Classes 2017
Teachers are beginning to work on class structures for 2017, so it is important that if you have any concerns to put them in writing to myself as soon as possible. Please remember concerns such as conflict between students will be considered but not requests for specific teachers. The teachers and I spend a lot of time allocating children to certain grades and it is important that we be aware of any concerns/issues that are occurring between students.

Camp Rumbug
Next week the grade 3/4 children are off to a three day camp. Shannon and her team have done a lot of work in preparation for this experience to occur. If you are able to bring in any medication required during camp time before Monday it would be greatly appreciated. Cynthia will ensure that the medication is documented and ready for camp.

Clubs
Clubs are continuing this term and have been an outstanding success. There are many different clubs operating which cater for different needs and interests. These lunchtime clubs have been successful, engaged the children and provided them with respite from the yard if needed.

First Aid
On Wednesday the staff completed the annual First Aid refresher course. Each year the staff take part in this course to ensure their first aid knowledge is up to date. It is quite an intense course and covers many different aspects of health care and appropriate procedures. An essential part of the training is the use of a defibrillator. We are very lucky here at Dorset to have one in our office and are well prepared if we ever need to use one.

Diary Dates

October - Walk to School Month

13th - Prep 2017 Transition Performing Arts Session
17th - Grade 5/6 Hooptime Finals
17th - 19th - Grade 3/4 Camp Rumbug
20th - Prep 2017 Transition French Session
20th - 21st - Grade 5/6 Puberty Education
26th - Walkathon F - 2
27th - Walkathon 3 - 6
27th - Prep 2017 Transition Meet your Grade 5 ‘Buddies’ Session
31st - Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)

November

1st - Melbourne Cup Day (Pupil Free Day)
2nd - 11th - F - Grade 1 Swimming

New Parent Club
Hi Dorset Parents,
My name is Tania Hansford. I have been appointed to the new role of Parent Club President at our school, which I am very excited about. For those who might not know me, I have been a parent at the school for six years and I have three children who attend the school, Miesha grade 5, Tahli grade 2 and Keaghan in Foundation. I am always floating around the school helping in one way or another. As part of my new role I will be starting a parents club which will be weekly beginning next Tuesday 18th October in the staffroom from 2.30 - 3.30pm. The club will be for all parents and families to come along and have a cuppa and cake. In this time we can do any little jobs the teachers might need a hand with. I would love any parents of new students of 2017 to come along. There will be many fun things happening and planned during the term. If you have any questions or would love to know more please come and see me.

Thank you
Tania Hansford
Parent Club President.
I can’t quite believe that it’s term 4 already. Spring is such a busy month in the garden. The contrast between Spring 2015 and this year so far has been incredible. By the second week in October last year, we had experienced three days over thirty (even one day of 35). Last week we were delighted to have reached 25 degrees. We will be observing the effects this has on the garden and our crops. Apart from when it is pouring (which it seems to do every Tuesday) we work un-daunted. You’ll have noticed parts of the garden looking a little bare at the moment. We are of course making way for spring and summer planting. All this digging and clearing is thrilling to the chickens, who can’t wait to scratch around for bugs that have been out of reach for a while. When they are not scratching for delicious garden snacks, they are luxuriating under the eaves in their favourite dust bathing spots. It’s a lovely life for the Dorset flock.

See you in the garden.
Jane Humphrys

The Hidden Path
Chapter 2. Treasure!

Henry scanned the ground. He moved leaves, turned over rocks and even dug a hole under the spot where he had found the flake. There wasn’t any more gold.

Henry looked again at the gold flake in his hand. “Well, one gold flake is awesome!” he sang triumphantly. Pulling on a cord around his neck, he lifted a small leather pouch out of his shirt. Carefully he loosened the string and dropped in the gold flake. Then he cinched up the cord and dropped the pouch back inside his shirt.

Henry stood and continued his journey up the path. It was spreading into a bit more of a track. It was wide enough now for a horse to walk on.

Henry carefully made his way along the path. He was walking slower than he had been before finding the gold. He didn’t want to miss anything important. When he had been walking for about 15 minutes Henry emerged from the bushy green trees and walked into the direct sunlight. The path was getting rockier and the surroundings drier as he went up the mountain.

