



Drummoyne Public School Newsletter

FRIDAY, MARCH 26 2021

TERM 1 WEEK 9

'Preparing today's students for tomorrow's world'

TERM 1 WEEK 10

WHAT'S ON

Monday 29 March

- Percussion lessons after school in hall

Tuesday 30 March

- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 11.15am Chess lessons in 6N classroom
- Flute, brass, clarinet & sax lessons

Wednesday 31 March

- Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday 1 April

- Last Day of Term 1
- 8.30am Greek & Italian extension classes
- 8.30am Stage 2 Choir in Library
- 2.40pm – Easter Hat & Accessories Parade – students to wear school uniform
- **No** Code Club

Friday 2 April

- Easter Friday Public Holiday

WHAT'S AHEAD

Term 1 2021

19 April Staff Development Day – Pupil free day

20 April 7.30pm P&C Meeting in the library

26 April Primary Cross Country Carnival @ Brett Park

26-28 May Year 5 Hill End Excursion

9 June Athletics Carnival

11 June DIM Winter Soiree

16-18 June – Year 6 Canberra Excursion

NOTES TO RETURN

School Requirements – All students

Intention to enrol in a year 5 Opportunity Class for 2022 – interested year 4 students



Kindergarten students practising their throwing skills

PRINCIPAL'S THOUGHTS

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to every parent and carer who has booked for a parent teacher interview next week (or has already had an interview with their child's class teacher). The total number of interviews for all classes is 553 which is a wonderful response from our parent community.

The venues for face to face interviews are included below and we look forward to seeing you at DPS.

Time	Tuesday 30 April (3-6)		Wednesday 31 April (K-2)	
	Class	Interview Venue	Class	Interview Venue
9.20am - 12.35pm	3S	Big demountable	KL	Downstairs AP office
	3A	Kinder Speech room	KH	Withdrawal room
	4A	EAL/D room	1/2T	RFF room
	4C	Downstairs AP office	1C	Upstairs AP office
	4O	Upstairs AP office	1G	EAL/D room
	6N	Withdrawal room		
	1M	RFF room		
12.35pm - 3.20pm	3W	Marg Barry room	KM	Downstairs AP office
	4D	Upstairs AP office	1A	RFF room
	5C	EAL/D room	2J	EAL/D room
	5W	RFF room	2D	Upstairs AP office
	5P	Downstairs AP office	2K	Withdrawal room
	6M	Withdrawal room		

P&C Leadership in 2020

Thank you to all parents who carried out a leadership role on the P&C last year. Outgoing P&C leaders include Heather El-Rahim, Kate Young, Kerry Hudson and Joanne Giannichronis. Your service to the school is very much appreciated.

Stage 3 Cricket Gala Day

Given the wet weather, the Stage 3 Gala day to be held at Timbrell Park was cancelled and sessions will be held at Brett Park. The monies collected for the Gala Day at Timbrell Park will be allocated to the overnight excursions to Hill End and Canberra to reduce the cost. The details will be included on the permission note to be sent home next term. Even so, if you would like a refund for the cost of the bus, please contact the office.

Dancefever

Next term Dancefever athletics will return to the school to prepare all students for the athletics carnivals on Wednesday 9th June.

Dancefever will provide two accredited athletics specialists who will teach the students a range of fundamental skills.

DPS Easter Hat Parade

Following the easing of COVID restrictions, large scale community events are now permitted with COVID-19 safe practices including physical distancing and a COVID-19 Safety Plan.

Given this, on Thursday 1st April from 2.40 pm we will be holding an Easter hat parade on the school grounds and welcome families to join us.

All children K-6, are invited to make an Easter hat at home and bring it to school on the day or wear last year's hat. Easter related accessories (bunny ears, Easter jewellery etc) can also be worn.

This is not a mufti day and students are asked to wear school uniform and participate in the parade. Kindergarten and Year 6 children will parade together and Year 1 and Year 5 children will walk together.

To support social distancing, this year we will be parading by walking around the entire school building. We look forward to celebrating this occasion with you.

