

## **DUMBLEYUNG**PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### From the Principal's Desk

Hello Parents, Carers and Community Members,

'Wow, do we have some good news to share with you!'

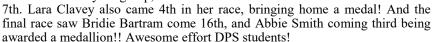
Dumbleyung Primary School has been successful in a grant application for solar panels!! Yippee! This is a huge step toward a more sustainable school with reduced utility costs, a long-time goal Tamara, Dave, the Team, and I have been working toward over the years! Strategic steps to reduce our lawned areas requiring water and maintenance, the installation of fake turf and soil maintenance has all helped the resourceful use of water, and less spent in the yearly budget! Now, with solar panels our electricity bills will have similar respite! I am personally thrilled as this will mean our Student-Centered-Funding will be saved on utilities and running costs, going straight back into the classrooms for our kids! Now that is a celebration!! This cost reduction will add

an extra buffer to the years when we luck -out at student census times, which is not this year I might add, having 45 enrolled at the beginning of the year. Happy days for Dumbleyung Primary School!

Last Friday qualifying Year 4-6 students travelled to Thomas Hogg Oval in Narrogin for the Inter-School Cross Country Competition. Six students entered the competition from DPS with

awarded three place getters! A huge effort by our runners. Our rigorous schedule training and 'Commitment to Achieve' attitude paid off! Thank you Mrs Smith for being school our based representative and taking photos of our shining students. Thank you to Mrs

Beth Bartram for polishing the students ahead of the competition, we are appreciative of your support. Congratulations to Edward Bartram who came 4th in his year group, and Kelsie who came



Whilst the entire Senior class were at Inters or making the trek to Bunbury Carnival last Friday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, we capitalised on the day by releasing teachers to access *Instructional Coach*, Eloise South. Eloise has been the long-standing *Great Southern Schools Network, Numeracy Hub Leader*. Eloise has been coaching DPS Staff in Numeracy Instruction one of our main Business Plan Priorities. As staff, we have decided to adopt PRIME Mathematics, a leading Mathematics program. The program uses worked examples during the Explicit Teacher Instruction time, which research supports as the single most powerful tool in progressing student learning in Mathematics.

Teachers observed the Instructional Coach deliver a lesson with the children, demonstrating our whole-school Engagement and TAPPLE norms, giving teachers an opportunity to 'see' how it transpires in the classroom. Modelled learning opportunities like these are so beneficial in building teacher-efficacy and reflective approaches toward Teaching & Learning. Classroom observations are built into our Operational Plan at DPS, and teachers reflect personally on 5-week goals set, and through peer feedback, refining and developing their practice. Seeing colleagues teach and using video observations has been a beneficial process. I would like to thank Eloise for sharing her practice with us, for building collegial capacity and strengthening Numeracy Instruction within our school and across the Great Southern Schools Network.

# "Every child, every day, commitment to achieve!"

Dates to remember:

Term 2 2023

7th June Hockey Clinic

> 13th June 4pm Net-Set-Go

14th June Hockey Clinic

**16th June** Speech, Drama &Art Festival

**22nd June** Senior Assembly 2:45pm

> 22nd June 5pm Safe 4 kids Parent Seminar School library

23rd June Safe 4 Kids Student Lessons Day

**27th June**Docker Shield
Katanning

26th-30th June NAIDOC Week

30th June Last Day of Term 2

18th July Students Resume Day 1 Term 3

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#### From the Principal's Desk continued....

We never stop learning in our profession and as Educators we need to lead life-long learning. Parents you can support this too by telling your child what current-learning you are doing, why and how this will help with what you are doing or planning to do going forward. Relating learning to real life such as; 'I am learning to ...... so I can .....' is very powerful. In the classroom we verbalise Learning Intentions with the students, and then we say 'This is because...' so the purpose and reason is very clear.