As Henry rounded a bend in the path, the sunlight shone brightly all around him. Something sparkled in distance. Henry put a hand to his forehead to shade his eyes. Had he really seen something? Yes! There it was again, in the middle of the path far in front of him. It glistened and shimmered as the sun beat down. It wasn’t shiny like the gold had been. It was a reddish colour and maybe a bit bigger than the gold flake.

Henry let out a whoop of joy and sprinted up the track, sliding the final metre on his knees, getting his pants dirty. He reached down and picked up a tiny red ruby. At least it looked like a ruby. Henry held it up to the sun. It lit up like a tiny fire.

“It is a Ruby!” Henry shouted with glee. Quickly he looked around himself for any more precious stones, but there were none. He dropped the ruby carefully into his pouch before getting to his feet and continuing up the path.

Carefully examining his surroundings with every step, Henry slowly made his way up the mountainside. He had been walking for another 30 minutes when he saw a dark hole in the mountainside.

Maybe it’s a cave, Henry thought. I wonder what’s inside the cave! As he got closer, Henry realised he was right. It was a cave.

He walked into the shade of the cave mouth and let his eyes adjust to the darkness. When he could see, he saw a pile of gold a few steps inside the cave.

Apple Man

Apples will be delivered to the school this Friday 14th October by approximately 11:00am. Bags will be approx. 5.5kg and all bags are $10.00 each. The apples available to purchase are Fuji, Royal Gala, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, Pink Lady and also available are Green or Brown Pears. Please have payment in by 9am Friday 14th October. Thanks!!!

Breakfast Club

A big thank you to everyone who has assisted with breakfast club this term. Without our lovely helpers giving up their mornings and the amazing donations from the school community breakfast club wouldn’t be possible. At the moment we are in desperate need of milo, if anyone is able to donate a tin please hand it in at the office. Thanks again for everyone's contribution!
School Council Members meet at 7:30pm on the fourth Wednesday of every month. This meeting follows the committee meetings which commence at 6:45pm on the same night. Please email any items that you would like discussed at the upcoming school council meeting to: dorsetpsschoolcouncil@dorsetps.vic.edu.au

Students Of The Week

Sarah Jones
Zander Cunningham
Lilly Bevan
Tyson Giles
Kade Poliseno
Lucas Cook
Hamza Padrawala
Natalie McKeown
Stuart Klaussner
Harris Painter

Lara O’Shea
Emma Goewie
Isabella Dennis
Oliver Scorgie
Sam Pachacz
Jade Jacquet
Hannah McKeown
Lara Dibble
Olivia Whelan
Callum Billimoria

Walk to School

Walk to School this October and connect with local families! Dorset Primary School is excited to be taking part in VicHealth’s Walk to School from 3-28 October. Walk to School encourages primary school students to walk to and from school every day in October to highlight the ways walking improves children’s health and wellbeing. Walking to school is a great way to help kids achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day. We’ll be encouraging families and students to walk to and from school as often as possible during October to help students learn healthy habits for life. Teachers will use classroom calendars to record each time students walk, ride or scoot to and from school. VicHealth offers some great prizes to schools with high participation, and runs fun walking themed competitions for students throughout October. We’ll be providing parents with an ‘Information sheet for parents and carers’ with all the information you’ll need about Walk to School. You can also visit the Walk to School website for more information: www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au

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Not sure how to get started?
There are lots of ways families can get involved. You might like to:
wake with your child to and from school and enjoy the chance to chat,
connect with other families and friends on your way to school, and share the journey,
part way is ok – if you live a long distance from school or have limited time, drive part of the way to school and walk the rest, or
mix it up – if your child enjoys riding their bike or scooter, that’s great too!

Congratulations!!
Thank you to all the students and families who sold chocolate for our main fundraiser this year and to all the families who continue to sell them. During Monday morning’s assembly the chocolate raffle was drawn. A big congratulations to Remi Gillespie 1D, Noami Tha Sui Meng Cinzah FA and Isaac Chow 3A who have all won $100.00 each to spend. A massive thank you to Blake Almanzi of 3B who sold an amazing 26 boxes for the school and is continuing to sell them.

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