



Newsletter

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Value of the week Achievement



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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we learn and play, the Dja Dja Wurrung People. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations peoples. We are grateful to learn on this land and commit to caring for Country, learning from its rich history and culture, and working together towards a shared future.

Dates to Remember

July	
22nd-24th	3/4 Camp
24th	Assembly
31st	5/6 Noel Pollard Basketball
August	
5th	Newsletter Released
7th	Assembly
21st	Smile Squad Maryborough District Athletics

Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday break and had the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends. It has been wonderful to see our students return with enthusiasm and a positive attitude, ready for another exciting term of learning.

This term promises to be a busy one, with many learning opportunities, special events and celebrations. We look forward to continuing to work together to support every student to achieve their personal best.

Over the coming weeks I will also be updating the Dunolly Primary School website to ensure it provides families with current and useful information. As part of this process, the school calendar will be regularly updated so that important dates, events and activities are easy to access. Thank you for your patience while these improvements are being made.

The Spire is Almost Ready!

We are excited to announce that our new playground equipment, The Spire, has now been installed. A final safety inspection is scheduled for Friday, after which we hope to open it for student use.

As this is a new and exciting addition to our playground, we will be introducing a rostered timetable for break times to ensure all classes have a fair opportunity to enjoy the equipment while avoiding overcrowding.

To support student safety:

- Prep to Year 2 students will be restricted to climbing no higher than the green section of The Spire.
- Once The Spire is open, students may only use the equipment before and after school if they are directly supervised by a parent or responsible adult. School staff do not supervise playground equipment outside of school hours.

We appreciate everyone's support as students learn to use this fantastic new equipment safely and responsibly.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank our school community for your understanding and support regarding the Australian Education Union industrial action taking place tomorrow. As previously communicated, there will be no staff onsite. We appreciate the kindness and respect shown by our families as we navigate this statewide action together.

Child Safe Standards

Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe.



NOTICEBOARD



Information Update

On Friday, we will be sending home the current information we have on file, including addresses, phone numbers, and employment details. We ask that you please take the time to review this information and ensure that all details are correct and up to date. If any changes are required, please update the information and return it to the school.



Parent/Carer - Teacher Conferences

Thank you to everyone who attended the conferences this week. We hope you found these conversations useful, informative, and a valuable opportunity to connect and discuss your child's learning and progress.



Trivia Night

If you haven't booked a table there is still room. Please see the attached flyer for more information about how to register. It is sure to be a fun night!



School Council Dates

School Council Meeting
Monday 27th July at 7:00pm



Students of the Week

Prep/1

Chelsea C

Grade 1/2

Aubree T

Grade 3/4

TBA

Grade 5/6

Nyah H

Last week's 'Student of the Week'

Due to there being no assembly held in the final week of Term 2, we don't have a photo to share this time. Please check back in our next newsletter on August 5th, where we look forward to sharing more updates and highlights from our school community.

Thank you for demonstrating the school value of
'Achievement'





This week in Library, students enjoyed reading *Once I Was a Giant* by Melbourne author and illustrator Zeno Swords.

This beautiful, poetic picture book is told from the perspective of a tree that grows into a towering forest giant before being transformed into a simple pencil. Through stunning illustrations and thoughtful storytelling, students explored themes of growth, change, resilience and the impact that even the smallest things can have on the world.

Once I Was a Giant has received widespread recognition, winning the 2026 Australian Book Industry Award (ABIA) Book of the Year, Children's Picture Book of the Year, and the 2026 Victorian Premier's Literary Award for Children's Literature. It has also been shortlisted for the 2026 CBCA Picture Book of the Year.

While our Grade 3/4 students have been enjoying their camp adventure, students in Prep/1, 1/2 and 5/6 have been working extremely hard back at school.

Drawing on what they learned during their Library session, students wrote thoughtful book reviews about *Once I Was a Giant*. They reflected on the story's themes, shared their favourite parts and explained why they would (or wouldn't!) recommend the book to others.

It was wonderful to see students using their comprehension skills, expressing their opinions and demonstrating their growing confidence as writers. Well done to all students for their fantastic effort!



**DUNOLLY PS
PRESENTS....**

Hawaiian Trivia Night

TABLES OF 8-10PPL

\$20PP PAYMENT DUE BY MON 10TH

FRIDAY

AUGUST 14TH
6:30 - 10PM

DUNOLLY BOWLS CLUB

**BYO NIBBLES
DRINKS AT BAR PRICES
NO BYO**

BEST DRESSED PRIZES

RSVP by Monday 10th Aug
Jess - 0408 101 984





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Early Help Support at Our School

Every Thursday, Judy Gersch, the Early Help Practitioner for Maryborough and surrounding areas, will be available at our school from 1:00pm in the Library.

If you would like to meet with her for a confidential chat, please contact Judy Gibbs on 54681111 or Compass to arrange a suitable time.

What is Early Help?

Early Help is a short-term, early intervention program that supports families who may be experiencing challenges or changes in their lives. It is designed for families who would benefit from some extra support before concerns become more serious.

Early Help can assist with:

- Parenting support and strategies
- Managing children's behaviour and routines
- Strengthening family relationships
- Support during separation or family changes
- Connecting families with local services and community programs
- Assistance with school engagement and attendance
- Linking families to counselling, health, or financial support services.
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The program is available for families with children from birth to 18 years of age who are connected to a universal service (such as school or kindergarten).





VIC SCHOOLS **MTB SERIES** 2026

2026 AUSCYCLING VIC SCHOOLS MTB SERIES - Round 6

With both Race or Novice category this event is suitable for all school-aged children, whether an experienced racer, social rider, or beginner wanting to have a fun day out with friends



Date: Saturday September 12th 2026

Venue: Castlemaine Secondary College

Cost: \$30

<https://entryboss.cc/races/31524>

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