

# DRAGON TALES

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## SCHOOL MISSION

Provide high quality education in a positive, supportive environment,  
enabling all students to achieve their potential.

**Thursday 5 September 2019**

### THE FORTNIGHT AHEAD

#### SEPTEMBER

9 SEPTEMBER **GLEE PERFORMANCE AT  
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ALL WELCOME 10.45AM  
RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP**

12 SEPTEMBER 3/4 AFL 9'S GIRLS & BOYS

13 SEPTEMBER 5/6 AFL 9'S GIRLS

16 SEPTEMBER **GLEE PERFORMANCE AT  
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ALL WELCOME 10.45AM**

18 SEPTEMBER STUDENT LED INTERVIEWS

20 SEPTEMBER LAST DAY TERM 3  
**CRAZY HAIR/FOOTY COLOURS DAY GOLD COIN  
DONATION**  
3/6 CRICKET CLINIC 11.20—12.30pm

#### OCTOBER

7 OCTOBER START OF TERM 4  
SAFETY WEEK/ YEAR 4-5 BIKE ED BEGINS

13 OCTOBER PARENTS CLUB SHOPPING TRIP

15 OCTOBER SWIMMING PROGRAM STARTS

17 OCTOBER BIKE ED CHALLENGE

25 OCTOBER YR 5/6 CRICKET EVENT

31 OCTOBER PARENT CLUB HALLOWEEN DISCO  
FUNDRAISER



## CARE AWARDS



**This week's care awards for Consideration in the learning environments are Iniminka Merrett-Mckellar, Loretta Merrett-Mckellar, Lincoln Rowe and Royce Rowe**

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Literacy & Numeracy Week celebrations are in full swing here at Simpson Primary School. Literacy and numeracy skills lay the foundation for success in learning and in life. Our tight learning goal is that every student, who leaves this school to go to secondary education, will be both literate and numerate. That means that they will have the skills and strategies to help them to gain full understanding, solve complex real life situations and be lifelong learners in both literacy and numeracy areas. These two base areas are our essential teaching areas, and as you will be aware, are the focus of lessons every morning from 8:55 through to lunch. We try to limit interruptions to these key learning times to ensure that maximum learning in literacy and numeracy can occur for every child. We are aiming high for all our students with our culture being that:

- Everyone in the school understands the importance of achieving high levels of literacy and numeracy for full participation and success at school and beyond.
- There is a belief that all students can learn and grow into literate and numerate people.

- Teachers are aware of what they need to do daily - both individually and collectively - to promote, embrace and support each student's literacy and numeracy development.
- Literacy and numeracy are taught purposefully so students can participate in all disciplines.
- Students are able to make connections between learning areas.
- Students are challenged intellectually and can connect their work at school to life beyond the school.
- Teachers and school leaders overtly demonstrate an openness to learning and commit to continuous professional learning.

This week we invited families in to share the value of TALK. The art of conversation, talk and communication has never been more important as we now have a generation who interact in short, often electronic, exchanges with others instead of interacting face to face. Our "Big Talk" session saw families move around the school interacting with a range of prompts and topics with everyone expected to talk and gather an understanding of what might be going on in this particular setting. This then provided a strong base for the writing work with students using the ideas generated in the "Big Talk" to support their narrative writing the next day at school.



Look at the quality of writing from yesterday's "Big Talk"

### The Camping Problem By Malka

One year there was a friendly group of girls who wanted to go camping. The girls were called Malka, Phyllis, Sophie and Halle. Since it was the school holidays they decided to have a 6 day camp. Halle and Malka packed singing stuff, pop star dresses, singing everything. Sophie and Phyllis packed lots and lots of soap, candles and shampoo.

On Sunday Phyllis's mum drove to Princetown for the girl's camp. When they got there Phyllis's mum left. Everyone expect Phyllis wanted to hunt in a cave. But Phyllis wanted to have a rest in the lake in her floatie. But Phyllis was kind and let them go cave

hunting. Phyllis was going too. Phyllis went to bed early. At 3am everyone would not wake up because they were scared, but not Phyllis.....

Phyllis quickly got her floatie. She quickly ran to the lake and had an hour rest in the lake. But when she hopped in she felt bubbles bursting up her. "AAAH!" Screamed Phyllis and the giant sea creature took Phyllis to the bottom of the lake. Malka heard Phyllis. She woke up the girls. Phyllis had been drowned by a sea creature said Malka. They saw a tentacle the girls pulled the tentacle. Soon came Phyllis. "Hooary" everyone said. No more lake said Sophie.

### 3-4 News

Last week we worked on a picture book based on the movie clip, *There's a rang tan in my bedroom*, as well as recording the audio from the text to add to the movie. This week the students are putting the movie together with all the audio clips. There was some very expressive reading of their parts.

