Our happy campers returned last Wednesday after three days of terrific fun and activity. Judging by the absentees on Thursday, their energy must have been well and truly exhausted. The “away from home” experience for kids provides so much: confidence, resilience and self-esteem, without even mentioning the fun and excitement that is the major part of their time.

The activities are also quite new for many, and are ones that apart from on school camp may never be attempted anywhere else. The giant swing is always a hit, the climbing tower (which is new at Doxa) certainly challenged some students and archery is always fun. The approach all the staff at Doxa take is for students to challenge themselves, go that bit further and then feel really proud of their achievements…… all with great success as you can see!

Have you ever wondered about our school logo?
I just thought it might be nice to provide some history to it.
The logo, pamphlet, letter heads were part of re-inventing our school back in the late 90's.

The basis on which this logo was accepted by the School Council was as follows:

“We teach children to fly.
The wing is inspired by this thought and by its relevance to the City of Darebin.
The symbol of flight captures the spirit of achievement and progress.
Its subtle reference to the schools geographic origins and location add credibility and relevance to the school’s population.”
The wing graphic also contains elements of the lower care “R”.
The graphic shapes containing the symbolic wing are contemporary and friendly.”

Helen Miller
Principal
Please consider your children’s safety!
There have been too many instances of:
- Children getting out of cars onto the road
- Running across the road instead of using the crossing
- Crossing the roads from in between cars and
- Crossing the road diagonally at intersections.

Kids are kids, and they like to be active, but they need guidance about road safety.
I know it may take an extra minute or two, but please make sure your child arrives at school safely.
STOP and think of the devastating result if your child were to be knocked by a car!!!

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‘Birthday Greetings’ to the following students who are celebrating a birthday in the upcoming weeks:
Nijen, Amy M., Annelise, Madeleine, Adem and Olivia.

STUDENT AWARDS:

Congratulations to the following students, who were presented with Student of the Week awards at Assembly on the 15th of April, 2016:

Encouragement Awards:
Rayan, Ezra, Jessica S., Elyas, Thomas B., Alex, Soumaya, Federica, Zara T., Alaa Al-A., Yousif, Faris, Akshpreet, Giovanna, Angelica and Zara B.
Congratulations to the following students, who were presented with Student of the Week awards at Assembly on the 22nd of April, 2016:

Weihan, Serge, Alanoud, Jayden H., Victoria, Yug, Jomana, Abu Bakr, Oscar H., Azzam, Jolin, Madeleine, Krrish and Samantha.

Encouragement Awards:
Dania, Mohammed D., Navreet, Lekhan, Sahasra, Derek, Audrey, Norah, Nathaniel, Matthew Y., Keith, James H., Seraj and Jessica D.

**Scholastic Book Club**
Scholastic Book Club orders and money are due to be returned to school by this Thursday the 28th of April.

**Wanted - Science!!!**
If you have any empty water bottles (250ml / 300ml / 350mls) could you please bring them along to school for Mrs Franzone? Thank you.

**Art Room**
The Art teachers are in need of ‘Meat trays’ and ‘egg cartons’ so if you are able to assist please bring donations along to the office or the Art Room teachers.  
Thank you!
Luisa Macheda and Sonia Boots

**Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony – 18th March 2016**
**Stories from Group 8**

Today an elder from the Wurundjeri country came to welcome us into Reservoir Primary School with a smoke ceremony. They gave us gum leaves. It was interesting.

*Otis*

Today an elder from the Wurundjeri country came to our school. His name was Perry and he did a welcome to country. He got gum leaves and put them on the fire to make the smoke ceremony. I was excited.

*Abu Bakr*

Today an elder from the Wurundjeri country came to our school and there was fire and smoke and I went around the smoke.

*Sahan*

Today an elder from the Wurundjeri country came to the assembly. I learnt about the welcome to country today and we made a fire and it was really smoky.

*Jasmin*

On Friday the 18th of March an elder from the Wurundjeri country came to our school. He made a fire with gum leaves. It was called a welcome to country.

*Hunter*
Today an elder from Wurundjeri country came to our school. He put gum leaves in the fire because it snapped the bad spirits away.

