

Hilltop News

DIMBOOLA MEMORIAL SECONDARY COLLEGE

“DEEDS NOT WORDS”



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December 12th 2017

“DMSC is a Child Safe school”

Respect

Honesty

Excellence

Care

Freedom

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 12-14 'Step Up' classes for Year 7, 8, 9

Dec 15-19 Activities

Dec 19 Awards Night 7pm DMSC Hall

Dec 20-22 Clean up at school

Dec 22 Last Day of Term 4

2018

Jan 29 DMSC Office Open

Jan 30 Year 7, 11 & 12 Students commence

Jan 31 ALL students attend school

CANTEEN NEWS

Please note - the last day for ordering lunch at the canteen is Friday, December 15th.

No hot food will be available after this date, only drinks and icy poles at recess and lunchtime will be available to purchase.

Helen Polack

HATS

If any students have spare DMSC hats at home, we would love to have them returned so that others may use them.

Sally Klinge

A message from our Principal.....

Year 7 Transition Day

Today we welcomed 2018's Year 7s for their last transition day. Judging by their smiling faces, they were very happy to be back at DMSC and we are looking forward to a great year with them in 2018. Thank you to Marcy Britten and Holly Ruwoldt who have coordinated the day.



Farewell to our Year 10s!

Last Friday, our Year 10s finished their school year. Having completed a week of Year 11 orientation, all students now have the information they need to be adequately prepared for the start of next year. I have been very impressed with some of our Year 10s who have been coming into school this week to complete their holiday homework. This is a great idea as it allows them to seek support from teachers and also to use the resources we have available here at school.

Step Up!

This week, all students in Years 7-9 are participating in their second week of our Step Up program. All staff have prepared curriculum and many have set homework to be completed in readiness for next year. Please encourage your son or daughter to complete all tasks in the coming week, that way allowing for a restful break and avoiding the stress on January 29!

Thank you to our new staff who have been attending DMSC to teach their classes for 2018. We appreciate this commitment from Justin Chilver, Kirra Webster-Lawson and Jake Anders.

Awards Night

As the year is coming to an end, we look to our Awards Night to reflect on the many achievements of the year that has been. I warmly invite members of the DMSC school community to attend this celebratory event and to share in the successes of our students. This year, we will be opening the doors a little earlier so guests can look over a display of student work. The exhibition will be in the Hall Annexe from 6.15pm – please enter via the deck.

Annual Implementation Plan 2018

Over the last few weeks, all staff have been involved in whole-school planning for 2018. Stemming from our Strategic Plan, we have settled on the key actions we will need to take to ensure we work toward the achievement of our goals. Our constant aim to improve outcomes for all students lies at the heart of every goal and every action that we take. At last night's School Council meeting, the AIP for 2018 was endorsed.

School Council

Last night was our final School Council meeting for 2017. After our meeting, we enjoyed a meal at the Victoria Hotel in Dimboola. I would like to thank all of the councillors who have volunteered their time this year, please see the names at the top of our newsletter, and we thanked and farewelled Suzanne Thomas and Lyndon Kuhne who will be leaving DMSC at the end of this year. A special thank you to Lisa Polycarpou who has been the President in 2017, we appreciate your commitment to the school.

Anne Gawith
Principal



Filing cabinets for sale!

We have several 4-drawer filing cabinets that are surplus to requirements. If you would like to purchase one of these for the nominal price of \$30, please contact the office on 53891460.



A screenshot of the safe steps website. The header includes the safe steps logo, "24/7 Family Violence Response 1800 015 188 (Toll Free)", "If you are in danger CALL 000", and a "QUICK ESCAPE" button. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for "FORMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE", "HOW DOES IT MAKE YOU FEEL?", "VIOLENCE IN THE HOME", "DATING VIOLENCE", "GETTING HELP", "TECHNOLOGY SAFETY", "FRIENDS", "FAQ", "TRUE STORIES", and "ABOUT US". The main content area features a section titled "safe steps 4 YOUTH" with the heading "WHAT IS FAMILY VIOLENCE?". The text explains that everyone has the right to feel safe in their home and in their relationship, and that families and couples don't always get along, sometimes it's normal for people to argue. It also states that if someone in your family or your partner is consistently hurting, humiliating, controlling, threatening or frightening you or other people then this could be family violence. There is a "Page 3 Designing the assessment tool" link and a "HOME" button.