Opportunity Class Entry in 2022

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and high potential students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Successful students will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2022, you need to apply between **Tuesday 20 April 2021** and **Friday 7 May 2021**. You will need to access the online application at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. Please also return the attached note next week.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

Brian J Dill
Principal

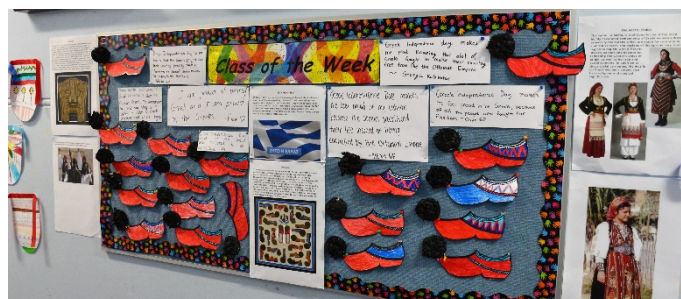


Congratulations to all our Term 1 Principal's Badge winners who celebrated with a special morning tea today with Mr Dill.

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK



Greek CL



The Greek Community Language classes have been learning about the importance of Greek Independence Day. Please see more information on page 4.

Valuables Policy

On occasion, students may decide to bring items to school that hold significant monetary or sentimental value. In keeping with legal advice from the Department of Education, the school cannot accept liability for personal belongings, valuables and other student owned property if these items become lost, stolen or broken. As a result, we discourage students from bringing valuables to school including mobile telephones, Smart watches, digital devices, cameras, 'swap' cards and the like to school.

Dianne Colb
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

PBL AWARDS

Respect

Treat others as you would like to be treated.
(Be Fair.)



Responsibility

Do what you know is right.
(Be Caring)



Resilience

Stay positive.
Bounce back
(Be Brave)



Achievement Awards

Congratulations to all students who received a values award this week.

Principal's Awards

- Ayla Keane - 3A - **Respect**
- Izzy Soh - 4A - **Resilience**
- Arun Bains - 4D - **Responsibility**
- Sofia Gooderick - 4D - **Resilience**
- Leo Goldsworthy - 4O - **Respect**
- Roxy Stedman - 4O - **Responsibility**
- Elise Goh - 4A - **Respect**
- Ayden Katieh - 2D - **Resilience**
- Louise Morgant - 2D - **Responsibility**
- Kayne Anastasiou - 2K - **Responsibility**
- Zara De Sousa - 2K - **Responsibility**
- Sebastian Olufon - 2K - **Responsibility**

Principal's Badge

- Kieran Chung - 3A - **Resilience**
- Sophia El-Khoury - 3A - **Respect**
- Louise Morgant - 2D - **Respect**
- Kayne Anastasiou - 2K - **Respect**
- Zara De Sousa - 2K - **Respect**

HARMONY DAY



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Adelaide Netting on being selected for the NSW state hockey team. Adelaide will compete in the state hockey championships in Unanderra in May.

Congratulations also to Noa Sabine Hackett and Olivia Burns who both attended recent trials and were chosen for the Balmain PSSA Zone Girls Football (Soccer) Team.



4C artworks inspired by Vincent Van Gogh

THE ROLE OF OUR SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

The school counsellor is a qualified psychologist who assists students by providing a psychological counselling, assessment and intervention service. Our counselling team works collaboratively with staff and families as well as other agencies to support the learning and wellbeing outcomes for students.

In addition to providing evidence-based and tailored psychological and counselling support to students who have additional learning and support needs, our team also provides cognitive, emotional and behavioural assessments.

The school counsellor responds to all referrals from staff and families. Contact will be made with each family to discuss the referral however at present there has been an increase in the number of referrals received. After speaking with the school counsellor, it may be recommended that families seek support for ongoing concerns with their GP who can provide a Mental Health Treatment Plan. Through this provision, Medicare rebates are available for individual and group sessions to support each student.

Leigh Russ
Assistant Principal



GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

Yesterday, 25 March 2021, marked the bicentenary of Greek Independence - a successful war waged in 1821 by the brave Greek revolutionaries against the mighty Ottoman Empire. Despite impossible odds over land and sea, with Greek soldiers outnumbered at 100,000 to 400,000 Ottomans, the will and determination of Greek soldiers prevailed. After almost a decade, Greece finally put an end to 400 years of Ottoman rule.

