

AT-A-GLANCE

For the complete school calendar, visit
<https://www.ddcs.qld.edu.au/calendar>
...and **ADD** it to your calendar!

MAY 1-3	Year 9/10 HOPE Camp #1
May 02	Mother's Day Stall - YR 5/6 CLASS ONLY (Due to Camp)
May 03	Discount Date for Prompt Payment of Term 2 Fees
May 06	(Monday) Labour Day Public Holiday
May 07	Primary Athletics Carnival Secondary Gala Day #2 - Basketball
May 8-10	Year 6 Camp
May 08	Mother's Day Stall - KINDY STUDENTS ONLY
May 09	Mother's Day Stall - Remaining Primary Classes
May 12	(Sunday) Mother's Day



TICKLED PINK WITH PINK FIG SUCCESS!

The Pink Fig Markets shone on Sunday. With a lovely sunny day and our campus looking beautiful, visitors were treated to a special day out. Bespoke markets, food & drink, live music, fun activities .. we had it all!

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED

A big thank you to the Pink Fig committee members and everyone who contributed to the event by volunteering, donating goods or attending on the day. Check out the thankyou to our sponsors on page two and the P&F thankyou on page five.



DDCS - Proud to be a **YOU CAN DO IT** School!

School Value Focus Weeks 1-5 : **JUSTICE**

Social/Emotional Focus Weeks 1-5 : **EMPATHY**



Bespoke markets



Fun activities



Catching up with friends



CELEBRATING OP & NAPLAN ACHIEVEMENT

Earlier this year I commented on the OP achievement of our 2018 Year 12 cohort. As reported by the Chronicle on 18 February, DDCCS students ranked second amongst Toowoomba schools with 28.57% of our OP students achieving between a 1 and 5. What a great achievement.

Recently I received an email from the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) regarding 2018 NAPLAN statistics.

For several years ACARA has released information on schools demonstrating substantially above average gain in student reading and/or numeracy achievement, as measured by NAPLAN, as students progress from Year 3 to Year 5 and from Year 7 to Year 9.

ACARA identified DDCCS as "having demonstrated substantially above average gain in reading and/or numeracy, as measured by NAPLAN."

ACARA Chief Executive Officer extended congratulations to our school community on this achievement. "Improvement in student literacy and/or numeracy of this magnitude ... is significant and worthy of highlighting", he says.

I am proud of the way our students, parents and staff have partnered together to achieve such fantastic results. Thank you for your continued support of your children and their teachers.

GLOWING PINK - A GREAT DAY OUT!!

What a wonderful day we had at the Pink Fig Market on Sunday. We were blessed with beautiful weather - a certain Principal even managed to get a little pink ... on his face.

I want to thank all the families who came along and supported our market day. It is a great opportunity not just for raising funds for the school but also for showcasing our wonderful community.

I enjoyed meeting new people, chatting to stall holders (what an amazing bunch of creative people live in our city), eating great food and hearing some wonderful music.

A HUGE thank you to all our supporters: The Pink Fig Committee (Sophia Mallet, Eva Peers and Zenice Wilkins), Ivan Rosendahl and his wonderful P & F team and the volunteer parents, students and staff.

Thanks also to our sponsors (see below). I encourage you to support them where you can and let them know you appreciate their support of our school.

TYING THE KNOT

Congratulations to Miss Sarah Beecroft (Year 1/2 teacher) and Mr Ryan McKay on the announcement of their recent engagement. May God bless you both as you prepare for your big day.

Have a great week.

Mr Fitzpatrick

Thank You to our Sponsors



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Toowoomba Central



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE THAT SPECIAL GIFT

Over the next 2 weeks we will be holding a Mother's Day Stall in the primary for students to purchase a special gift for their mum. Gifts range in price from \$2 to \$8 and students will be able to purchase up to 4 items. All profits will help purchase much needed resources for our primary school. Please note times below:



- Year 5/6 Class - Thursday, May 2
- Kindy Class - Wednesday, May 8
- All other Primary - Thursday, May 9
- Any remaining gifts - Friday, May 10

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

AT O'QUINN OVAL ON TUESDAY, MAY 7

All family members and friends are invited along to our Primary Athletics Carnival to be held at O'Quinn Oval on Tuesday, May 7. There will be snacks and cold drinks available to purchase from our 'pop-up' tuckshop gazebo and a coffee van will be available for the purchasing of hot drinks. However there is NO PROVISION FOR LUNCHES.



WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

MORE STICKERS = MORE RESOURCES FOR DDCS

This term our school will be participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program so that we can earn much needed resources for the Music Department.



Between 1 May and 25 June 2019,
collect as many stickers as you can
by shopping at Woolworths.

Stick them on the supplied sticker sheets and drop into the box in the school office OR stick them onto the posters at school. (More sheets can also be collected from the school office should you run out.)

