DOVETON COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Principal’s News

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends of Doveton College,

Welcome back to term 4. As you know, our Principal, Greg McMahon, is on leave for the first three weeks of this term. He is currently visiting schools in London; we are looking forward to hearing about them when he gets back. In the last week of Term 3, our Assistant Principal 5-9, Simon Sherlock, was successful in gaining a position as Principal of Brookside College, a P-9 school near Caroline Springs, beginning term 4. Brookside’s gain is our loss, we will miss Simon at Doveton College, he has been here since we opened and has been an integral part of all we have achieved. We thank him for his dedication and hard work and wish him every success for the future.

I have enjoyed my first week as Acting Principal, and have been ably supported by our two Acting Assistant Principals, Renae Walker and Thadd Rimer. With the support of all the staff the College is running as normal, with teaching and learning being the main focus.

Prep orientation began last week, and will continue throughout the term. It was great to see some of the new faces for next year, and their parents. We also have many children from the ELC making the move to Prep. It is a delight to watch the confidence with which they are approaching the move. They know that they are already part of the College, and are just moving to a different building. Thanks to the ELC team for making the transition so smooth, and to the Prep team for their planning and enthusiasm for our 2017 Prep students. If you know of any Prep students for 2017 in our community, please remind them about our orientation program.

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Monday 31 October - Curriculum Day
Students are not required at School
Early Learning Centre Closed

Tuesday 1 November - Cup Day Holiday

Hats

Doveton College is a Sunsmart school and every young person from Early Learning through to Year 9 must wear a hat outside in Term 1 and Term 4. The Doveton College hats can be purchased from the PSW uniform shop.
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At the other end of the school, we have several work experience students with us over the next few weeks. They are all ex Doveton students, it is great to see how they have grown and are preparing for the workforce.

We are a Sun Smart School, and Term 4 is a hat term. Please make sure your child has a school hat, and that he or she wears it at school every day. Students will be sent to the agora if they do not have a hat.

I’m looking forward to the next two weeks,

Susan McDonald  
Acting Principal

Early Learning

We are very busy down here in Early Learning. In the green room, we have started the term with a new inquiry project, looking at what animals come from eggs? The children have already drawn some beautiful pictures of turtles and their babies walking to the water. In the red room we have commenced an inquiry project, looking at nursery rhymes, as this was something that the children were showing a great interest in last term, and rhymes are very good for assisting with language acquisition. In yellow room we are finding that all of the children have grown so much, that we have now moved the soft area away, and made a cosy little home corner in that space. The tiny baby that we started with at the beginning of the year is now walking around the furniture.

In other exciting news, we will soon have a net swing instead of the very large mud pit, we are finding all of that mud a bit smelly in our yard, but a nice swing is the perfect replacement.

Michele Watson  
Director of Early Learning

Prep – Year 4 Assistant Principal’s Report

I have enjoyed my first week as the Acting Assistant Principal for the Prep to Year 4 sector. The students have made my transition into this new role much easier than I expected, as the beginning of term 4 has been nothing less than outstanding.

The first two Prep orientation sessions have been a huge success with at least 30 families attending and engaging with the staff and each other to begin/continue their education journey.

The Year 2s are preparing for their excursion to Puffing Billy in the Dandenong Ranges, while the Year 1s have been making pom-poms, stress balls, worry dolls and fairy bread to learn how to write procedural texts.

The Year 3s and 4s are excited to be learning about science for their integrated studies unit. All students have started preparing for the end of year concert, which will happen during Celebration Week (Week 11).

Renae Walker  
Acting Assistant Principal P-4
Year 5 - 9 Assistant Principal’s Report

The students in Years 5-9 have had a smooth and settled start to the final term of the school year. The students have shown great resilience adjusting to the changes that have occurred over the school holidays. This is a jam packed term with many fun and exciting adventures for our students. The Year Nine students went to Collingwood for the REACH ‘Heroes Day’ program, which is part of our ‘Futures’ Program. Our students were enthusiastic, motivated and represented our College by demonstrating our college values. These students will benefit from this wonderful day and will demonstrate what they have learned to all of our students’.

The Year Five students’ are beginning the process of making science projects while working with Mitzi Dyson. The students’ are actively engaging in the science unit and are looking forward to their projects.

The Year Six students are beginning their last term of Grade Six Sport starting this Friday at Southern Cross Primary School. The sports we will participate in are basketball, volley stars, cricket, field hockey and softball.

The DEEP program is a big hit with our senior school this term. The high performance rugby and volleyball programs have had full participation and the students are improving by leaps and bounds. Year Eight and Nine camp is right around the corner as well.

Thadd Rimer
Acting Assistant Principal Years 5 - 9

Camp Reminder

The Year 8 and 9 Camp at Phillip Island is Wednesday 7 – Friday 9 December, 2016

The final instalment payment is due on Thursday October 27

Prep Transition

Prep Orientation Sessions
(10:00am – 11:00am)

Tuesday 25 October - Welcome by Principal Greg McMahon, then returning to the Prep House to observe the children in their new setting
Tuesday 8 November - How to help your child with literacy & numeracy
Tuesday 22 November - Parents and the school
Tuesday 6 December - Morning tea with all prep parents

Final Prep Parent Information Night
Tuesday 6 December
(6:00pm – 7:00pm)

Every Day Counts

If your child is absent from school please phone the College before 9:00am to let us know. There is a dedicated phone line for this purpose. Call 8765 0111 and choose option 1 to record your child’s absences.
Hello, I am Cassandra the current coordinator for the before and after school program at Doveton College. During the school holidays we enjoyed activities such as piñatas, footy day and bike day. In the upcoming weeks we will be getting ready for Halloween and enjoying other activities in before and after school. The before school care hours run from 7am until 8.45am and the after school program runs from 3.30 until 6pm, we offer the children fruit and an afternoon snack in the evenings whilst in the morning we offer various breakfast options on arrival. We also run on curriculum days and when the school finishes early. If you would like to enrol your child please come down to the after school care room for an enrolment form or you can enrol online at [https://ylv.com.au/enrolment-form-2/](https://ylv.com.au/enrolment-form-2/)

In the upcoming weeks we will offer the following programs and also a reminder that we will not be running on the 1st of November.

| Week Beginning: 17/10/16-21/10/16 | Weekly Theme: Halloween in Coming! |

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