The Greek Community Language classes have been learning about the importance of this day. The famous saying 'Freedom or Death!' signifies fighting for freedom or risking death of a country, death of a culture and death of a language! This quote in Greek ('Ελευθερία ή θάνατος') has nine syllables which are represented by the nine stripes on the Greek flag!

'Greek Independence Day makes me proud knowing that a lot of Greeks fought to make their country free from the Ottoman Empire.' [Georgia Kolokotsas](#)

'Greek Independence Day makes me feel proud of my culture because the Greeks sacrificed their lives instead of being controlled by the Ottoman Empire.' [Alexa 6P](#)

'Today marks 200 years of Greek Independence from the Ottoman Empire. To commemorate the special day, Stage 3 are invited to watch the Greek flag being raised.' 'Greek Independence Day makes me feel proud and honoured to be Greek.' [Jude 6N](#)

'I am proud of being Greek and I am proud of the Greeks!' [Eleni 5P](#)

'Greek Independence Day makes me feel proud to be Greek because of all the people who fought for freedom.' [Ollie 6P](#)

Greek Independence Day to me means that the Greeks fought for their country proudly, saying 'Freedom or Death!' which makes me happy to be Greek!' [Kristen 6P](#)



NSW PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

The NSW Premier's Spelling Bee



Calling all Drummoyne Public School Spellers! Having spent 2020 reading every dictionary you could get your hands on, eating alphabet soup for breakfast, lunch and dinner, you've waited patiently for two years. Well, now is your time.

Look out for details of the DPS Spelling Bee Competition early in Term 2. This competition will be used to select competitors for the state competition.

Premier's Spelling Bee 2021

The Premier's Spelling Bee was introduced in 2001 as a fun and educational way for NSW public primary school students to engage in spelling. The program includes activities to encourage all students to improve their vocabulary and spelling and to promote literacy skills in combination with the English K-6 Syllabus.

The Premier's Spelling Bee will be going ahead in 2021 in an altered format to previous years competitions.

• Junior Spelling Bee – Year 3 and Year 4 NSW public school students

• Senior Spelling Bee – Year 5 and Year 6 NSW public school students

In 2021 schools can enter one student in each of the Junior and senior competition.

• The regional finals will be held online using video technology.

• The state finals platform, either live or online, will be confirmed later in 2021.

NSW Premier's Spelling Bee Resource Page:

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/spelling-bee/resources-teaching-spelling>

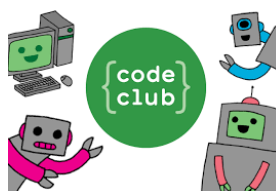
Please direct any questions to Mr Sutton, STEAM Teacher

STAGE 1&2 ASSEMBLIES & SRC BADGES

Congratulations to all our Stage 1&2 SRC representatives who were presented with their badges at assemblies this week. We are proud of you and know you will represent your classes well to give all students a voice at DPS.



CODE CLUB



The first few weeks of Code Club have been fantastic! Thank you to all the enthusiastic students who have already completed a number of coding projects.

Please note that Code Club won't be on next Thursday 1 April. Code Club will resume week 1 next term!

Happy coding,

Joseph Neufeld
Teacher Librarian

OFFICE NEWS

Payments to School

In keeping with our increased hygiene practices, we ask that you pay online with the secure Parent Online Payment (POP). Please see our school website:

<https://drummoyne-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

- Select the **\$ Make a payment** on the blue ribbon on the Home page. By selecting this link you will be taken to a secure Westpac payment page. You will no longer be in the school's website.
- You **DO NOT** need to enter your child's SRN. We can identify your child by their name, class and date of birth, which must be entered.
- Enter your own details, then choose a box that best describes what you are paying and fill in a description of the fee (eg Museum Excursion) and how much you are paying.
- Then click **NEXT**. This will take you to the secure screen to enter your credit card details and will provide you with a receipt number on completion.

If you have any questions please contact the school administration office on (02) 91812636

CLASS 5C RESEARCH PROJECT

Class 5C have created wanted posters about feral animals introduced during colonisation.

