



DARTMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - TERM 4 - NOVEMBER 2023

DARTMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL

uEducateUs

As you are aware we have moved to a new app for correspondence called uEducateUs, a one stop shop for all our communication needs.

Information on your Username and Password has been sent home with your child, if you need it again please let Mrs Bull or Alana know. While we get our heads around the app it may take some time for us to use it to its full potential, at the moment we have just allowed push notifications, please let us know if you would also like to receive email notifications.

Through the app you can log your **child's absences** and reason for the absence, so you don't need to send us a text message if you don't want to.

Permission slips can be found here as well, making it nice and simple to update any medical information and give permission without worrying about finding a pen.

Our **newsletters** will be published to the app, as well as our Facebook page and email.

The end of year **reports** will also be published on the app.

You can send the classroom teacher a message if you need as well.

We hope that by using this program it will make communication between the school and families easier, please reach out if you are having any trouble with the app.

New and Second Hand Uniform available for purchase at the office.

Term 4 Important Dates

Friday 10 November - Poppy Picking

Monday 20 November - Friday 1 December
Swimming in Hamilton: Mon, Wed and Fridays

Thursday 30th November - Dental Van

Tuesday 5 December - Excursion to 25 Acres and School Sleep Over

Wednesday 6 December - Canoe Day

Tuesday 12 December - State Wide Transition Day

Thursday 14 December - End of Year Celebrations

Monday 18th December - Pupil Free Day
(staff completing First Aid)

Tuesday 19 December - Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 20 December - 2023 LAST DAY and MAJOR BUILDING WORKS COMMENCE

FREE TRIAL

THRIVE OSHC

Available for After School Care ONLY
Monday 13th November 2023 until Thursday 30th November 2023

Please contact our service to book in your child's days and take up this amazing offer

All families must complete required enrolment forms found at www.thriveoshc.com.au

0448 193 304
dartmoor@thriveoshc.com.au

"Building Success and Friendship"

Junior Classroom Term 4

In the Junior class, students have been watching the lifecycle of a snow pea unfolding. In conjunction with the 2024 Prep students, they planted the seeds in pots and are measuring and recording the growth of each plant. Students are gradually increasing their vocabulary connected with growing plants, such as 'dormant' 'seed coat', 'germination' and learning how the plant is able to make energy for rapid growth.



The snow pea sends out little fine 'vines' as it grows. We put a stake in to help the plant climb and get lots of sunlight.

Nolan



Our excursion to walk part of the Great South West Walk provided a stimulus for using descriptive language, as well as learning how verbs in writing show what someone is doing or feeling. After responding to the walk through an Art activity - using different types of cardboard packing - students then brainstormed captions for their pictures, using verbs as part of the caption. Dartmoor Primary School has contributed to an exhibition about the Great South West Walk at the Portland Library; the exhibition opens this Friday, 10 November 2023.



Look for the 'lion' rock at the Petrified Forest.
Nolan



Climb the steps! The Enchanted Forest is amazing!
Finn

Responsible Pet Incursion with Barb and Tucker

On Wednesday the 1st of November we had a visit from Barb and her dog Tucker from Responsible Pets Victoria. Barb came and spoke to all of our students about what you need to be able to provide for a pet, including which pets are good for time poor people and which ones need lots of attention.

She taught us what to do if a dog appears to be angry and we all practised standing like a soldier or a statue, with our hands by our sides. We also learnt how to approach a dog on a lead and how to pat them. Remember to stand 3 big steps away, ask the owner if you can pat the dog, approach in an arc, let the dog smell your fist and then pat it along the back.

Tucker was very well behaved and let all of the students give him a pat on the back. It was fun to listen and learn from Barb and Tucker.



IN THE SENIOR CLASSROOM

Our Class Novel

Students have been enjoying listening to the reading of 'Helen Keller' written by Margaret Davidson. Helen, born in 1880, was only eighteen months old when she became very sick and nearly died. When she recovered, Helen's mother discovered that Helen could no longer see or hear - she was completely blind and deaf! Students have all shown great interest in how Helen's teacher, Miss Annie, taught Helen how to communicate. Ask your children what Helen was like before Miss Annie arrived, and how Miss Annie managed to teach Helen!

Maths

We have moved from the topic of Multiplication on to Division - topics which are closely linked! All students have been completing many division word problems using a variety of strategies. For example, when dividing by 2, you can halve the amount, and when dividing by 4, you can halve and then halve again. Another strategy is counting in number sequences.

