

COUNCILLORS TOUR THE SCHOOL

During the first week of term the Dowerin Shire Councillors were invited to tour the school and view the upgraded facilities and discuss future partnerships. Those who attended were very impressed with what was on offer, especially the newly refurbished Design and Technologies shed. Always supportive of the school, the councillors also chatted about possible future partnerships and further ways they could support the school. Watch this space...!

THANKS KEZIA for your SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE

It was with sadness that the School Board has received the resignation of Mrs Kezia Metcalf as Chair and member of the School Board. Mrs Metcalf has served on the Board for 3 1/2 years and as Chair for the last 2 1/2. Kezia has been an effective leader, ensuring the Board undertakes its functions within the guidelines set out in legislation while challenging all members to be proactive contributors to school decision making and strategic planning of the school. We have no doubt that Kezia will continue to make valuable contributions to the development of the school and wider community in the future. Mr Peter Crippen has been elected Chair of the School Board for the remainder of the year.

I encourage anyone interested in becoming a member to get in touch with a Board member or the school to find out more and, if a Board member approaches you about joining, please give it serious consideration.

RECENT BOARD MEETING

At the recent Board meeting we:

- reviewed the Terms of Reference—which directs how we operate.
- Reviewed the school finances
- Were updated on school operational matters
- discussed how we can increase the profile of Board members
- Reviewed the Wellbeing aspect of the school Business Plan.
- Were updated on the upcoming Student Leadership Event.
- Discussed parking options and line-marking for the parent/teacher carpark (if you have any concerns, please get in touch)

COVID IMPLICATIONS

Thanks to everyone who has done their part to keep everyone safe by wearing masks as required. We have been advised you

WHAT'S ON?

Monday 10th May - K-2 Mother's Day High Tea
Monday 10th - Thursday 13th May - NAPLAN
Friday 14th May - Secondary Social

are only required to wear masks if you have been in the Perth or Peel regions.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY

On May 25th, 190 student leaders from the Inland Lighthouse Network will arrive in Dowerin to engage in a day of speakers, workshops and activities to develop their leadership skills. This event, postponed due to COVID promises to be memorable and also has two community events associated with it (one at lunchtime, the other in the evening) so we can take advantage of the presenters who have travelled to be here.

We are fortunate that two of the presenters will also be delivering workshops at the school the next day.

This event would not be possible without the extremely generous support of the Dowerin Field Days, the Dowerin Shire and Apex. The Shire has contributed significantly in kind and were also responsible for accessing one of the grants that financed the event.



ANZAC DAY APPRECIATION

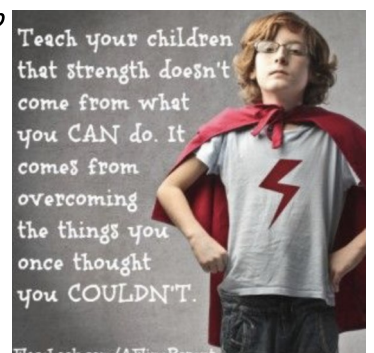
The school recently received a letter of thanks for the contributions Holly Robinson, Kailee McMorran, Tom Robinson and Boston Petchell made at the Dowerin ANZAC service as representatives of the school. I would also like to thank Mrs Kelly Pickering and our chaplain, Mrs Hagboom for organising the wreath on behalf of the school.

CAREER INTERVIEWS

After a workshop and information session with Marcelle and Tamika about Careers pathways, The Year 9 and 10 students are currently having one-on-one interviews to help with decision making about possible future careers.

It's great to have a drop of rain...lets hope there is a fair bit more to come. Happy seeding to those on tractors and all the people that keep the wheels turning.

Barb Garner
Principal



YEAR 3/4 CLASSROOM CAPERS

Our class has been extremely busy. Here are a few photos to show you some of our projects.

ANZAC DAY

This year we created a scene called 'The Last Post'. These amazing pieces were drawn by each child using pencil and then filled in with black texta. The colours used to create the magnificent background are gorgeous chalks!