Our class reading text was based on palm oil and students practised reading the vocabulary that they needed to be fluent with the text.

This week the class text is based on owls and it would be good if they could practise reading this at home. Strategies taught in class to break the words down into their sounds or syllables will assist with unknown words.

Maths focus for the week will be the adding of tens and hundreds, multiplying by tens, looking at counting patterns as well as revising work from earlier in the term.

Literacy and numeracy week started off with some great activities based around the book, *The Gruffalo*. There were multi age groups performing the play and we were really impressed in the team work shown. There were also a number of maths activities based on the book such as coding the robot bee to complete the trek to the Gruffalo.

The integrated unit will be concluded with the production of a board game based on the units of work to date on zoos and endangered animals.



## 5-6 News

Last week most students in Grade 5/6 entered in a writing competition called 'Write4Fun'. The task was to produce a short story up to 500 words or a poem up to 16 lines. The quality of the writing was terrific!

During our Maths lessons we have just finished learning about fractions, decimals and percentages. This is a particular challenging topic for students and we will be revisiting the topic the first two weeks of Term 4.

In our integrated studies, we are now moving on to endangered species across the world. Students are creating a PowerPoint with hyperlinks and voice overs to show their knowledge of the various critically endangered animals around the world.

Bike Ed will again be running in Term 4 this year for students in grades 4 and 5. Students will need road worthy bikes and helmets. The school holidays are a good time to check bikes and helmets so they are ready to go day 1 of term 4. Any questions or concerns please contact me.

Thanks, Ashlee.

## AFL 9'S

Next week two Simpson teams will travel to Noorat to compete in a modified game of AFL. Our Grade 3/4 team is a mixed team and they will compete on Thursday 12th September and our Grade 5/6 team is a girl team and they will compete on Friday 13th September. More details will come home on the permission form with your child.

## Hoop Time

On Friday 09/08/2019, a team of children from grade 5/6 went to Terang to play basketball.

Our first game was against Timboon; we won against them by 1 point. The scores were 12-11. The second game was against Terang, we won this game as well, the scores were 16-6 which was a winning margin of 10 points. The last game was against St Patricks, we lost to them by 8 points, 16-8.

I would like to thank Karen for training us and coming along on the day. We had a lot of fun.

*By Eve Ayres*



## Junior School Council

## Crazy Hair and Footy Colours Day

Junior School Council have decided to have a crazy hair and footy colours day, for the whole school on the last Friday of Term 3. Students can dress in footy colours or have crazy hair or you can choose both if you like! We would like it if all students could bring a gold coin donation to help adopt an orphaned orangutan which will help pay for its up-keep. All students who bring a donation will go in the draw to win the toy orangutan which is being displayed at the school.

**Special Mention** to a past student Charlotte Bennett, who out-spelled her peers at Mercy Regional College's O'Keeffe Campus to claim the title of Year 7 Champion!

Well done and congratulations Charlotte!

## Parents Club News

Parents Club would like to welcome Amanda Weel as our Parents Club Secretary!

Dates to remember, Melbourne Shopping Trip on 13th October, bookings to Nicole Booley and our Halloween Disco Fundraiser on October 31st.

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**SPS Parents Club Melbourne Shopping Tour, Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> 2019.**



\*\*\*\*\*Mark this in your Diary!!\*\*\*\*\*

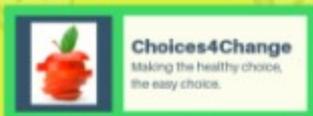
Great Day, Great Bargains & Lots of Laughs!!

Expressions of interest can be made at the SPS office or with Nicole Booley.

All Funds Raised go to Simpson Primary School

\*\*\*\*Limited Seats\*\*\*\*

Further Details, Prices & Times to Follow 😊



## Term 4 Healthy Cooking Course for 9-12 year olds

Do you want to learn how to cook some healthy and yummy meals?

Join us in Term 4 2019 for some fun in the kitchen! Debbie and Jessica (TDHS Dietitian) will be running the sessions. A total of three sessions (across 3 Wednesday afternoons). By the end you will have at least 6 new healthy recipes!

LIMITED PLACES ARE AVAILABLE

### DATES

The course consists of 3 sessions  
Week 1 - Wednesday October 30th 2019  
Week 2 - Wednesday November 13th 2019  
Week 3 - Wednesday November 27th 2019

### TIME

3.30pm - 5.30pm

### WHERE

Simpson Men's Shed Kitchen

Bookings Essential  
Contact Debbie on 55943448  
for bookings and what to bring



simpson&district  
community centre

CORANGAMITE SHIRE PRESENTS  
**FREE FILM**

CAMPERDOWN  
THEATRE  
ROYAL

THURSDAY  
26  
SEPTEMBER

DOORS OPEN 1 PM  
FOR 1.30 PM START

FOOD & DRINK  
AVAILABLE FOR  
PURCHASE

Disney  
**DUMBO**

### Camperdown Little Athletics Centre



Family, Fun and Fitness!