WANTED

CANE TOADS



Cane Toads are very poisonous so if we don't stop cane toads now, our local animals might die of poison.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CANE TOAD

When cane toads were first introduced to Australia, they were intended to control the pest cane beetle. However, they have become a major pest themselves. They are highly toxic and eat a wide variety of native animals, including birds, lizards, and snakes. They are also known to eat each other. They are also known to eat each other. They are also known to eat each other.



Where they are in Australia

By Sienna Shipp 5C

WANTED

REWARD FOR CAPTURE

These Black Rats steal other animals food and sneakily crawl into your house looking for shelter.

THE EVIL PESTS
BLACK RAT!!!!

Black Rats steal and eat native lizard eggs and bird eggs which results in loss of these vital animals.

Some ways we can prevent these horrible rats are: get rid of all your rubbish from around your house and support wildlife workers who try get rid of these pests.

These good for nothing rats are prey for foxes and weasels but they are making no impact on the population.

DEAD AND ALIVE!

\$1,000,000

•WANTED•

FOR CRIMES AND ACTS

THE RABBIT

These pests were used for meat, fur and sometimes as pets

Destroying native animals habitats by digging through them.

Eating native grasses and crops leaving nothing left for native creatures

People use poisoning and traps to capture this feral creature because of his devastating effect on the environment

By Anja Chan

WANTED

FERAL FOXES ARE BAD FOR OUR COUNTRY BECAUSE...

- THEY FEROCIOUSLY EAT AND ATTACK OTHER FARM ANIMALS AND CATTLE
- THEY EAT AND ATTACK LOCAL ANIMALS

WHY WERE FOXES INTRODUCED TO AUSTRALIA?

FOXES WERE INTRODUCED FOR RECREATIONAL HUNTING, BUT THEN THE POPULATION GREW AND FOXES KEPT KILLING OTHER ANIMALS

HOW ARE FOXES BEING MANAGED THESE DAYS?

THE MAIN TECHNIQUE TO CONTROL THE POPULATION OF FOXES IS SHOOTING.

FERAL FOXES

BY NATALIA VILLAMIL

WANTED

BLACK RATS

- Crimes: Starving other animals, killing baby birds and lizards. Infects near humans with deadly disease.
- What will happen if we don't stop them: They will kill local animals.
- What can you do :Get rid of all of rubbish in your home and outdoors.

REWARD= \$600,000

WANTED

Feral Horses

Feral Horses impact the environment by trampling on grass and plants and eating them up as well as spreading seeds. They also damage fenced in areas and trample fences and other horses or animals. Do respect your fences and be aware of the local animals that eat.

We are reducing the number of feral horses and donkeys in places where there are lots of local plants and local animals.

It is likely that some escaped because fences were not properly installed, when fences existed at all, but it is believed that most Australian horses became feral because they were released into the wild and left to fend for themselves.

GENERAL NEWS

School Travel for 2021

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now apply online:

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts#/howToApply>

water to school each day.



Lost Property

Due to the easing of COVID restrictions, year 6 student volunteers are now in charge of returning lost property but can only do so if they are labelled with students names!

This photograph shows some of the unlabelled drink bottles and containers currently waiting to be claimed from Term 1.

WHAT DO THESE SIGNS MEAN?

You CAN STOP HERE FOR 2 MINUTES ONLY

- You can drop your child off here but you must either stay in the car or within 3 metres of the car.
- Mobility sticker permit holders may stop for up to 5 mins.

NO STOPPING

You CANNOT STOP HERE

- You cannot drop your child off here.
- Medical or other emergency stopping only is permitted.

BUS ZONE

You CANNOT STOP HERE unless driving a bus

- Children cannot be dropped here unless they are arriving by bus.

Hours of operation may apply to some signs. This means that the restrictions apply for those times only.

Warning – Police have advised us they will be patrolling outside the school gates this term. If you choose to ignore the signs the following fines can apply:

\$194 and 2 demerit points for no parking
\$349 and 2 demerit points for no stopping

Road Safety – School Crossings

For your child's safety, it's very important to ensure they use the school crossing. At all crossings you must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road. Please wait until the School Crossing supervisor has stopped the traffic and called you to cross.

If you are driving, you must not proceed until the School Crossing supervisor's hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that you may proceed through the crossing.

