



SCHOOL SNIPPETS

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We all reflected on what might have been as the Field Days week slipped past last week. We really did miss the excitement and will be super keen to be involved next year. We noticed the wonderful volunteers who were still engaged in a busy bee last Friday to make sure the site is kept in good order.

UNDERCOVER UPDATE

Apart from some electrical work and fixing a plumbing issue, the long awaited undercover area is complete. Students will have to wait for another week before they can use the surface so it has ample time to 'cure'. The additional paint markings (funded by the tendering of previous structures) add a huge WOW factor and I can see many lessons taking advantage of this space.

Everyone in the community is invited to come along for a look between 3pm and 6pm on Saturday, Sept 19th.

MICROSOFT SCHOOLS TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

The school has been selected to be a part of the Microsoft Schools Transformation Program. The program offers a range of free workshops and networking so we can make the most of the vast range of tools available to schools. There are workshops for school leaders, staff supporting students with learning and physical needs and staff who will support others in their upskilling with Microsoft. After the first Leaders workshop yesterday, I am very excited at how we can better engage students and improve our impact on learning.

FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We hope we will see many of you at the Faction Carnival next Friday. Students have been practising their athletics skills in PE classes and are really looking forward to the event. With Phase 4 of COVID restrictions still in place, we will be asking parents to keep their distance from ALL students except in their role as a helper and, even then, physical distancing should be adhered to. This will be especially important during the field rotations as we do not wish to limit spectator access. Thanks, in advance, for your cooperation :)



WHAT'S ON?

- Sept 1,2,3 Year 10 OLNA
- Sept 4 Cunderdin Ag Open Day.
- Sept 11 Faction Carnival
- Sept 17 Great Vegie Crunch
- Sept 18 Interschool Athletics

AND WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE NOW?

See you on Sept 19th between 3pm and 6pm for a look! More details on this P & C hosted event next week.



Together We Strive



Hands on with Hearts



This term the Year 8 class has been learning about the systems in the human body. A part of this was looking at the function of the circulatory system. Thanks to a kind donation from Brent at Dowerin Gourmet Butcher Shop, the class was able to look at the function of the lungs and how much they can expand and then dissect a heart to look at the atriums, ventricles and valves. As you can see from the smiles, all students had a good time and learnt a lot.



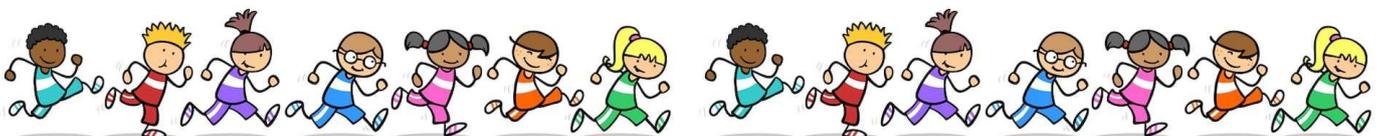
2020 MECKERING CROSS COUNTRY

The Interschool Cross-Country was run and won last week in perfect conditions, as usual it was hosted by Meckering and our 30 eager competitors were keen to finally go on an excursion. The year 9/10 girls and boys started the day with Courtney Robinson claiming the bronze medal in the girl's race and Logan Ward just missing the medals in the boy's event finishing in 4th place.

Our year 7/8's had a lot of first time runners, but this didn't stop them from all finishing inside the top 20 positions. Best of the girls was Holly Robinson in 8th and Rylan Hoddy finished 8th for the boys.



The year 5/6 girls and boy's races were the largest fields for the day with over 40 competitors in each event. In the girl's event Mollie Ratcliffe ran an excellent race to claim our second bronze medal of the day. Our boys found the going a little tougher with Daniel Holberton our best in 11th. In year 3/4 the boys out did the girls with Davey Couper finishing in 11th, while Tenielle McMorran placed 12th out of 40 competitors. For some of our Pre-primary to year 2 competitors this was their first interschool carnival and they were a little nervous. However, this did not stop them from doing their best. Ciara McMorran was our best in the girl's event, finishing in 6th. While Jacob Windsor managed a 13th in a strong field. Overall Dowerin finished 5th out of 14 schools in the primary division and 7th out of 18 schools in the overall shield.





Term 3 has seen our classroom return to our engagement in the play-based style of learning called the Walker Learning Approach.

Three times a week for the first period of the day students are able to investigate a variety of learning centres around the room. Each area has an intended learning goal however the imagination and innovation that stems from what objects are in each area is never limited. Each day there are 'Walker' students who have specific missions to complete so that their learning is targeted to their needs.



ROOM 5a Walker Learning Approach