Next week across our Great Southern Schools Network which I lead as Network Principal (12 in total Katanning PS, Braeside, Tambellup, Broomehill, Gnowangerup DHS, Wagin DHS, Kojonup DHS, Katanning SHS, Woodanilling, Darkan, Nyabing and finally Dumbleyung PS) staff will be accessing Initial Lit and Pre-Lit training from the highly effective MultiLit suite, a research based program made through Macquarie University. Wheatbelt Schools received funding to roll out Pre-School Early Years Reforms to build Teacher, Education Assistant and AEIO support staff skills in Literacy Instruction. Most schools across our Network have chosen to implement Initial Lit a K-2 whole class program and so trainers are travelling to us, which reduces cost, but more importantly provides collegial support across the network in the implementation stage of rolling out the program. Staff will learn alongside colleagues across the network who they can reach out to for support and as schools we will support our neighbouring partners, making this change in practice easier to manage for Dumbleyung but also the Network. This is most exciting indeed!

Year 4-6s travelled to the CSBP carnival last week, with two team mates never playing a full game of hockey before, let alone experiencing the turf field. Sky and Alexis who both played so well, especially for first timers, also scored a goal during the day, and Eloise also scored her first hockey goal. Miss Dale coached her first Hockey Team at Narrogin and it was the first time Dumbleyung participated in the CSBP carnival. It was a great day of firsts! It was also very fortunate our fab little team won the overall day with the highest amount of games and goals scored. Not a bad effort at all! We were interviewed by The Narrogin Observer and CSBP Socials who were both going to do write up stories on the children, so keep an eye out! Thank you Dave Stephens for taking the kids over on the bus!

Kindergarten transitions to three days next semester, moving to Tuesday, Thursday and Friday's. Be sure to mark this in the calendar and inform bus drivers of the extra pick-up day. We look forward to having them with us more!

Kind regards Melanie Ball Principal





#### **Attendance at School Matters**

# Does your child have a chance of being successful?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but......

If your child misses	That equals	Which is	and over 13 years of schooling that's	Which means the best your child might perform is
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade
1 day per week	40 Days	8 weeks	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade
2 days per week	80 Days	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>	Equal to financing argument

## What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but......

He/She is only missing just	That equals	Which is	and over 13 years of schooling that's
10 minutes	50 minutes	Nearly 1.5 weeks	Nearly Half a year
per day	per week	per year	
20 minutes	1 hour 40 mins	Over 2.5 Weeks	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
per day	per week	per year	
Half an hour	Half a day	4 Weeks	Nearly 1 and a Half years
per day	per week	per year	
1 hour	1 day	8 Weeks	Over 2 and a Half years
per day	per week	peryear	

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!

**EVERY DAY COUNTS!** 

#### From The Student Leaders

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We hope you are all healthy and happy. Make sure you are all practicing your poems for Speech and Drama. Just a quick reminder we are still doing containers for change system. Any donations from home would be amazing and greatly appreciated!

Also, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June there will be Pyjama Day for a fundraiser. To participate it will be a gold coin donation which will go towards the Royal Flying Doctors Service. It is a wonderful cause, and we hope you can join in with the fun!

We will be doing the help desk on a Thursday afternoon at lunch play time. If you would like to come talk to us about your problems or if you feel happy you are more than welcome to come, see us!

Friday Funday will start this week. During lunch time join us in Rm 10 for games, fun and some dancing. Chappy will supervise. This will be every Friday and all are welcome.

Kind regards,

The Leadership Group

#### Protective Education 'Safe 4 Kids" With Holly-Ann Martin

- Parent Workshop Thursday 22nd, June 5-7pm

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#### - Student Lessons Friday 23rd June

A 'free' parent workshop on how to best protect your child and safe guard with protective behaviours and strategies will be held in the Dumbleyung Primary School Library, Thursday 22nd of June, starting at 5pm and concluding at 7pm.

Tea and Coffee will be available, spread the word and tell family and friends from neighbouring communities to attend.

All Welcome!

There are better ways than wrapping your child in cotton wool and overloading them with fear! Come along and hear what research has proven to help parents and children keep safe online and in real world situations, but also how to ensure they are keyed into the early warning signs!

We hope to see you there!

#### Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Firstly, thank you so much for the donations of bread, jam and money for breakfast club supplies. Greatly appreciated by all.

Also, thank you for the extra donations for containers of change. It all adds up and will make a big difference to the final cost of the Leaver's shirts.

I will be supervising the Leadership Team as they organise and run The Help Desk and Friday Funday. They are doing an amazing job and it is a privilege to work with them.

Please keep in mind if you want to chat about anything then you can leave me a message at the office or contact me directly.

