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What's News >>>

2018 Dalgety Show

On a glorious Autumn day in March, the 2018 Dalgety Show opened its gates for the 74th year to a plethora of locals and tourists, proving another giant success.

Dalgety students participated in an abundance of events and showcases, paying tribute to this year's celebration of the 'Aussie Shed'. All students exhibited their talents and skills in Handwriting, (penning some of John Williamson's lyrics of his well-known song, 'The Shed'), Poetry & Art, where their works colourfully adorned the walls of the Pavillion - some even turned their hand to cooking, cake decorating and vegetable growing!



Tara picks up a host of Show awards

A huge congratulations should be extended to the exceptional talents of those students who participated in the Ring in the Horse schedule of events...for myself, the thought of even mounting a horse is daunting – I was left awe-inspired by the grit, discipline and gutsiness required to perform in these events.

Our magnificent papier mache of 'Pig the Pug' which we entered into the Novelty Event didn't receive a placing but instead received a resounding thumbs up from locals for its originality and quirkiness – it was the winner in my mind.

Students received handfuls of ribbons for their participation in many Show events, and thus to mention all winners and runners-up individually, would require an entire newspaper, so without signalling out students, I wish to congratulate all on their fine efforts, you did us very proud!

(See our 'Snapshot of Highlights' page for some Show pics).

A Message from the Front of the Classroom >>>

What a whirlwind start to the year... hard to believe it's Week 7 already and yet we have certainly covered some mileage in that time. Firstly, heartfelt thanks to students, families and friends who have given Elya and I the warmest of welcomes. Being advised of my new position in the last week of school in 2017 came with great elation, as Dalgety Public School holds very fond memories for me. I spent 3 exciting years at DPS (2008 – 2010 working under Marg Hayes), which will be treasured for a very long time. It was with great pleasure when Elya Bateman (who has been an employee of Jindabyne Central School for the past 10 years), accepted my invitation to join the DPS team as our second teacher for 3 days a week. Elya comes with a wealth of experience and with her warm and caring attitude and unique teaching style, we look forward to an inspirational year ahead filled with opportunity, adventure and a whole lot of learning thrown in. I welcome back Tamri Parr and Kerrie Douglas as our part-time School Learning Support Officers and of course our School Administration Manager, Jan Sutcliffe (who knows more about the school than all of us put together). On behalf of all staff and our fabulous students, we invite you to the classroom at any time to share a story or provide some insight into our fascinating world around us. My door is always open and your valuable input is always welcome. I really look forward to all the opportunities that lay ahead for us.

Best
Natalie

What's News >>>

National 'The Big Veggie Crunch' Day

Dalgety students joined in the fun on 1 March for National 'Big Veggie Crunch Day', where simultaneously across the nation, we crunched on a piece of fruit or veggie together with a record 47,920 students across 292 schools.

Our 'Healthy Snack' (as part of the *Live Life Well at School* program's *Crunch & Sip* initiative) has become a morning ritual and has been enjoyed by students, providing them with that little bit of extra 'fuel' for the morning Literacy session.



Students crunch for Big Veggie Crunch Day

New Start to New Year

Natalie & Elya join the team at Dalgety PS

Dalgety Public School has a new relieving principal



Relieving Principal of Dalgety Public School Natalie Condello and new teacher Elya Bateman.

Natalie Condello has made the move from Jindabyne Central School, where she was an assistant principal and classroom teacher for three years.

Natalie is filling in for Marg Hayes while she spends time competing overseas in cross-country skiing. It is anticipated Marg will return to the position of principal of Dalgety next year.

Natalie says she is thoroughly enjoying being in Dalgety.

"I am loving it," she says.

"It is terrific here, and the school is so well resourced. We are able to set our own pace while following the curriculum, which makes it more interesting for the kids."

"Despite being a remote school, the children here have such fantastic opportunities in and out of the classroom."

