonderful experience and don't have too much home sickness. We look forward to hearing some wonderful stories on their return.

MULTI-AGE CULTURAL DAY/HARMONY DAY:

Parents and students are reminded that Thursday is a day where students may come dressed in orange. Students may also dress in costumes from the original country of origin or where their ancestors came from. On this day, students will be involved in a range of activities to acknowledge the important contribution that the Koorie culture has had on Australia. Activities include:

- A welcome to country by Aunty Nancy
- Making damper with wattle seed
- Aunty Nancy's story of growing up
- Traditional games presented by Aunty Titta
- Boomerang throwing, bull roarer and other artefacts presented by Liam Clarke and Kerrie Clarke
- Language words presented by Tracey Rigney and Gavin Read
- Tasting a Kangaroo sausage

This promises to be something different on our school calendar with lots of engagement. I trust that the children enjoy the experience and get something out of it.

ATHLETICS DAY HELPERS NEEDED:

Thanks to Jennie Hauselberger, Pamela Pretorius, Alicia Albrecht, Tahlia Avery, Andrew Heatley, Sandi Abbott, Alannah Lehmann, Matthew Dench, Abbey Greig, Teagan Warner, Nyree Hutchins, Karen Bridgewater, Tori Lehmann, Kate Ward and Bree Myers for volunteering to assist with the Dimboola Primary School Athletics Carnival to be held on Wednesday 27th March at DMSC. Whilst this is an impressive number of volunteers, I would like to have a few more. Please contact the school if you are available to assist even if only for a part of the day.

LAST DAY OF TERM:

A reminder that our last day of Term 1 is on Thursday 28th March. Students will be dismissed from school at 2:15 pm on this this day.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION PARENT NOTIFICATION:

Student safety at Dimboola Primary School is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

Before school: School grounds are supervised at 8:30 am

After school: School grounds are supervised 3:25 pm.

Students on school grounds outside these times will **not** be supervised (unless they are attending a before or after school care program or supervised extracurricular activity).

Parents/carers are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times unless they are attending before or after school care, or a pre-arranged supervised activity (i.e. sports practice).

For a copy of our school's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy through the Dimboola Primary School Website or contact the school office. This policy includes Dimboola Primary School's student supervision arrangements across the school day, including before and after school.

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

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!



DIMBOOLA PRIMARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Wednesday
27th March
from
9.30am

Held on
DMSCs
front oval

Students
can wear
their house
colours

**WE ARE CELEBRATING HARMONY DAY
BY HOLDING A WHOLE SCHOOL
CULTURAL DAY**

Come dressed in your cultures
clothing or wear a touch of orange



Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH



HOOK IN 2 HOCKEY

GET STARTED TODAY

At Dimboola Health and Fitness Centre

Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm starting March 13 2024 for 5 weeks (excluding holidays)

\$57.81 HookIn2Hockey or \$112.81 HookIn2Hockey with equipment pack

Coaches: Kate Ward and Erin Wallace

For info: Kate (0409 528 958) Jennie (0426 110 259) Dimboolahockeyclub@outlook.com

HOCKEY.ORG.AU/HOOKIN2HOCKEY



Royal Childrens Hospital

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL



EASTER EGG HUNT



HOT
CROSS
BUNS,
DOUGH
NUTS

MUSIC
DJ
'BUNGA'

TINY
GOATS

THE
PIGGLES

EMERGENCY
SERVICES

COFFEE
TOASTIES
SOFT DRINKS
FISH &
CHIPS

FACE
PAINTING
RAFFLES

RECREATION RESERVE - A & P SHED - FROM 9.am

Make Your Donation at Bendigo Bank Dimboola



All Roads and Skies Lead To Nhill



Kids Activities



Vintage Displays



Tim's Toasties



Crafter's Fair



Food & Drink



Aerial Displays

Celebrating Aviation, Heritage and Community

Saturday 13th April 2024

Tickets on sale now!

www.nhillairshow.com.au

Nhill Airshow

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
 - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/eligibility)

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on **29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024**.

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/payment-amounts)

Foundation and Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

How to complete the application form

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2024 closes at the end of term two 2024.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.