P&C NEWS

Class Parents Needed

'Class Parent' is an easy but important role that helps to connect the parents in your class, to occasionally pass on information, call on volunteers for events and organise class get togethers' (COVID permitting).

Classes without a class parent volunteer are: 1G, 1M, 2K, 2J, 3W, 3S, 4A, 4D, 4C, 4O, 5C, 5P, 5W, 6P, 6M and 6N.

If you would like to volunteer to be Class Parent this year, please email Sharon at:

classparent@drummoynepublicschool.com.au

Please provide your full name, email address, and child's name and class.

P&C Committee

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform shop is open for online orders.

Winter uniform will be worn from Term 2. Please order uniforms online at:

<https://www.school24.net.au>

Use our school **Registration ID: 2572963** to create an account if you don't already have one for canteen orders. Orders will be processed every Tuesday and Thursday and will be delivered to your child or can be picked up from the administration office if your child is not at school.

uniformshop@drummoynepublicschool.com.au

CANTEEN NEWS



A Sausage Sizzle will be held on the last day of term Thursday 1st April. Please order through [event](#). This is an extra busy day. **Orders will close Tuesday 30th March 1pm** in order for Caminitis to have enough time to make up the sausages.

End of Summer pack option: Choice of Chill J drink (subject to availability) + Quelch stick. Cost: \$2.90 This is also to be ordered through [event](#). Orders will close Tuesday 30th March 1pm.

Note: Change of Menu:

- **Monday 29th March** - remains same
- **Tuesday 30th March** - Sushi, toasties, sandwiches, pies and sausage rolls.
- **Wednesday 31st March** - Sushi, pasta and toasties/sandwiches
- **Thursday 1st April** - Sausage Sizzle, toasties/sandwiches/sushi

If you have any questions or suggestions please send them to canteen@drummoynepublicschool.com.au

Kind regards,
Eugenie, Carmen and P&C Committee

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES

Autumn Vacation Monday 5 April – Friday 16 April 2021

Staff Development Day Monday 19 April 2021

Winter Vacation Monday 28 June – Friday 9 July 2021

Staff Development Day Monday 12 July 2021

Spring Vacation Monday 20 September – Friday 1 October 2021

No Staff Development Day for Start of Term 4

Summer Vacation Thursday 17 December 2021 – Wednesday 26 January 2022

Staff Development Days Thursday 27 & Friday 28 January 2022

Year 1-6 Students return on Monday 31 January 2022
Kindergarten Students start on Wednesday 5 February 2022

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Band – Monday and Friday am

Contact Directions in Music on 9662 2211

Keyboard & Guitar – Tuesday and Thursday pm

Contact David Koh on 9411 3122

Greek Classes – Monday, Tuesday, Friday pm

Contact Charoulla Themistocleous on 0411 137 266

ChiFUNese Class – Wednesday am

email admin@chifunese.com or call (02) 8006 8606

Turkish Language Class – Thursday pm

OmerCan 0418 695 766 Bahar 0475 738 726

Enrolment forms and detailed Information on

ataturk.org.au/okul

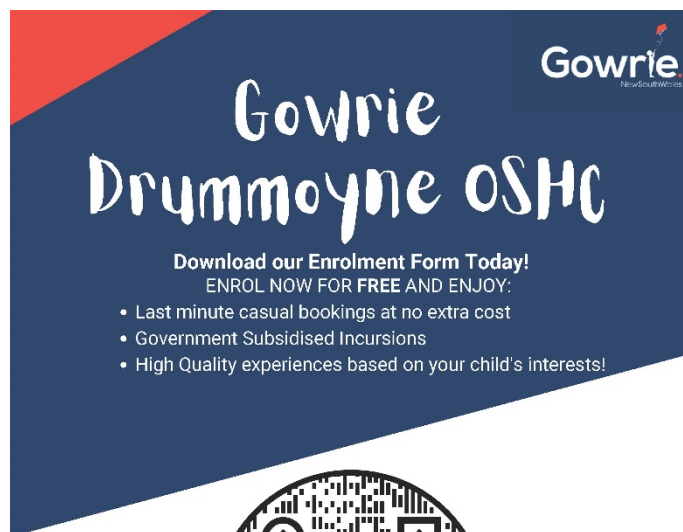
Mindfulness Classes – Monday and Friday pm

