

Hilltop News

DIMBOOLA MEMORIAL SECONDARY COLLEGE
"DEEDS NOT WORDS" 29th January 2021



Dimboola Memorial Secondary College 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.

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Important Dates

Feb 1	Yr 11 & 12 VCAL – Roses Gap Excursion
Feb 8	School Photos Year 7 BBQ -6PM
Feb 22	DMSC Swimming
Feb 24-26	Year 7 & 8 Camp
Mar 31	Parent-Teacher Meetings

Sally Klinge – *Principal*
President – Neil Zippel, *Vice President* – Teresa Smith
Treasurer – Charlotte Pyers (DET)
Teacher Rep – John Lister (DET)
Parent Reps – Kellie Laverty, Kylie Barry,
Alastair Griffiths, Lynley Robinson
Community Rep - Tony Schneider, Charles Rees (RSL)
Student Rep – Tess Robinson, Jack Kalms, Alex Zippel
Secretary – Gaynor Baker (staff member)

"DMSC is a Child Safe School"

Respect Honesty Excellence Care Freedom

A message from the Principal

Welcome to the new school year

I hope that all families have managed to have an enjoyable holiday break, despite the travel restrictions that occurred just after Christmas. We are all looking forward to a term of activities that include the swimming and athletics sports, as well as the Year 7 and 8 camps.

As has been the case for the past few years, we began the year with a staggered start. The Year 7s, 11s and 12s enjoyed their first day on Thursday and today we had all students with us. Everyone was treated to a healthy lunch of salad wraps or rolls on their first day back at school.

New staff and students

The Year 7s were all wearing their uniform with pride on their first day at school. Staff have commented on how well they have settled into their new surrounds and we hope they enjoy their time at our school. We have several staff who have returned to teach at DMSC this year. Ms Maddie Marra has now joined our teaching staff as a Maths and PE

teacher after previously doing a pre-service teaching placement with us. Ms Britten has returned to teach English and Humanities. Ms Karli Ball has returned to DMSC to assist with the Tutor Initiative Program and Ms Tess McQueen, who was a pre-service teacher at DMSC last year, has also returned to assist with the Tutor Initiative Program. An outline of what this program will look like has been provided by Mrs Charlotte Pyers, who is overseeing the implementation of the tutor initiative at DMSC, can be found later in the newsletter.



Ms Marra



Ms McQueen

Australia Day

Congratulations to our School Captains Macey Laverty and Jack Kalms, who both spoke at Tuesday's Dimboola Australia Day celebration. Their speeches were about what the day means to them and several members of the public later commented on how much they enjoyed their speeches.



Congratulations also to Jack Kalms, who was named the Hindmarsh Shire Young Citizen of the Year. Jack was honoured for the service that he provides to the local community, especially through his gardening business and the initiative that he demonstrates in helping others. Jack has also been a member of the Hindmarsh Youth Council and the DMSC School Council in the last two years.

COVID-19 safe measures

The following outlines the main changes to the COVID restrictions in schools for this term:

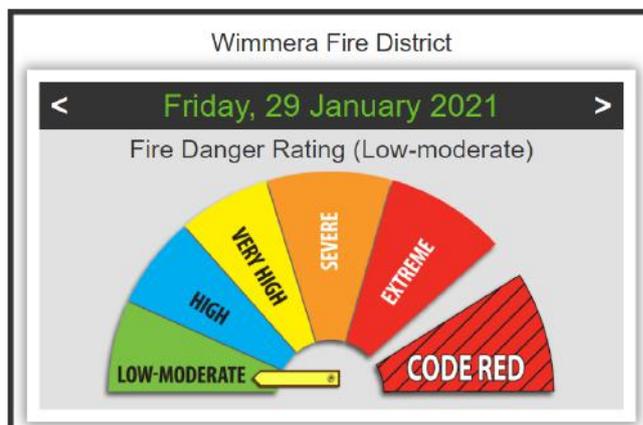
- End-of-day cleaning of all high touch surfaces and floors
- Masks are only required to be worn at school when physical distancing of 1.5 metres is not practical
- Masks must be worn when travelling on public transport ie school buses
- Visitors are permitted at school, but density limits regarding the number of people permitted in a given space still apply
- Music lessons can be conducted with limited numbers in the given space

Please remember that if your child is unwell, they must stay home. Where staff or students have been tested for coronavirus, they must isolate until they receive their test results.

Fire Safety

DMSC is a Category 3 BARR school – Bush Fire at Risk Register school. This means that on days of extreme fire danger, the school will be closed. In the event that this should occur, all parents and members of the DMSC community will be informed of the closure by no later than 3pm the day before. As a bus coordinating school, all bus routes would be cancelled. Please note that in such an emergency situation, it is not an expectation that work will be provided to students on Edmodo.

A Code Red fire danger rating may also result in a school closure. This will be determined by the local weather conditions and again this decision would be communicated to the school community well in advance. It is a timely reminder to all of us to check our fire safety plans, especially after the recent run of hot weather. Our DMSC website has the daily fire danger rating posted on the home page.



WELCOME YEAR 7s!

On Thursday, the 28th the Year 7 students were keen and eager to get started at DMSC. Throughout the day the students organised themselves, played orientation games and experienced some new classes. The students should be proud of their efforts on their first day, well done.

Ms. Combe - Year 7 Coordinator



DMSC TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE

In Semester 1 2021, a variety of Tutors will be in a variety of classes assisting students with their curriculum. The Tutor Learning Initiative is designed to support students whose learning has been disrupted as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Tutors will be working closely with selected students to improve skills and knowledge, that were affected by remote learning.