Little Athletics is back again for 2019-20  
For all Girls and Boys, 5 to 16 years of age.

Come and Try and Competition commences Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
October, 4:15pm for 4:30 start.

Venue: Aths Track, Fuller/Frederick St (behind Basketball Stadium)

Please register online at [www.lavic.com.au](http://www.lavic.com.au) and click on Registration to join up  
(Cost \$125 for entire 19/20 season)

For additional information, contact  
Kathy Hallyburton (Secretary) 0419671300 or Cheryl Conheady (President)  
0408523849

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



### Cobden Night Netball

We are looking at running a Spring Outdoor Netball Competition  
Beginning October 10th - Finishing December 12th 2019

(Games beginning 1st week of Term 4)

Register names by Friday 13th September

#### JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

OPEN to Girls and Boys

Depending on numbers we  
aim to run the following  
three grades:

Grade 4 to Grade 7  
Names or for more details contact  
Leah Buckle 0418 905 373

Grade 8 to Year 7  
Names or for more details contact  
Sarah Walsh 0447 951 932

Year 8 to Year 9  
Names or for more details contact  
Ellie Darcy 0432 306 945

Please note ALL will be confirmed  
subject to getting enough numbers

Games will be played on  
Thursday's after school at  
the Cobden Rec Reserve  
from 4.30pm. We aim to  
have several grades played  
at the one time.  
Cost will be \$20 per player.

**ALL PLAYERS**  
If you want to play in  
Competition please  
make sure you have your  
details in by **FRIDAY**  
13th September.

For general enquiries contact  
Janette Smith 0409 423 667

CORANGAMITE SHIRE PRESENTS  
**FREE FILM**

CAMPERDOWN THEATRE ROYAL

THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER

DOORS OPEN 1 PM FOR 1.30 PM START

FOOD & DRINK AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

MISSING LINK

**Student Led Interviews Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Prep/1M Mrs Green</b>	<b>1/2 H Miss Gappa</b>	<b>3/4J Mrs Currie &amp; Mrs Marr-Vogels</b>	<b>5/6C Miss Carrigan-Walsh</b>
8.30		Olinto Ferrari		
8.45			Lucy Ferrari	
9.00	Peyton Robertson	Ethan Costin		Jayden McNamara
9.15	Josh Vines	Ben Vogels		
9.30	Xavier Costin	Imogen Woods	Kustom Robertson	Bradey Fratantaro
9.45	Harry Vogels	Byron Woods	Lila Bennett	Imogen Eddy
10.00	Phyllis Smyth	Royce Rowe	Riley Costin	Hunter Bennett
10.15	Alexis Barake	Savanna McGee	Blake Ferrari	Meaghan Van Eck
10.30	Lincoln Rowe	Daisy Bennett	Sam Blain	Mikaela Woods
10.45	Loklun Membrey	Halle Barake		Geordie Ferrari
11.00		Courtney Blain	Bianca Merrett-McKellar	Olivia Rhode
11.15	Ely Teal	Immy McVilly	Iniminka Merrett-McKellar	Krystal Blain
11.30			Marley Garcia	Claire Blain
11.45	Damian Maguire	Grace Bowman		Loretta Merrett-McKellar
12.00			Lucy Jones	
12.15	Ryan Notter	Archer Crole		Jake Tournier
12.30			Xander Weel	
12.45	Lilly Burr			Oliver Rial
1.00				
1.15				
1.30	Sadie McVilly	Malka Salas	Anna Robb	Eve Ayres
1.45		Indiannah Collins		Hope Ayres
2.00	Cooper Beecher	Ellen Whiting	Keisha McVilly	Leah Robb
2.15	Mia Arndell			Jack Balcombe
2.30		Fin Mahoney	Ellie Balcombe	Cooper Whiting
2.45	Andrew Templeton	Sophie Clark	Caleb Rogers	Ella Arndell
3.00				Billy Hawkes
3.15				Noah Clark
NA		Kalem Membrey		

**All students are expected to attend their Interviews and participate then go home with their parents. There are no classes running on the day. All interviews are held in the classrooms. Families should arrive 10 mins prior to appointment a showcase of learning display will be available for browsing.**

**We ask parents to please keep the appointment time allocated. If this is going to cause any real hardship, parents are asked to contact Andrea on 55943298 ASAP so another time can be allocated.**