A flyer titled "WALK AND BE PAID!!!" for "LETTERBOX DELIVERIES IN THIS AREA". It lists "Contract positions available..." and "Deliverers wanted". The flyer includes a list of benefits: "Prompt, reliable payments", "Flexible hours, close to home", and "Why not GET PAID to exercise?". It also features an illustration of a person running towards a mailbox, a stack of money, and a hand holding a stack of money. A contact number "0437196133" is provided, along with the text "If you are a responsible person and would like to earn some extra money...". At the bottom, it says "TELEPHONE AND TRANSPORT REQUIRED FOR PICKUPS".

An important date to mark down in your diary –

DMSC Annual Awards Night is to be held on Tuesday 19th December 2017 commencing at 7:00pm in the Assembly Hall.

- All parents, guardians and family members are invited to attend
- All students are expected to attend and to be seated by 10 minutes to 7pm
- Students should wear correct summer uniform
- Student reports will be distributed at the conclusion of the evening.



Important End of Year Dates – 2017

Please see below the finishing dates for the various year levels. If you have any questions, please call the school and speak with the relevant Year Level Coordinator.

Year 9

“Step up”– Year 10 Orientation	Dec 4-14
Activities	Dec 15-19
Clean up at school	Dec 20 - 22

Year 8

“Step up”– Year 9 Orientation	Dec 4 - 14
Activities	Dec 15 - 19
Clean up at school	Dec 20 - 22

Year 7

“Step up”– Year 8 Orientation	Dec 4 - 14
Activities	Dec 15- 19
Clean up at school	Dec 20 – 22

ALL STUDENTS

AWARDS NIGHT

DECEMBER 19th (Tues) at 7.00pm

*** Please note that Year 10s must have a note from home to enable them to leave on December 8th.**

Homework

YEAR	SUBJECT	HOMEWORK	DUE DATE
8 - 2018	English	7D and 7M English: The Outsiders Workbook Questions 1	1 st Feb 2018
8	German	To take holiday photos	
9	Humanities	Create a front cover booklet on the Industrial Revolution	
10	Humanities	Watch a film on WWII	
10D & M - 2018	English	9D/10D: Deadly Unna? Workbook Questions 1	1 st Feb 2018
11 - 2018	Maths Methods	Holiday homework - *Questions from Chapter 1A – 1F; *Rules book for Chapter 1; * Assignment 1	
11- 2018	General Maths	Complete exercises up to 1G and make summary of sections	
11 - 2018	Psychology	Three written tasks (approx.. 500 words total) – Details on Edmodo	
11 - 2018	English	Holiday Homework checklist	
11- 2018	P & D Tech	Holiday homework - Sustainability	
11M & 12M 2018	Literacy	read Looking For Alibrandi and complete chapter summaries / character profiles - watch ‘Australia’ movie and complete character profiles / summary sentences.	
12 - 2018	Psychology	Read Chapter 2 of text. Complete Las 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6,2.7,2.9, 2.12, 2.13, 2.14 All Qs. Read Topics ‘Eustress and distress’ and ‘Source of stress’ from Chapter 3 (pre-reading for first week back).	



2018 – School Year – Starting Dates

Staff Return – Monday January 29 – Office Open

Year 7, 11 & 12 Students commence – Tuesday January 30

ALL students attend – Wednesday January 31

(This includes all VCAL students)

The staggered start to the year will provide the Year 7s with a settling in day. On this first day, the Year 7s will be assisted with organisational matters, school familiarisation and there will also be pastoral care activities run in conjunction with the senior students.

VCE and VCAL classes will also use part of their first day to attend to administrative matters and will have sessions on study habits and expectations of the senior school.

Please note that all VCAL students will be expected to attend on both the Wednesday and Thursday of the first week. A special program will be delivered.

If you have any queries regarding this arrangement please contact the school. 5389 1460