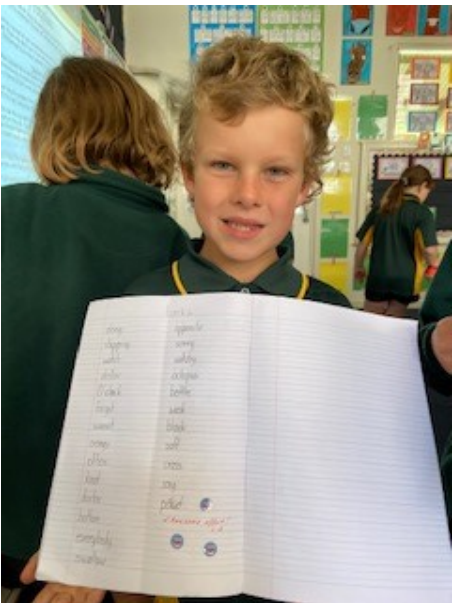
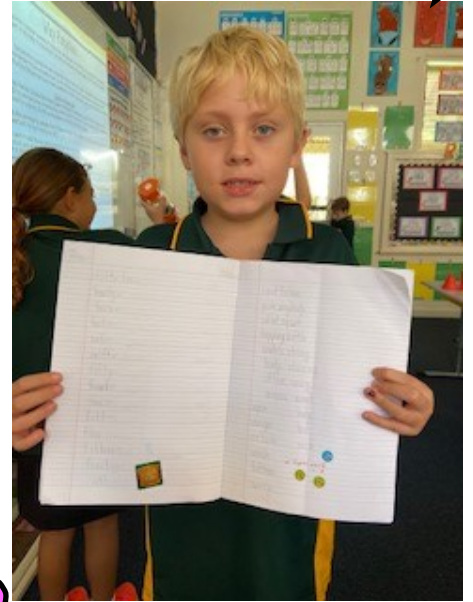
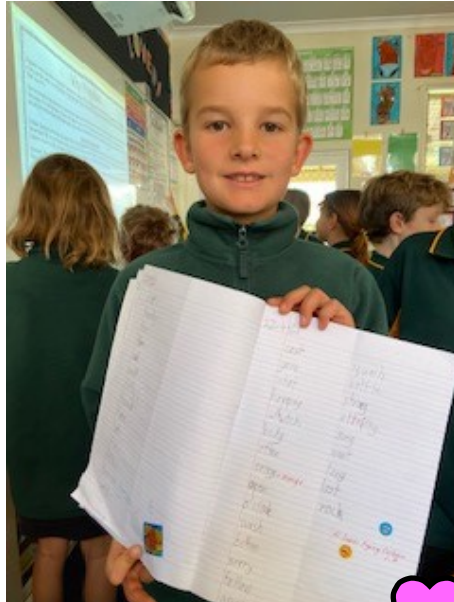
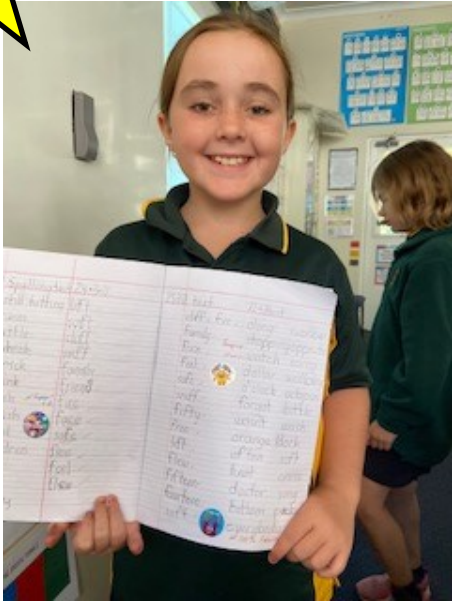


In Reading we have been identifying the 'main Idea'. Here is an example of one of our activities. We used our class novel 'Code Name Bananas' by David Walliams to identify the main idea.

Here are some Easter rabbits. We used bright chalks to make them stand out! We drew these all by ourselves!!



YEAR 3/4 CLASSROOM CAPERS



SPELLING
I'm so proud of the year 3/4 group for really focussing on their spelling. We have been looking at the phonemes (sounds of our language) and graphemes (the letter and letter combinations). These are helping us to develop strategies for success in not only spelling but reading too!! What a SENSATIONAL class!