Natalie says this year she would like to aim for expansions in the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) program for the school.

"I'd love to introduce the kids to some more film making and animation."

A focus on expanding the drama and music program is also an initiative of Natalie's for the school year.

"It is still very early days here and we are all still getting to know one another."

"I have brought with me another teacher from JCS, Elya Bateman."

"Elya brings a great deal of experience with her and offers some good variety for the students. Elya and I team teach two days per week, and Elya does one day on her own to allow me to have an admin day in the office."

Happy Birthday

Raph

7 on 6th Mar



'Clean-Up Australia Day' Campaign

Armed with garbage bags, students eagerly set out for the annual clean-up day on Fri 2 March. Starting at the school, we did a quick clean up (very little due to the school being spotless anyway) and then moved into and around town, scouring for bits n pieces of rubbish. We left happy and fulfilled, and our town spotless - something to be really proud of.



Dalgety students scour the banks of the Snowy River

What's Coming Up?

March

19 – Life Education Van

21 – Harmony Day

28 – Cross Country, Nimmitabel PS

30 – Good Friday

April

11 – Small School's Fun Day, Bredbo

16-27 – School Holidays

Week 7 – 9, Wednesdays & Fridays

– Cross Country Training

(kids to bring their running shoes and extra gas in the tank)

Let's Celebrate... Harmony Day – 21 March >>>

To live harmoniously in Australia, it is essential that we ensure that everyone from different backgrounds is made to feel equal and involved, and is treated with fairness and respect.

Dalgety Public School is in preparation to celebrate national Harmony Day on 21 March – a day to celebrate our culturally diverse society. With the majority of Australia's population made up of people who were born here or moved here only one, two or three generations ago, everyone has different and varied backgrounds: Italian, Greek, English, Vietnamese, Irish, Japanese and the list goes on. If it weren't for all of the nationalities and cultures that exist side by side in Australia, can you imagine how uninteresting our streets (and food) would be?

In keeping with our 'Focus on Asia – Japan' Geography unit, students will pay a special tribute to Japan and its fascinating culture on Harmony Day. A plethora of Japanese activities will take place in the lead up to and on the day itself. Students will be making traditional Japanese 'Hannya' Masks. We also encourage students to dress up in traditional Japanese costume such as the 'Kimono', or to bring in Japanese artefacts you may have at home.

Birthday Fever

March/April

Anni – Mar 23

Ryder – Mar 27

Jack – Mar 28

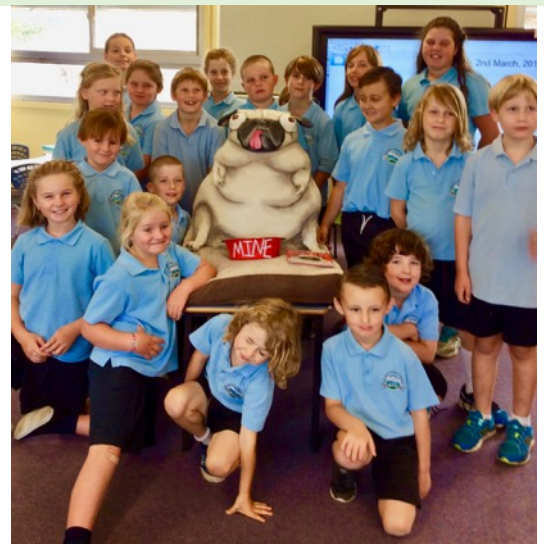
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'PIG' DID US PROUD

(and isn't ready to lay down yet!)