WWW.changeyourmindmovement.com

GOWRIE NSW

To book Gowrie NSW enrolment forms can be found on the Gowrie website:

<https://www.gowriensw.com.au/ourcentres/out-of-hours-care/gowrie-oshc-drummoyne>

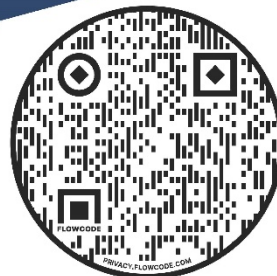


Gowrie
New South Wales

Gowrie Drummoynne OSHC

Download our Enrolment Form Today!
ENROL NOW FOR FREE AND ENJOY:

- Last minute casual bookings at no extra cost
- Government Subsidised Incursions
- High Quality experiences based on your child's interests!



SCAN TO GET AN
ENROLMENT FORM NOW!

Contact Rekkha for more information on:
Email: OSHC.Drummoynne@gowriensw.com.au
Mobile: 0436 616 744

COMMUNITY NEWS

(The following notices are listed as a service to the community but are not necessarily endorsed by the school)

Easter 2021

Celebrate fresh starts with us!

GOOD FRIDAY

2nd April 9.30am
Communion Service
(with kids' church)

EASTER SUNDAY

4th April 10am
(with kids' church
and Easter-egg hunt)

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DRUMMOYNE**

www.stbedes.com.au | 14 College St Drummoyne



PLAY AFL

with
**Drummoyne Power &
Canada Bay Cannons**

Boys & girls U5 to U11 with
Drummoyne Power Junior AFL

All girls teams U10 to U18 with
the Canada Bay Cannons

Boys teams from U12 to U17
with the Cannons

Home grounds at Drummoyne
Oval, Five Dock Park &
St Luke's Oval.
www.drummoynepower.com
info@drummoynepower.com

INNER WEST COMMUNITY BAND
(YOUTH BAND)

JOIN THE YOUTH BAND

A TRANSITIONAL
BAND FOR LATE
PRIMARY/EARLY
HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS

MAKE FRIENDS,
HAVE FUN.

YEARS 5-8

REHEARSE AND
PERFORM
TOGETHER

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
IWCB.ORG.AU/YOUTH

Kids Holiday Club at Drummoyne Baptist Church



Who? Children in Primary School
When? Wednesday, 7th April
9:20am to 3:20pm
Cost? \$10 per Child

Register by 4th April 2021
drummoynebaptist.org.au/ministries/kids

Active Kids
Provider

20B Barnstaple Rd Five Dock

Five Dock Park Tennis Centre

Jeff Viskovich Tennis School

Tennis Australia Qualified and Certified Coaching

Junior Development Program

Tennis Coaching

Directed by a certified club professional coach

2021

After School Term 2 classes

Starting Monday 19th April
through Friday 23rd

Saturday Morning classes

Starting 24th April

All classes 1 hour per week for 10 weeks

Max 7 per group **Cost \$180** incl GST

ANZ Tennis Hot shots Free T-Shirt

- Children 5-16 years of age
- Beginners to Advanced players
- Training squads for competition players

For booking and enquires
please contact **Jeff Viskovich**
0408 169 543
jeffviskovich@gmail.com

2021

Easter Holiday Camps

Camp 1 April 6th to 9th

(Tuesday to Friday) 9am - 1pm

\$160 per child (\$40 per day) incl GST

Camp 2 April 12th to 16th

(Monday to Friday) 9am - 1pm

\$200 per child (\$40 per day) incl GST

- Private lessons available

\$40 - 1/2 hr, \$80 - 1 hr

For Children and Adults,
all standards and ages

Court hire \$22/hr, \$24 with lights

All prices inclusive GST

All programs under the direction of **Jeff Viskovich**
Former world ranked Australian and overseas touring player
Tennis Australia club professional coach

(Any classes cancelled due to rain, can be made up on another day)

TENNIS COACHING ENROLMENT FORM

Please complete and mail to: **PO Box 3423 Wareemba NSW 2046** or Email: jeffviskovich@gmail.com

Child's name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work/Mobile _____ Email address _____

Parent's Name: _____ School attending: _____

Ability level (approx): Beginner Advanced Beginner Intermediate Advanced

Preferred days and times: _____



Join us for our 2-Day MOTIV8SPORTS SUPER CAMP & give your child one of the best experiences available. Motiv8sports Camps are designed for all abilities & focus on the energy & effort rather than a child's soaring or creative ability. Children who attend Motiv8sports Camps learn about sport, culture, dance, creativity, teamwork, inclusiveness, resilience & sponsorship in an environment fueled by great leadership & constant motivation.