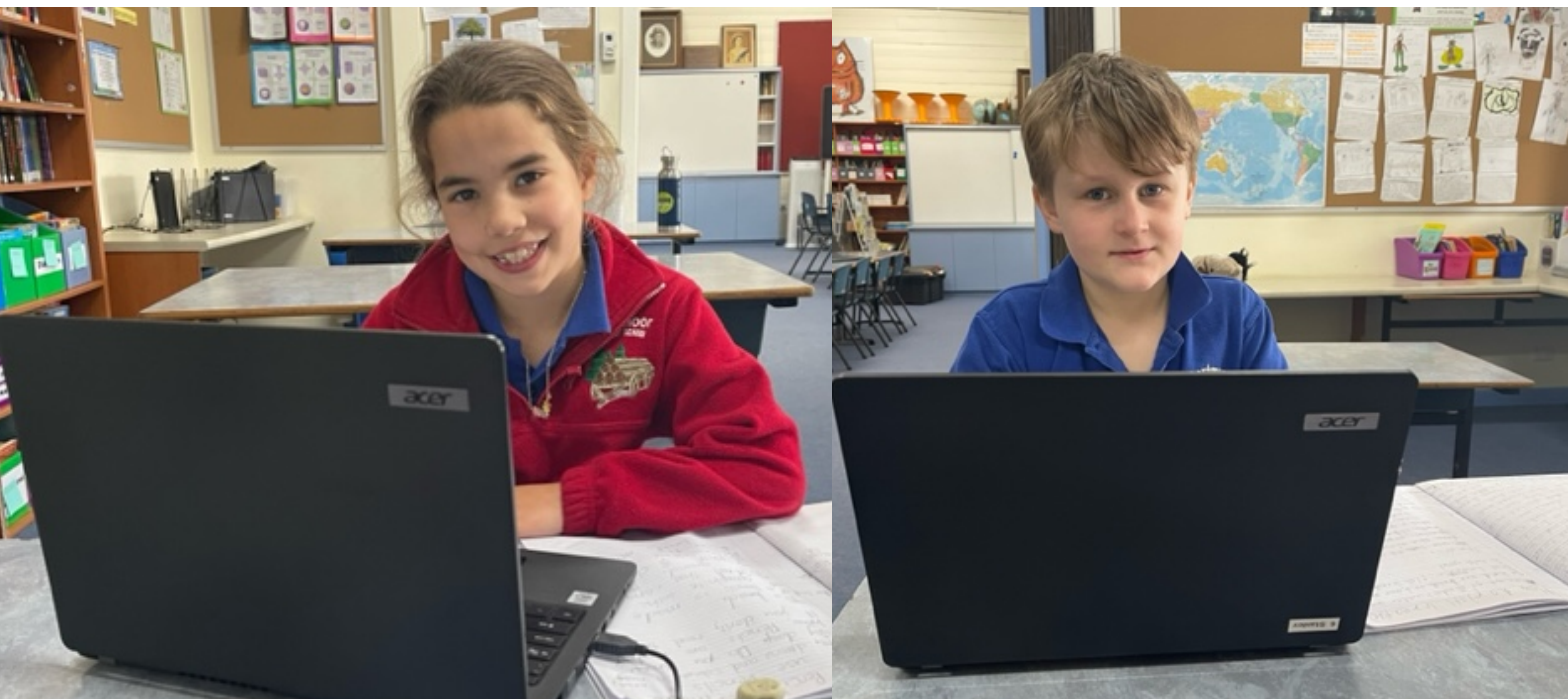
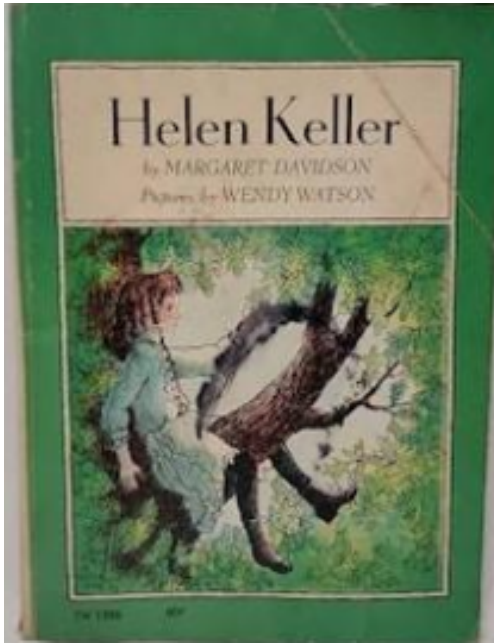
Literacy

We are continuing our explanation writing, with some students up to the publishing stage. We have also been learning about prefixes, suffixes, compound words, and the different ways to make nouns plural. Ask your children if they can explain some of these concepts to you!

