

AT-A-GLANCE

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

NOW	Keep collecting Earn and Learn Stickers - See page 3
TONIGHT	Secondary Open Night - See attached flyer
May 30	Year 11/12 USQ Experience Day
May 31	Secondary Gala Day #3
Jun 04	Senior Subject Information Night - See attached flyer
Jun 07	Year 1/2 Fire Department Visit
Jun 10	Secondary Exam Week
Jun 15	STORMCo 7th Ave Fundraising Concert - Page 3 / flyer
Jun 19	Senior RYDA Day
Jun 21	Last Day of Classes for Term 2



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

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

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



Above: **SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE**

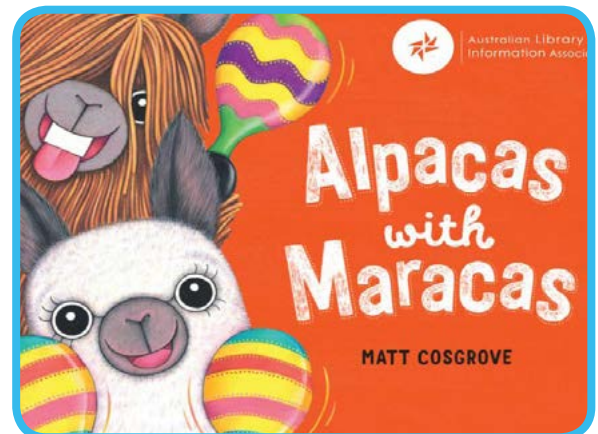
"Micah, Joudee, Yolanda and Brianna excelled in both of their activities, Helter Skelter Shelter and Confounding Communication, placing first for their sessions." Read all of Mrs Hansen's report on page 6.

Below: **NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME**

In the lead-up to NSS and the reading of *Alpacas with Maracas*, primary classes completed an alpaca themed craft. Mr Fitzpatrick had the unenviable task of judging. See page 5 for class photos and details!



Winners and Runners-up from each class received a book prize.



The story simultaneously read around Australia.



WE ALL NEED MORE ART AND CREATIVITY

The title above is taken from an ABC Life article by Rebecca Huntley (<https://www.abc.net.au/life/why-we-all-need-more-art-and-creativity-in-our-lives/10512040>).

In her article Huntley talks about her research on creativity. She states:

“But justifying engagement with the arts only if it can be proven to make you a better student or a more productive worker seems too narrow. And it ignores the main reason why we create and express ourselves through art. Namely ...the arts “are a very human way of making life more bearable”.

For children at childcare and primary school...time spent doing art — music, dancing, painting and theatre — makes up the bulk of their day and a lot of their weekend.

Then as they progress through formal schooling, this artistic experience either gets dropped in lieu of academic pursuits, or is “formalised” ... Only the most determined or talented continue past the teen years.

But I’ve noticed in research with older Australians — 60-plus — how they are returning or even starting to make art for the first time.

Art for art’s sake. No matter what age, gender or ability. Just for the love of it.”

We have had a number of creative endeavours take place over recent weeks including The Science and Engineering Challenge (see page 6), National Day of Simultaneous Reading (see page 1) and Art Competitions (including USQ and Toowoomba Art Society).

DDCS STUDENTS SELECTED FROM 650

Recently our Visual Art teacher, Mrs Melissa McKay, entered student work into the Toowoomba Art Society/The Chronicle Junior Art Expo. Selectors chose fewer than 100 works from almost 650 entries.

Two DDCS students were selected for the Expo:
Rochelle Dein, Year 2 and

Ashleigh McKie, Year 12 (Open Drawing)
I congratulate Rochelle and Ashleigh on their success.

The Toowoomba Art Society/The Chronicle Junior Art Expo is currently on show at the Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery in Ruthven Street.

PARENTS VISIT OPEN CLASSROOMS

Yesterday we held our Primary Open Classroom event. It was my pleasure to host parents and visitors, taking them on a tour of the school to visit the classrooms and Kitchen Garden.

Some parents were able to join us for Chapel. Our Chaplains had prepared a special gift for them to share with their families.

SECONDARY OPEN NIGHT

A reminder that Secondary Open Night is TONIGHT.

