Dates to Remember

October 2017
16th - Walk to School lunch activity
18th - Melbourne Symphony Orchestra
23rd-27th - Book Week
27th Grandparent/Special friend day
27th - Bandana Day
30th - Walk to School lunch activity

November 2017
6th - Student Free Day
7th - Melbourne Cup Day
10th - P-2 Day Out & Sleepover
11th - Dimboola Regatta
14th - Transition Day 1
21st - Transition Day 2
28th - Transition Day 3

Term Dates 2017
Term 4 9th October - 15th December

PRINCIPALS’ AWARDS

Alicia Murphy - For outstanding focus & effort during spelling & maths
William Hadzig - For wonderful listening & focus during music lessons.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

William Hadzig - Caring & Sharing
Jaidyn Scott - always having a positive attitude & helping others.

Church Calendar
15th Oct - 9am Dimboola HC
22nd Oct - 9am Dimboola HC
29th Oct - 9am Dimboola HC
5th Nov - 8.45am Dimboola HC

P&F Meeting
The next P&F meeting will be held on the 17th of October @ 3.30pm all welcome.
Hi everyone, welcome to term 4!! I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday break and found some time to relax and recharge. We have certainly been having a great deal of different weather lately. Our school gardens are looking fantastic with the broccoli, cauliflower and broad beans filling out and still growing. The fruit trees that were planted earlier in the year have all been shooting well and seem to have settled into their new environment. The birds are busy and the flowers around the yard look stunning.

On Wednesday afternoon we all walked down to the Dimboola Primary School for the Walk to School BBQ and activities. Due to the rain prediction the venue was changed from the Sound Shell (down near the rowing club) to the Primary School.

We thank Michelle Farinha from the Hindmarsh Shire Council for organising this fantastic event. Both staff and students had a wonderful time participating in this healthy event.

Term 4 is a busy time no matter how we approach it. We have the junior sleepover in several weeks’ time (information will be coming home soon) Book week starting on the 23rd Oct is also coming up with Grandparents/special friend’s day on Friday 27th October. Books will be on sale throughout the week and the parade will be on Friday after chapel in the morning. Please stay tuned to the newsletter for further information.

The Dimboola show is on next weekend and St Peters will have an Art display again which will showcase our students individuality and creativity. Please make time if you are at the show next weekend to have a look at these wonderful pieces of artwork.

Term 4 is when the weather starts to really warm up. Please don’t forget that all students are expected to bring their hats along each day this term and these are to be worn during all outside activities. Term one and four are ‘No Hats No Play’ sit in the shade today!!! Just a reminder that we are a sun smart school.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Yours in Christ,

Tim Reimann
“As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him. For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God. The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.” (Psalm 18:30-31,46)

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

Have you ever heard the song “Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting”? Like the psalmists in the Old Testament, we can sing songs about the heart of God. We can sing songs about His character traits and about His amazing works. What are some things about God’s goodness and greatness that you would think of as good reasons to sing?

In the song “Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting,” the writer is rejoicing that Jesus is Someone we can rest in, Someone whose loving heart is very great, Someone worthy of trust, and Someone Who gives joy. In King David’s psalm quoted above (Psalm 18), he rejoices that God’s way is perfect and that His Word has been tried (proven) to be steadfast. He describes God as a buckler (a safe place, a shelter, a fortress) for all who trust Him. More than once, David even calls the LORD a rock!

Do you know of anyone else like that? Anyone else whose ways are perfect? Anyone else who is a fortress for every single person who trusts in him? Anyone else who could be described as a rock? No one else is like that. Only God! That is why David says, “Who is God, save the LORD?” That means, “Who else could God possibly be, if He is not the LORD?”

People think different things are scary, and every child has his own set of fears. You might be afraid to get a shot at the doctor’s office, or maybe visiting a nursing home is scary for you. Maybe caves (or things that live in caves) make you afraid. Maybe you do not even like to cross the street!