Take care





Last week, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, 10 Senior Students travelled the one hour long trip to the Bevan George Hockey Arena, Narrogin, for the regional CSBP Hockey Carnival. Super excited to begin the day which was going to be flat-out hockey, the bus was charged with chatter, thrills of exuberance and general awesomeness! 11 other schools were in attendance, and half of our Lakers Team were there representing Wagin and so too was our neighbours Kukerin, down the road.

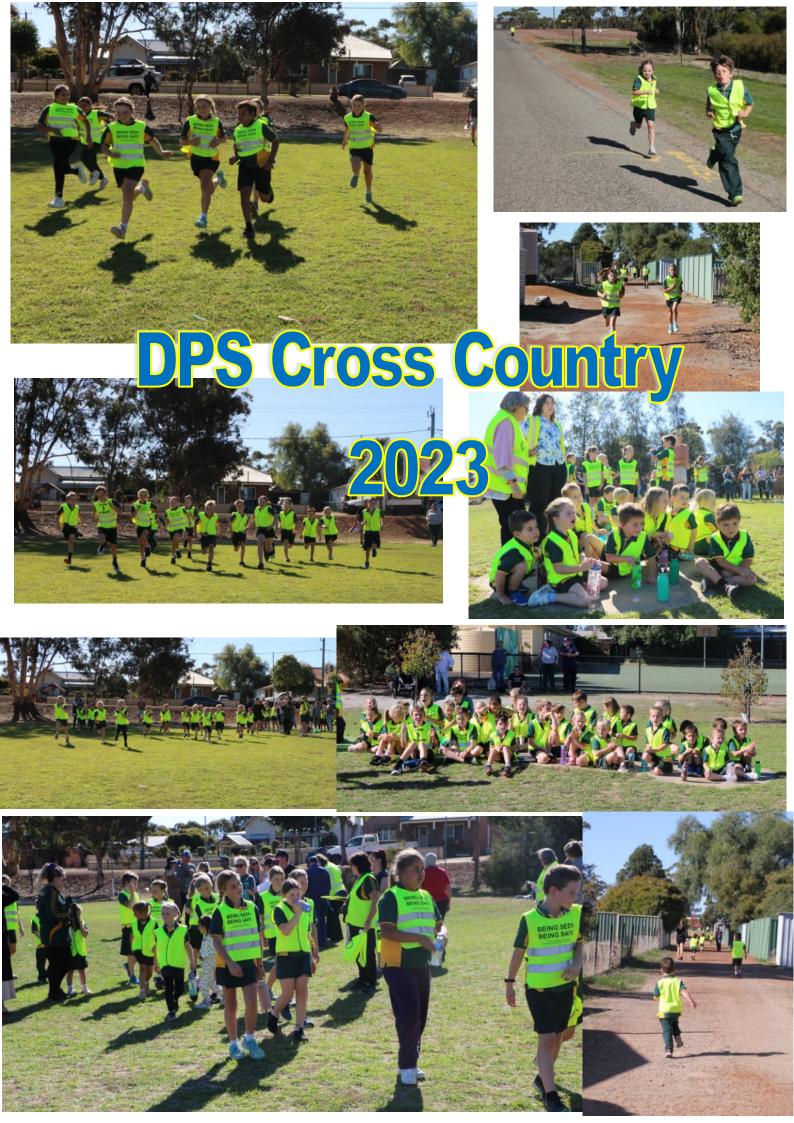
We played 6 games altogether, including the grand finale, against Kukerin. We played Kukerin twice, once we won, 1 - 0, and the other time they won 1- 0. However, we still managed to come out on top, probably because of our amazing score against Darkan, which was 7-0.

Two of our fellow Team Mates, Sky and Alexis, hadn't played on the turf or a full game of hockey against a non-Dumbleyung team before! They were naturals! Both scored a goal each for their first ever official game, as did Eloise for the first time. It was also Miss Dale's first time coaching her very own class team! A day of firsts for many of us!