Permission letters have been sent home today for students in Years 8,9 and 10. Letters for Year 7 students will be sent soon. If your child receives one, please return it as soon as possible. If you have any queries about the program, please contact Charlotte Pyers.



COMPULSORY CATCH UP SESSIONS

These sessions will be held each lunchtime from 1.25 until the end of lunch. Those students that have not completed assessment tasks in class or at home, have this opportunity to finish their work under teacher supervision.

Mondays: any year level

Tuesdays: 9&10

Wednesdays: 7&8

Thursdays: 9&10

Fridays: 7&8

Year 11 and 12 students are able to attend any day of the week.



ATTENTION: S.M.A.R.T SESSION DAYS

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

3.20 – 4.30



SMART sessions are being held after school on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** in the Library. This is an opportunity for **all** students to complete classwork and homework under the supervision of a teacher.

Students are recommended to attend to help them keep up to date with work and to gain extra help with their assessment tasks. Snacks are provided.

If you have any questions, please ring the office or speak to Mrs Charlotte Pyers.



S – Supportive

M – Motivational

A – After School

R – Run by

T – Teachers

THESE SESSIONS WILL START IN WEEK 3

AFTER SCHOOL SUPPORT SESSIONS

DMSC is running after school support sessions for students that struggle to complete homework.

If your child has not completed assessment tasks, even after attending Compulsory Catch Up Sessions, they will be required to attend one of these sessions to help them achieve success. Parents will be contacted if their child is academically at risk, and a suitable time will be made after school to assist your child.



CANTEEN

COLD FOOD

SANDWICHES

Chicken or ham with full salad	\$4.50
Chicken or ham with lettuce and mayo	\$3.40
Choice of two fillings from list	\$2.60
Choice of three fillings from list	\$3.00

ROLLS

Chicken or ham with full salad	\$5.00
Chicken or ham with lettuce and mayo	\$4.00
Choice of two fillings from list	\$3.40
Choice of three fillings from list	\$3.60

PITTA BREADS

Chicken or ham with full salad	\$5.00
Full salad no meat	\$4.50

SALAD BOXES

Full salad no meat	\$5.00
Chicken, ham or tuna with full salad	\$5.50
Full salad with chilli chicken tender	\$6.00

SALAD LIST

Cheese, lettuce, spinach, tomato, carrot, cucumber, onion, alfalfa, beetroot

- DRINKS-

COOL RIDGE WATER 600ML	\$1.50
HARVEY FRESH 250ML (TROPICAL/ORANGE/APPLE &BLACKCURRANT)	\$2.00
MILK OAK 250ML (CHOCOLATE/STRAWBERRY)	\$2.00

HOT FOOD

CHILLI CHICKEN TENDERS	\$2.00
CHICKEN WRAP Tomato, Lettuce and Mayo	\$4.50
CHICKEN WRAP Full salad	\$5.00
CHILLI CHICKEN WRAP Tomato, Lettuce and Mayo	\$4.50
CHILLI CHICKEN WRAP Full salad	\$5.00
CHICKEN BURGER Lettuce and Mayo	\$4.50
CHICKEN BURGER Full salad	\$5.00
CHICKEN BURGER DELUXE Full salad with Bacon	\$5.20
LAMB OR CHICKEN SOUVLAKI Lettuce, Onion, Cucumber and Tomato	\$5.00
LAMB OR CHICKEN SOUVLAKI Full salad	\$5.50
LASAGNE	\$4.00
STEAMED DIM SIM	\$1.00
PARTY PIE	\$1.00
BAKERY SAUSAGE ROLL	\$3.50
NACHOS	\$3.00
PIZZA MUFFIN Ham and Pineapple	\$1.50
PIZZA Ham and Pineapple	\$3.20
HOT DOG IN A ROLL	\$3.00
FOCACCIA Chicken, Chilli and Spinach	\$4.20
FOCACCIA Ham, Cheese and Spinach	\$4.20
FOCACCIA Ham, Cheese and Pineapple	\$4.30
TOASTED SANDWICH Ham and Cheese	\$2.80
TOASTED SANDWICH Ham, Cheese and Tomato	\$3.00
BAKED POTATO Coleslaw, Sour Cream and Cheese	\$5.00
BAKED POTATO Bacon, Sour Cream, Cheese and Spring Onion	\$5.50
BAKED POTATO Bacon, Coleslaw, Sour Cream, Cheese and Spring Onion	\$6.00
BAKED POTATO Bolognese Meat, Sour Cream, Cheese, Spring Onion	\$6.00
CHICKEN NUGGETS	\$0.50

Student Enrolment Information Form

All students will bring home today their 'Student Enrolment Information Form'.

Can all Parents/Guardian/Carer please check each item on the form to ensure it is correct and up to date.

If there is any information that is incorrect, please write the updated information next to each item, where necessary.

Once checked, please sign and return to school.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact *Gaynor Baker* at the school.



2021 Fire Season

School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district.

Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR. Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days' notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and SMS message. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.** For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day. As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, and reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters and by checking our website. <http://www.dmsc.vic.edu.au/> or [Facebook page](#). If you have any further concerns, please contact either *Sally Klinge (Principal)* or *Charlotte Pyers (Assistant Principal)* at the college. 5389 1460
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season see:

- <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook ([facebook.com/cfavic](https://www.facebook.com/cfavic))
- Twitter (twitter.com/CFA_Updates)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)