PLAYERS BOWL UP FOR STORMCo FUNDRAISER

Our STORMCo team hosted a great afternoon of bowling at Sunset Superbowl on Sunday afternoon (see story page 3). Thank you to our sponsors and to all who came along to support the event. The next STORMCo fundraiser is the 7th Ave concert. I hope to see you there.

Have a great week *Mr Fitzpatrick*

Thanking our STORMCo Sponsors

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WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

STICKERS = RESOURCES FOR OUR DDCS MUSIC DEPT



Between 1 May and 25 June 2019, collect as many stickers as you can by shopping at Woolworths so we can earn resources for our Music Dept.

Thank you to all those families who are collecting stickers. We are having lots dropped into the box in the school office AND being stuck onto the posters in the primary area. Spread the word and get everyone (grandparents, staff, neighbours and friends) collecting for our school.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

PLEASE KEEP COLLECTING YOUR CONTAINERS

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. *Please note, wine bottles are not recyclable.*

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

ANOTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO READ

DDCS will be participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge again this year. Mrs Sophia Mallet is the co-ordinator and a note with more information will go home with primary students this week. So, please look out for it and encourage your child to be involved.

PRAYER POWER

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

- Imogen Heslop
- Isaac Pickering
- Hayley Wilks
- Travis Booth
- Cody Dale
- Athena Kelly
- Emily Kay
- Mr Robert Rinsma

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

STORMCO FUNDRAISERS

BOWLED OVER BY YOUR SUPPORT

The STORMCo bowling afternoon was well supported on Sunday afternoon as bowlers enjoyed 3 hours of knocking down pins.



Congratulations to Jessica Haslam, Liam Hannah and Brett Hobbs who were the top scorers in the primary, secondary and adult categories. Ashleigh McKie was also the lucky winner of a \$105 bracelet generously donated to STORMCo by the Silvershop. A massive thank you to all of our corporate sponsors who made this day possible. A list of our sponsors and their contact details will be included with the newsletter over the next few weeks.

CONCERT FEATURING ACAPELLA GROUP 7TH AVE

STORMCo is also hosting an upcoming concert, featuring the acapella group 7th AVE from the United States. The concert will be at the Glenvale SDA Church and Community Centre, 669 Greenwattle Street, Glenvale on Saturday 15 June at 7pm. Tickets start from \$15 for adults, \$5 for children/students or \$35 for family tickets. There is also a VIP experience available. Please contact Joshua Cooney for more details about this not to be missed event - joshua.cooney@ddcs.qld.edu.au.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART IN TERM 2

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD ONLINE?

Primary students will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program during Term 2. It's important you register your child online www.jumprope.org.au/parents so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising. Well done to these students who have already begun their fundraising. Come on, jump to it!



Jump into fundraising!

PRIMARY YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

PRESENTED MAY 27 - WELL DONE!

GETTING ALONG



PERSISTENCE

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- **Caleb Joseph** - For listening well and following directions
- **Kaylee Benson** - For getting along well with others
- **Isabella Calvert** - For showing responsibility during filming
- **Grace Stewart** - For showing responsibility during filming
- **Samantha O'Donohoe** - For showing responsibility during filming
- **Samuel Pickering** - For getting along well with others

PERSISTENCE

- **Thor Hughes** - For showing persistence in assessment tasks
- **Hunter Collins** - For keeping on trying with a challenging maths test
- **Abigail Green** - For always trying her best
- **Jorja McKay** - For always trying her best
- **Muwemi Kalua** - For always trying his best

HIRAGANA AWARD



Congratulations to Rose Smith (Year 6) who has achieved Black Belt in her Hiragana karate belts and was presented with her certificate on primary assembly this week.

MERIT SLIP REWARD

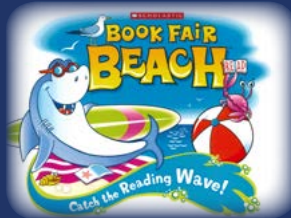


Deng Awai is the first student to receive 5 merit slips and has chosen a book from Mrs Rosendahl's prize box as his reward.

Well done Deng!