"I haven't seen kids having that much fun in a long time!"
Mr Victor Newby (Principal, Concord High School)

Dates: Concord High School (Camp 1) Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th April 2021
Concord High School (Camp 2) Thursday 15th & Friday 16th April 2021
Dormrey College (Five Dock) Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th April 2021

Time: 8:30am to 3:30pm

Cost: **\$25 when you redeem your Child's Creative Kids Voucher**, or
\$112.50 Early Bird Special (100 Tickets only - get in early to save 10%), or
\$125 per 2-Day Camp.

(Includes a FREE Jersey & a FREE Hat for every NEW Camper)

Ages: Kindy - Year 6

Bookings can be made through our website (see below) or you can download our new Motiv8sports App. Simply go to the App Store to download, select 'Inner West' and the Camps you would like to attend.

Website: Simply go to: www.motiv8sports.com.au

Select: BOOK EVENT

Select: INNER WEST Location

Select: CONCORD HIGH (CAMP 1) or CONCORD HIGH (CAMP 2), or
DOMREMY COLLEGE (FIVE DOCK) Event

Then: Book your tickets!

When booking, please ensure that you advise any friends that your child would like to be grouped with.

TICKETS WILL SELL QUICKLY - DON'T MISS OUT !!!



INSIGHTS

Managing anxiety before it becomes a problem



The president of Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA) recently highlighted the enormity of the anxiety problem that children are facing. A survey of primary schools across Australia conducted by the APPA showed that 80% of school leaders regard anxiety as a significant issue for children.

Research shows that childhood anxiety left unmanaged will almost certainly re emerge, highlighting the importance of early detection and management of anxiety. Parents, as first responders, play an important role by minimising the impact of stressful moments before they lead to full-blown anxiety. Here's how they can help.

Recognise anxiety triggers

Recognising the events that trigger anxiety is the first step in helping a child to manage their stress. Rapid or unpredictable change, new social situations, unfamiliar events and difficult experiences are the most common anxiety stressors for kids.

Know how it shows

Stress and anxiety show in many ways however most children display anxiety behaviours that are unique to them. Typically, anxiety shows through physical signs such as chest pains, nausea and headaches. Anxiety can be observed through behavioural clues such as avoidance of activities, aggression, concentration difficulties and constant fiddling and movement. Worrying, overthinking and catastrophising are also common in children who experience anxiety. Knowing how anxiety shows in your child will alert you to respond appropriately with support and understanding.

Give kids tools to manage their states

Once anxiety is experienced it never truly disappears. It's always there in the background. Anxiety needs managing so kids can get on with their lives rather than become overwhelmed by stress and worry. Providing children with tools to manage their thinking, emotional and physical states prevents anxiety from becoming debilitating. Management tools such as deep breathing, mindfulness and exercise as well as techniques to help kids distance themselves from their anxiety-inducing thoughts help them minimise the impact of stress.

Help them understand how anxiety works

Children who understand what happens in their brains and bodies when they are stressed are better able to manage their anxious states. Providing children with a thorough knowledge of how anxiety works and how it shows empowers them to push their worries into the background while they get on with their lives. Managing anxiety takes practice, but it's absolutely essential if children are to flourish rather than become overwhelmed by stress and worry.

In closing

Stress and anxiety have accelerated with the impact of the pandemic. The growing rate of anxiety is no one's fault, however it does mean that parents need to become more knowledgeable about how anxiety works, how it shows and how you can help your children.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an award-winning speaker and the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation*, and the bestselling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. Michael is a former teacher with 15 years experience, and has 30 years experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education.