_Essie_

Today an elder from the Wurundjeri country came to our school. We went around the smoke. Then we heard a very old and sad story. Then we had assembly. Then we went to our classroom.

_Aadhvik_

Today an elder from the Wurundjeri country came to our school. Perry got gum leaves for the fire and Perry made smoke.

_Lorena_

The man who came was called Perry. He came to perform a Welcome to country. He came to assembly. He made a little fire in a tree stump.

_Angelpreet_

Today an elder from the Wurundjeri country came to our school. Perry welcomed us to the country with a special ceremony.

_Melak_

Today an elder from the Wurundjeri came to our school at assembly. He came here to do a smoke ceremony.

_Mohmad R._

Today an elder from the Wurundjeri country came to our school and his name was Perry. He performed a smoke ceremony. I thought it was scary but nice.

_Sachit_

Today an elder from the Wurundjeri country came to our school. It was so exciting. The man was called Perry and he did a Welcome to Country smoke ceremony. It is called a smoke ceremony because you can walk through smoke and it takes bad spirits away. It was really fun.

_Mustafa_

**CITY OF DAREBIN - CHILDREN’S DAY**

Celebrating lifelong learning
11:00am – 3:00pm, Sunday 15th May, 2016.
Bundoora Farm and Coopers Settlement
Join in free fun activities!
Interactive circus tricks workshops / Face painting / Photography competition
What I love about learning / Market stalls / Farm animals
Entry by gold coin donation.
For more information go to [www.darebin.vic.gov.au](http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au)
Hello Mum, Dad and Family Members,
Our school is participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program this term. Tuesday & Thursday lunchtime is a fun ‘Skipping to Music’ time for all students. All grades will have ropes to borrow and a range of activities to enjoy every day!
You can help your child support valuable research into heart disease by registering them online. It’s easy, safe and secure. Jumprope.org.au (Everyday Hero) Find (search for) our school site. Register. Send emails to family and friends asking for sponsorship. Or just list them on-line under your child’s name.

Special events in Melbourne

FREE Daily Hays Paddock
Playground on the banks of a billabong, designed to enable children with and without disabilities to play together. Includes swings, climbing equipment and slides some with special modifications.
Kew East. 9278 4444 boroondara.vic.gov.au

Fitness and Health Expo
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
29th April- 1st May 2016
See website for cost details: fitnessexpo.com.au
See your fitness from a new perspective at the ultimate event for fitness and health. Gain tips from leading fitness experts and athletes, trial the latest fitness equipment, accessories and classes; compete in events and stock up on all your fitness apparel and nutritional needs.

Melbourne Autism Expo 2016
Celebrating Difference
Saturday 30th April 2016
Karralyka Centre Mines Rd, Ringwood East
Speakers, Products and Services, AFL Clinic, Chill out Area and Story time
www.melbourneautismexpo.com.au

Melbourne Knowledge Week
2nd- 8th May
New technologies, digital creativity and raw collaboration. Sixty events across the city.
melbourne.vic.gov.au
Mother’s Day Classic Walk/Run  8th of May
Venues throughout Victoria
See mothersdayclassic.com.au

Stonnington Jazz Festival  12-22 May
Twenty five events over 11 days in more than 10 venues.
For more information see stonningtonjazz.com.au

Darebin’s biannual celebration of children and families will take place on Sunday 15th May at the family-friendly Bundoora Park Farm.
Entry to the Bundoora Park Farm is by gold coin donation.
Time: 11am- 3pm
Other activities will include face and henna painting, an interactive circus tricks workshop, live puppetry performance and market stalls.
For more information go to Darebin.vic.gov.au/events or call 8470 8888.

The 2016 Victorian State Schools Spectacular will be performed twice (1:00pm and 6:30pm) on Saturday 10 September at Hisense Arena. Tickets will soon be released through Ticketek.
The Spectacular includes a cast of 3000 Victorian government school students, working towards a common goal in a collaborative, competition-free environment. Its dual aim is to provide an invaluable performing arts opportunity to Victoria’s government school students and to showcase the enormous talent that exists in our schools. This all comes together in a 2-3 hour scripted show that celebrates a diversity of performance mediums, including choir, dance, vocal, drama, and orchestra.