But King David is not very specific, is he, about what kinds of things God protects us from. Why doesn’t David sing about God being a “buckler” in times of war or in times of illness? Well, he does get that specific in other songs, but these verses here are more broad and general. No matter what you need help with, whether it is a common thing or a rare thing, you can count on the God of the Bible. You can trust Him to be your help and fortress. He is a rock for all those who trust in Him. He is trustworthy. His ways are perfect, and His Word is proven. We can sing with David and Christian song-writers throughout the centuries that our God is that kind of God.

No one else is a rock and a fortress like our God.
What’s On

**MS Readathon**
If your child registered for the MS Readathon, it’s time to start collecting your money. Please return money and forms by Friday 20th October. If you have any issues please contact Kate Ward on 0409528958

**Regatta Catering**
P&F are again catering for the Regatta, which will be held on Saturday November 11th 2017. P&F are seeking volunteers to assist with preparing food prior to the evening, people to assist on the day with setting up and serving that night as well. If you are able to assist in any way please contact Kate Ward on 0409528958

**Dimboola Show**
The Annual Dimboola Show will be held on Saturday 21st October at the Rec Reserve from 1.45pm. We will have student Art Work on display. So pop along and check out all the amazing work our students have done.

**Volunteers for Book Fair**
Our Book Fair will be run from Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October. If you are able to assist Pam Jorgensen in running the Fair either in the mornings or afternoons, please contact the office for more details.

**Bandana Day**
Bandanas are now available in the front office for $5 each. Bandana Day is Friday 27th October and we encourage our students, their families and the community to support this

**REMINDER ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR THEIR HATS DURING TERM 4**

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**LEARN TO SWIM**

**VICSWM Summer Kidz Program** is a great way for your child to learn how to swim & stay safe in & around water!

- **VICSWM Summer Kidz** is coming to a pool or beach near you.
- **For dates, locations & times** go to www.vicswm.com.au

**ENROL FOR SUMMER**

- **VICSWM Summer Kidz** is coming to a pool or beach near you.
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- **$30 p/w**
- An additional entry cost may apply at some pools.
Our Book Week is fast approaching! This year our book week and book fair will be running from Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October. With Friday 27th being Grandparents/Special Persons Day. Also on Friday 27th we invite all our students to dress as a book character. We will be holding a Book Parade during Chapel, all parents, grandparents and special people in our lives are invited to come along. Its always a great day for all our students, their families and our community. More details will be advertised closer to the event. So mark your diaries! Its sure to be a great day!

The Book Fair will be open again each day for everyone in our school and wider community to come along and purchase books. Just in time to stock up for Christmas! There is always a bargain table with some fantastic buys. Opening times will be advertised closer to the event.

Dimboola Hockey Club AGM
Thursday 26th October
7.30pm Dimboola Health and Fitness Centre
All welcome.

Learn a brass instrument
Expression of interest

Private Music Lessons
Thursdays from 3.30 pm at the St Peters Lutheran Church Hall
A small number of instruments may be available to use.
Fees: $20.00 per 30-minute lesson paid in advance per school term
Study Book $20.00 per student
Contact Chris Johnson at the Dimboola Banner Office 0415 835280
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/phone tree]. 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.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days
- 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.
- The bus co-ordinating school will advise if bus routes will be cancelled.

Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.

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 CFA advise 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, [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, [by checking our website [insert URL] and by talking to your child’s teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan. 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 [insert URL]

For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.
Tamarra, Adelle, Jaidyn, Chelsea, Nitika and Bailey (absent) all received awards today for being Spelling Wiz’s! Congratulations to you all, keep up the great work!

Walk To School BBQ Lunch & Activities
As part of Walk To School Month the Council put on a BBQ Lunch and activities for all our students and the Primary School students. Thank You to the Dimboola Primary School for hosting the day, all our students had a fabulous time. We will be having another 2 sessions at lunch time during October, on the 16th October and 30th October. The last one is meant to be a Dance Activity, but unfortunately they have advised this is no longer possible and are working on an alternative activity for the 30th October.
The Sandpit and the boat are popular spots in our playground. The students love practicing their fishing skills and building forts in the sandpit. It's lovely to see all age groups playing together and helping each other.