Placement procedures for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022

'Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022' For metropolitan/regional applicants

Dear Parent/Carer,

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and high potential students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Successful students will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

Testing and assessment

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Wednesday 21 July 2021**.

How to apply

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2022, you need to apply between **Tuesday 20 April 2021** and **Friday 7 May 2021**. You will need to access the online application at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. You must **not** use the child's email address.

If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after **Tuesday 20 April 2021**.

You must submit only **ONE application** for each student.

Important – the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Brian J Dill
PRINCIPAL

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS

You will need to register and then apply through the Department's website:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below by next Thursday.

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for opportunity class placement in 2022..... Yes No

If Yes

I have internet access and will be applying online

OR
I do not have internet access and will use the public library to complete the application

I understand that I need to register and then apply through the Department's website.

Signature of parent/carer: _____ Date: _____

OPPORTUNITY AND ACHIEVEMENT
DRUMMOYNE
 PUBLIC SCHOOL

12 February 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS 2021

At Drummoyne Public School we provide our students with excellent teaching and learning programs and diverse opportunities to learn and grow. These programs can only be provided with the financial support of families.

The following school requirements for 2021 are fully endorsed by the P&C and have remained unchanged over the past several years.

We ask that payment for these items be made to the Administration Office by **Friday 12 March 2021** to enable resources to be provided to students at the start of the school year.

School Magazine	\$5.00
Seven Steps to Writing	\$5.00
Soundwaves Spelling - online	\$5.00
See - saw	\$6.00
Mathletics	\$12.00
Creative Arts Resources	\$12.00
Community Language Resources	\$10.00
Home/Class Readers	\$15.00
Voluntary Donation	\$50.00
	TOTAL \$120.00

Voluntary Donation

In recent years, the funds from voluntary donations have been used for enrichment programs, new computers, library furniture and playground upgrades.

If there are difficulties with payment, especially for large families, please contact me to make alternate arrangements. Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the school.

Sincerely,

Brian J Dill

PRINCIPAL

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SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS 2021:

For your convenience please pay with the secure Parent Online Payment (POP) system on our school website under the MAKE A PAYMENT. Please write your POP receipt number here _____

Alternatively you can pay with cash or cheque to the school office.

Please find enclosed payment of \$..... for 2021 School Requirements for my child/ren.

Name/s: Class:

Signature of Parent/Caregiver:

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Gowrie NSW Drummoyne

6 April - 19 April 2021 (7am - 6pm)



WEEK 1

M O N T U E W E D T H U F R I	5 APR	Public Holiday (Easter Monday)	
	6 APR	Easter Fun Day Get ready to do all things Easter! There will be an easter egg hunt, egg and spoon races, decorating easter eggs and making hot cross buns.	\$60
	7 APR	Artificial Intelligence (Incursion) This program introduces children to key scientific components of Artificial Intelligence. Children learn about A.I, get to implement computer vision using Python Code and Jupyter Notebooks with data and images they create.	\$75
	8 APR	9D Cinemas (Incursion) Our very own 9D cinema which will delight all the senses	\$75
	9 APR	Tie Dye Day Get ready for 70's music, crafts, favourite treats and tie dye galore.	\$60

WEEK 2

12 APR	Magic and Sciencemporium Our sciencemporium is bound to make you embrace your inner science geek as we test and investigate how substances react with each other and make slime and playdough.	\$60
13 APR	Evolution Squad Sport (Incursion) An Olympics tournaments featuring soft javelin, dodgeball, tug of war, bubble soccer and more.	\$75
14 APR	Gowrie's Got Talent, Theatre and Performance Acting, singing, dancing, what ever talent it may be get ready to show them at Gowrie's Got Talent. With fun prizes awarded.	\$60
15 APR	Jumping Castle (Incursion) Jump! Jump! Jump! How high can you jump in our ultimate bouncy jumping castles?	\$75
16 APR	Culture Club Workshop Make your own Mexican maracas, learn the art of French Mime, make crazy creations for New York Fashion Week and learn origami.	\$60

WEEK 3

19 APR	Junior MasterChef We are exploring no bake and no cooking activities which children can create independently for their families	\$60
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Register online today @ gowriensw.com.au

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