RIDE THE WAVE OF SUCCESS

A big thank you to everyone who 'caught the reading wave' and supported our Book Fair in the library. Over the 4 days, our sales 'swelled' to a massive total of \$1 724 which well exceeded our goal of \$1200. This means we should be able to add about \$500 worth of books to the library... which is absolutely amazing! These should be covered, catalogued and available for borrowing in the next couple of weeks!



Who won the Book Surfing Competition?

It was girls versus boys with one point being added to the tally for each book purchased. Girls ended up 'ruling the waves' with 60 points. However the boys were very close on 51 points. It was great to see so many students purchasing books and getting excited about reading.



Finally, Book Fair would not be possible without all the helpers. Thank you to Isaac and Mabur (and Alex) who manned the poster table; Maeli and Rose who helped with the novelties; Joshua Calvert and Jazmine Hope (our school captains) who took care of all our book sales; and Kaitlyn, Dimity and Lucy who made sure our book tally was all 'above board'. Thanks also to the staff who opened Book Fair up after school while I was busdriving.



Our next reading event will be the Premier's Reading Challenge - see page three for details. Until then ... Happy Reading!

Mrs Willson (Librarian and Book Fair Organiser)

CLASS ALPACA THEMED CRAFT

JUDGED BY MR FITZPATRICK

PREP: Alpaca Stick Puppets

Winner: Andjelia Sretenovic

Runner-up: Saxon Hughes



YR 1/2: Alpaca masks and maracas

Winner: Elizabeth Green

Runner-up: Rochelle Dein

YR 3/4: Alpaca bead craft

Winner: Aiden Lal

Runner-up: Billy McPhail



YR 4/5: Alpaca Collage

Winner: Noah Green

Runner-up: Lucy Foenander

YR 5/6: Alpaca Puppet

Winner: Jorja McKay

Runner-up: Abigail Green





INSIGHT

*Important information for parents
and friends about your school*

ARROWSMITH

STRENGTHEN YOUR READING SKILLS

Reading is such a basic skill, and yet some people struggle with fluency even in their adult life, missing out on what most of us take for granted. Our Arrowsmith program can help to make reading more fluent and improve comprehension and memory. Why not consider strengthening this area before it gets even harder? Please contact me if you would like more information.

Mrs Belinda Edser, Arrowsmith Teacher

SECONDARY MATHS STUDY SESSION

NEED EXTRA HELP WITH MATHS?

Secondary students have the opportunity to attend some after school maths study sessions for extra help with maths.

When: Thursday afternoon 3:30 - 4:30pm

Where: Room B

Who: Anyone who wants help with maths



FROM BUSINESS MANAGER'S DESK

JUST OVER 3 WEEKS UNTIL THE END OF THE TERM

As I write, I'm reminded that winter is on its way, officially here this Saturday! This means there's only 3 weeks left in Term 2 after this week, hard to believe I know. My sincere thanks to all who have finalised their school fees or are on track to have them paid by the last day of term - Friday, 21 June. Updated fee accounts are being emailed this week for those with balances. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Thought for the week:

"No one has ever become poor by giving." Anne Frank, diary of Anne Frank

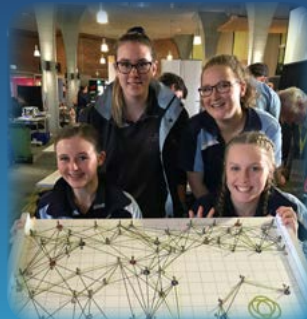
Stay tuned ... Mr David Peers

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Last Thursday a group of Year 9 and 10 students had the opportunity to attend and participate in the Science and Engineering Challenge hosted by USQ. Students engaged in a range of activities that required teamwork, innovative thinking, problem solving and creativity. All teams gave their best efforts, leading us to place fourth for the day.



I want to mention two groups who did well in their separate activities. Dylan F, Nathan F, Grace L and Jada S placed second for the Bridge Challenge while Micah R, Joudee B, Yolanda K and Brianna B excelled in both of their activities, Helter Skelter Shelter and Confounding Communications, placing first for their sessions. (See photo on page one of the newsletter.)



Well done to all our students and we look forward to next year.

Mrs Hansen, Accompanying Teacher