



THE BULLETIN – Week 3, Term 2, 2025



For your diary

Week 3, Term 2

Wednesday 14 May	Groove Nation dance lessons – permission notes and payment now due
Thursday 15 May	Ricky Riots guitar lessons – payment now due for Term 2
Friday 16 May	PSSA Oz Tag starts – Years 3-6 selected students Assembly in the hall for Years K-6 at 2.30pm – all welcome!

Week 4, Term 2

Monday 19 May	
Tuesday 20 May	Year 6 Aboriginal students' workshop with rapper (and former student) Tasman Keith
Wednesday 21 May	Groove Nation dance lessons PSSA Zone Cross Country at Tempe Reserve
Thursday 22 May	School tour at 9.15am for any prospective 2026 families Ricky Riots guitar lessons.
Friday 23 May	PSSA sport Assembly in the hall for Years K-6 at 2.30pm – all welcome!

Week 5, Term 2

Monday 26 May	Reconciliation Week - the 2025 theme is <i>Bridging Now to Next</i> National Sorry Day - remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
Tuesday 27 May	<i>Bridging Now to Next</i> calls on all Australians to step forward together, to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us.
Wednesday 28 May	Groove Nation dance lessons

Coming up

Thursday 29 May	Reconciliation Week – Wear it Yellow Day to support Children's Ground
Thursday 5 June	City of Sydney waste workshops for Years 3-6



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we begin Week 3, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. As you have no doubt noticed, we have a lot of events and opportunities happening this term. School excursions/ incursions are not optional, they are mandatory for all students. Encouraging our children to participate in class and school activities is vital, and we appreciate your efforts at home to support their learning journey. We are also asking for your help in getting permission notes signed and back into school. This is able to be done by you, quickly and simply, via School Bytes. I am always available to have a confidential discussion re payment difficulties and payment plans, please email me at michelle.mccormack@det.nsw.edu.au. Please keep an eye on our Coming Events and Bulletin for upcoming events and important announcements.

NAPLAN 2025: This week I received the preliminary NAPLAN results for our school, and they are extremely pleasing.

Year 3

Spelling - 78% of our students are in the top two bands of **Strong and Exceeding**

Reading - 64% of our students are in the top two bands of **Strong and Exceeding**

Year 5

Spelling - 87% of our students are in the top two bands of **Strong and Exceeding**

Reading - 75% of our students are in the top two bands of **Strong and Exceeding**

Numeracy - 71% of our students are in the top two bands of **Strong and Exceeding**

Grammar and Punctuation - 75% of our students are in the top two bands of **Strong and Exceeding**

The full student NAPLAN reports will be sent home to parents in a few weeks' time

P&C Election Day BBQ: A big thank you to Dylan and our P&C for organising the 'Democracy Sausage' BBQ for election day! It was an early start to a long day with many parents helping, thank you! Thank you also to many families for their donations for the day. The BBQ finished up in the afternoon with many satisfied customers. This is a great fundraiser for our school and the community expectations of a tasty BBQ here at DPS did not leave anyone disappointed. Well done and thank you to our P&C!

Kindergarten Enrolments 2026: Help Us Spread the Word! Exciting times are ahead; we kindly ask for your help in spreading the word to friends and neighbours who have little ones ready to embark on their educational journey next year. Our enrolments are officially open, and we have a **school tour scheduled for Thursday 22 May at 9.15am**. This is a fantastic opportunity for prospective families to explore our vibrant school, meet our enthusiastic student leaders, and begin forging connections within our community.

High potential and gifted education (HPGE): The School Development Days in Week 1 saw teachers engage with professional learning to support our understanding and implementation of High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) for individual students and groups across the creative, intellectual, physical and social emotional domains. There are many opportunities this year for DPS students to engage with programs both within the school and externally. This term, students in Year 3-6 have the option to participate in the NSW Premier's Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. The competition has two different age divisions – one for Years 3 and 4 students and one for Years 5 and 6 students. The competition encourages students to explore multiculturalism in Australia while they practise their public speaking skills and improve their confidence. Last year Frida in Year 6 made it to the MS&MSW Public Speaking Grand Final which was a fantastic achievement.

Cross Country: Our annual CrossCountry carnival was held last Tuesday at Victoria Park in very warm and humid conditions. Thank you to Brad and all of the staff who ensured that the day ran smoothly. Congratulations to the following age champions:

8/9 Girls - Freyja Y 8/9 Boys - Harry B-W	10 Girls - Ruth W 10 Boys - Paddy J	11 Girls - Frida L-Y 11 Boys - Mac J	12/13 Girls - Nina 12/13 Boys - Yileen W
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Parrwang Lifts the Sky: Last Thursday we were invited by the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to its production of the opera *Parrwang Lifts the Sky*, the Wadwarrung creation story by Deborah Cheetham Fraillon. Professor Cheetham Fraillon spoke to the Year 5 and 6 students and explained the story being told through this opera and she also explained more about watching an opera. What an absolute gift to be able to see this performance and we thank Deborah for her time and the opportunity.

Walk safely to school – This Friday is Walk Safely to School Day. All students will be given special shoelaces to try out and see if they make them walk faster! Thankfully our new crossing supervisor Behnaz is making it a whole lot safer for all of us to walk to school. Thank you Behnaz!!

Michelle McCormack
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Parrwang Lifts the Sky by Deborah Cheetham Fraillon



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FROM THE SCHOOL – Kindergarten 2026 families



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School Tour



THURSDAY 22 MAY
9.15AM

Come and see what makes our school a vibrant,
inclusive and innovative place of learning!
Explore our modern collaborative learning spaces,
meet our dedicated educators, and find
out how we nurture every child's potential.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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REPEAT

Changes to school report templates/format - information for families

Kindergarten to Year 6

Starting in Semester 1, 2025, the NSW Department of Education will introduce new school reports that are easier for parents to read and understand. The NSW Department of Education has developed these reports for Kindergarten to Year 10. The templates respond to feedback from parents and carers who wanted clearer, more concise information on their child's progress, while helping schools streamline the reporting process.

These changes, aim to provide a clearer picture of how your child is doing in school. The reports will include progress in all subjects, including important areas like English, mathematics, and other key learning areas.

Teachers will provide comments about your child in English, mathematics, and a general comment section, helping you understand what your child is doing well and where they might need support.

For Kindergarten students, the general comment will cover Creative Arts, HSIE (Human Society and Its Environment), PDHPE (Personal Development, Health and Physical Education), and Science and Technology, giving a complete picture of their progress.

The new reports will feature an [achievement scale](#) with clear descriptions, allowing you to understand your child's learning progress better achievement scale and descriptions

Parent-teacher interviews will still be an important way to discuss your child's progress in detail, giving you the opportunity to ask questions and explore how to support their learning journey. We welcome your feedback and questions about the new report format, as your thoughts are valuable to us.

With these updates, we hope to make it easier for you to understand how your child is doing in school, and we appreciate your support as we implement these changes.

Semester 1 reports will be coming home in Week 10 of this term.



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