We were very proud of our fabulous scores, we knew however that wasn't the most important part of our journey. The most important part was having a fun-filled and exciting day, which we definitely did! To top it all off, at the very end when it was time for presentations, we were the over-all winners for the day! We had the highest score with the most games won and goals scored for a team! We even beat our rivals, Kukerin and Wagin, who came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The bus ride home was super loud and noisy, with everyone celebrating our super impressive win by singing "We Will Rock You" at the top of our lungs!! Overall, we had a fabulous experience, and hope to do this al again next year!

A huge thank you to Mr Stephens for making the day possible with his bus driving skill. No fun without his efforts, thank you Miss Dale and Mrs Ball too! We're making awesome

Dumbleyung Primary School memories! Written by Abbie & Cleo





#### Congratulations Merit Certificate Recipients





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Aussie of the
Month Abbie & Duke

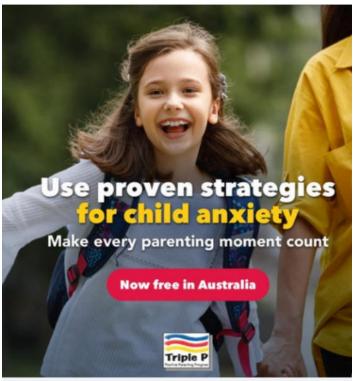








#### **Upcoming events at Dumbleyung Primary School**



Learn more about proven strategies to help your child break free from anxiety

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Triple P Fear Less Your child's anxiety doesn't have to be something to worry about! Get the support that will make the difference now and in the future. Fear Less Triple P Online can help – and it's FREE. Proven tips and tools from clinical psychologists to help you make every moment count..

Australian program, university developed, backed by research.. See DPS Parent Facebook



Would you know what you'd do in a situation where your child's friend disclosed information about abuse? Have you ever considered what to say in the case of another child showing yours pornography?

> Often parents don't want to think about dealing with a situation like this. It's scary and they hope it won't ever happen to their child.

> > What would you do?

Are you confused about how to teach your children to be wary of potential harm, without overloading them with fear, wrapping them in cotton wool, or giving them so much information that their innocence is damaged? Would you know what tried and true steps to take in the event a situation occurred?

#### Come along to this Protective Education Workshop

Protective Education is a proactive whole community approach to teaching life skills to children. It gives them the language to identify unsafe situations, arm them with tools to seek appropriate assistance or protect themselves.

Date: Thursday 22nd June 2023

5pm, School Library

Dumbleyung Primary School, 49 Taylor Street, Dumbleyung 6350 Venue:

dumbleyung.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Two Themes of Protective Education:

"We all have the right to feel safe all of the time." "We can talk with someone about anything."

#### Protective Education Concepts:

Theme reinforcement

OK to say "No"

Yes/Safe/Comfortable feelings and No/Unsafe/ Uncomfortable feelings

Three Safety Questions

Safety Continuum Secret Enablers

Risking on Purpose

Cyber Safety

Early Warning Signs Network review

Persistence

One-step removed

Public and Private

Protective interrupting

Problem-solvina

There will be books and resources available for purchase at the workshop.











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### **P&C** Meeting Dates for the remainder of the year:

- \* Monday 14 August 2023, and
- \* Monday 06 November 2023

9:00am in the school Library! See you there!



Parenting Tips for Managing Fear in Children It can take time for children to overcome their fears, especially if they have had the fear for along time. You can help your child by teaching them how to cope with the unpleasant feelings caused by fear and by encouraging them to gradually approach the thing they fear. Be prepared to seek professional help if your child's fears continue to cause difficulties.

- Talk with your child and tell them how you cope with your own fears.
- Try not to show fearful reactions.
- Teach your child coping strategies.
- Help your child to gradually face their fears.
- Remain calm when your child is scared or anxious.
- Praise your child for facing their fears.
- Encourage your child to try new things.
- Do not let your child avoid things they must do.
- Have some rules that tell your child what to do in dangerous situations.
- Get other children to help your child feel comfortable in new situations.

#### **Dumbleyung Speech and Drama Festival!!!**

#### Friday 16th June 2023 @ the Dumbleyung Town Hall.



Our students have been working so hard to complete their art projects, learn their mimes, practice their poems and focus on volume, tone and body language.

We are looking forward to seeing as many people pack the hall as possible to watch our kids! So if you are free Friday 16th June, come and watch the kids perform!

See you all there!!!

Morning Tea available and lunch order if wanted.