Earn and Learn only runs for a limited time, so spread the word and get everyone helping you collect stickers; kids, parents, grandparents, staff, neighbours and friends.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

PLEASE KEEP SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT!

Thank you to all those keen recyclers who are growing our airconditioning kitty. Collected containers can be dropped into the specially marked wheelie bins (adjacent to the ADRA bin on the left of the school carpark round-about). If you want to take your containers straight to the E&E Waste Collection Point at 12 Kimberley Court, just quote this number: **C10130746** and the money will automatically go into the P&F account.

TUCKSHOP IN TERM 2

REMEMBER TO ORDER FROM NEW WINTER MENU

We had our first Tuckshop day for Term 2 on Tuesday this week. Thank you to Amanda McClintock for her efforts in co-ordinating our Tuckshop and to the families who support P&F by using the Tuckshop. Don't forget to place your orders (from the new winter menu) on the Monday. Give orders to your classroom teacher or drop them in at the office.

UNIFORM SHOP

FOR YOUR WINTER UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

The Uniform Shop opening times for Term 2 are:
• Monday morning 8:00am - 9:00am • Thursday afternoon 2:30pm - 3:30pm • By appointment: 0414 743671 or uniforms@ddcs.qld.edu.au Please note, all students should be in full winter uniform from the commencement of Term 2. Visit the Uniform Shop to check or purchase winter uniform items.

PRAYER POWER

Each morning in staff worship, students, staff and others are included in the prayers. This coming week we will be praying for:

- Brooke Montgomery
- Joshua Honti
- Ngor Mabur
- Dimity O'Donohoe
- Chantelle Calvert
- Nathaniel Fletcher
- Anna-Marie Stewart
- Mrs Kym Longshaw

Please feel welcome to include these names in your personal prayer time also.

PRIMARY YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

PRESENTED APRIL 29 - WELL DONE!

CONFIDENCE



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- **Alex Riddell** - For showing confidence and excellence in his drama assessment
- **Dimity O'Donohoe** - For showing confidence in her drama assessment
- **Rochelle Stephens** - For showing confidence in her drama assessment
- **Nikiah Honti** - For showing confidence in her drama assessment

ORGANISATION



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- **Saxon Hughes** - For working hard to remember to bring his bottle, hat and homework to school each day

PERSISTENCE



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- **Thor Hughes** - For continually trying hard in maths

GETTING ALONG



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- **Noah Whitty** - For always treating others with kindness
- **Elias Sanderson** - For displaying a positive attitude

RESILIENCE

- **Mhirrakye Mengel** - For showing resilience and confidence in her drama assessment

SHOELACE TYING CONTEST



THE RESULTS ARE IN FOR WEEK 1.
Competition was tight, and so were the laces!

YEAR 4/5 ended up winning the Golden Shoe.

YEAR 3/4 were awarded the Silver Shoe.

Leaving YEAR 5/6 with the Sad Thong!

I wonder who will win in Week two? Maybe it will be ... A TIE! (Oh, Mr Duffield, you have us 'tied up in knots' laughing at your word puns!!)



INSIGHT

*Important information for parents
and friends about your school*

ARROWSMITH PROGRAM

AMAZING CLOCK READING MILESTONES

Students in the Arrowsmith Program working on the Symbol Relations Exercise have read over 15,000 clocks so far this year! Keona, Hazel and Amber have recently met some big goals in their clocks count. These girls are pretty good at reading a clock accurately (not just with 2 hands on the clock either - just ask Hazel about her clock), but are definitely working towards mastering their respective levels with their speed (automatically). It certainly is a challenge to keep up with them.



Amber has read 2000 clocks, Hazel 4000 and Keona 7000!

FROM BUSINESS MANAGER'S DESK

TERM 2 FEE DISCOUNT DATE IS FRIDAY, MAY 3

A reminder for those eligible and wanting to take advantage of the prompt payment discount, the date is this Friday, May 3. For those not receiving the prompt payment discount, please note all fees need to be paid in full by the last day of Term 2, Friday June 21. My sincere thanks for noting this on your calendar / diary.

Thought for the week: I came across this quote which, in the light of all the political hype at present, I thought was quite appropriate:

"Let us not seek the Republican answer nor the Democratic answer but the right answer." John F. Kennedy

Stay tuned ... Mr David Peers

PINK FIG A ROARING SUCCESS

A beautiful sunny day together with a lovely relaxed atmosphere made our Pink Fig Markets on Sunday a roaring success.



We would like to thank all our parents and caregivers who donated prizes to our 'Coin Drop Game' and those who gave up their valuable time to volunteer at different areas on the day. Also a big thank you to all the families who came to support us on the day!



We are blessed to have parents and caregivers who are so supportive of our school ... we could not have done it without you!

A BIG THANKYOU from the Pink Fig Committee