Our entry into the Novelty Event at the Dalgety Show saw author, Aaron Blabey's mischievous Pug called 'Pig', come to life. Students worked tirelessly to create the 'life-like' replica of our beloved 'Pig'. With this year's Novelty Event theme being 'Pigs', we thought it only fitting that we create the unique sculpture made from some old pillows, plenty of newspaper and a tonne of glue. The papier mache replica didn't win Best in Show but certainly (in our minds) won the People's Choice. 'Pig' being the pig-headed pug that he is, who continuously strives to be the best version of himself, has been resoundingly accepted to star in (well, 'Pig' thinks he will) the regions well-contested **Lake Light Sculpture** being held over Easter. Be sure to get down to the lake to 'keep an eye on him!'



What's the Scoop?

Dalgety Public School To Stage River's Athletics Carnival

It is with great pleasure to announce that Dalgety will stage the 2018 River's Athletics Carnival. It's been a number of years however, school staff and students, parents and community look forward to embracing the opportunity. Dalgety showground will be the venue for this year's event and whilst the venue has just hosted the Dalgety Show, together with some help from Dalgety PS family and friends, we will be seeking the help of Council to prepare the grounds for the day. Special thank you to Jo Miners for initiating this opportunity for Dalgety and her working contribution.

A date for the River's Athletics Carnival is yet to be confirmed but has been tentatively ear-marked for 11 May, Term 2.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

NEW

Strive to be the Best Version of Yourself' Awards

This newly introduced award for the students of DPS, aligns with our Class Expectations of 'Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best', where students are encouraged to give their Personal Best in all aspects of school life. Each week this award is presented at Assembly in recognition of students who aren't necessarily 'the best in the business' but moreover, students who actively strive for their own personal best each and every day. Whether being a responsible classmate in the classroom, playing respectfully in the playground, consistently following instruction without fuss or just getting on with the job – students will be rewarded with this highly sought-after award. Together with receiving an original 'pug-endorsed' bookmark, recipients will be entitled to choose a special book to take home and cherish as a keepsake.

Recipients to have received the lucrative Award in Term 1:

Izzy Wallace

Oscar Wilson (absent at time of presentation)

Raph Mesley

Congratulations to these deserving students on receiving Awards.



BIG HIGH 5's GO TO...

Our fabulous swimmers...Tara, Jenna, Anni, Tara, Jack, Josh, Will, Forrest & Jane who proudly flew the DPS flag at the District Swimming Carnival in Cooma. An awesome group of dedicated kids who returned some great results. A huge SHOUT OUT to Tara, Anni, Jack & Forrest who have qualified for the Regional Championships in Dapto in the relay. We wish you all the very best - we're very proud of your achievement.

News from the P&C

Congratulations and a very warm 'thank you' to Myolene Mesley who rejoins DPS and the P&C team. Myolene enthusiastically agreed to be re-instated as President of Dalgety Public School's P&C. A special thank you is also extended to Gill Wilson (Vice President), Hayley May (Treasurer) and Kirsty Ferguson (Secretary) for their ongoing hard work. But a great team can't exist without a supportive and dedicated crew...thank you to all parents for taking the time to support and raise funds for our students and the school – an often thankless and tiresome role.

The P&C kick-started the year with their famous Breaky BBQ at the Dalgety Show. There was non-stop action from early morning with Luke, Lachlan and Grant ensuring that, where the bacon, eggs & sausages were concerned, the sizzle never stopped! A terrific start to the fund-raising year. Special thanks to all for your efforts in making it happen!

upcoming events & fundraisers not to be missed...

MAY TRIVIA NIGHT

Move aside JR, Dallas is coming to town for the Dalgety PS P & C Trivia Night to be held at the Dalgety Memorial Hall. Be quick to book a table, limited seats and will sell quicker than you can say, "Who Shot JR?"!! Donations gratefully accepted for the raffle and silent auction.

11 MAY (tba) RIVER'S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
(Dalgety Showground)



Lachlan, Grant & Luke...the 'Tongs R Us' Boys

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Year 5 students report on the GRIP Leadership Conference
2018 Lake Light Sculpture
2018 Snowy Mountains Interschools' Equestrian Competition
2018 Harmony Day

and much more...

a snapshot of highlights!