TRIVIA:

Lin is packing 34 cakes into boxes. Each full box holds 5 cakes.

What is the smallest number of boxes Lin needs to pack all the cakes?



Indiana and Stan completing their work on the schools new Acer Travelmate laptop.

YOGA AT THE BUSH NURSING CENTRE

On Wednesday the 1st of November, we were lucky to have the chance to do some yoga with Jasmine. It involved lots of stretching, moving and turning ourselves into pretzels! We were superheroes getting ready for our day, and we even had our own superhero stances. We balanced on one foot while holding up the other, created a frog pose, and practised our deep breathing while laying on our backs.

We all enjoyed our yoga session! It really stretched our muscles and relaxed them. We'd like to say a huge thank you to Jasmine for teaching us some yoga.

We give it an 11 out of 10 and definitely recommend that you give it a go yourself!



MARC ACTIVITIES



Payton and Finn with their weaving creations they have been working on with Miss Williams.

What does MARC stand for?

Mobile Area Resource Centre services enable small rural and regional schools to provide students with access to a broader range of texts and educational resources.



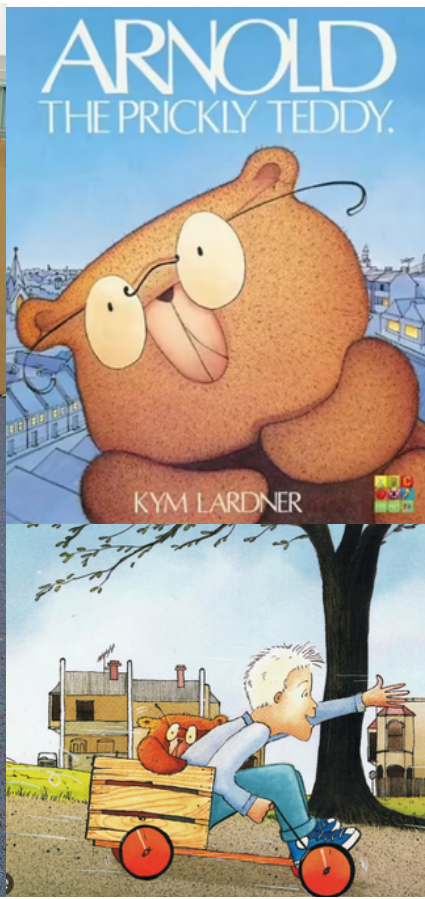
2024 Foundation Visit - Monday 6 November

This week Hudson and Harvey watched a short video on brown bears and then Ms G read 'Arnold the Prickly Teddy' - who was, coincidentally, brown!

After reading the story, they had to follow instructions to draw Arnold, and they chose to colour him using oil pastels and watercolours.

Hudson and Harvey were great listeners and could recite a few facts about brown bears. At the end of the lesson and shared their drawings.

A top effort from both boys!



Walk to School

October was Walk to School month, given that all of our students live outside walking distance to the school, we count each lap of the school that we do at recess and lunch as one walk per day. This finished on Friday of last week and we are eagerly awaiting news from the Glenelg Shire to see how we went.

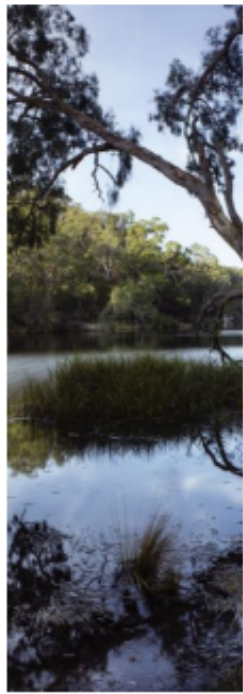
Last year we received money for participating and money for being the Champion School! With that money we purchased drink bottles and a carrier for excursions, fold up seats that can be easily taken with us on excursions and a new rebound net.

This week we built the net, which took a bit of muscle (thanks Scott for walking in your Grandmother's footsteps through the school at just the right time so you could help with the springs and the net). We practised throwing a ball at the net and then we had a hit of tennis.

It was lots of fun!



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Student Art Exhibition

Celebrating
40 yrs
of the
Great South West Walk.

Exhibiting for Two Weeks:
Monday 6th – Friday 17th Nov.
@ Glenelg Library – Portland
32 Bentinck Street

Student work
from local
schools.
All Welcome!



Be sure to check out:



Save the date 11th. November.

Back in April I asked for volunteer sewers and/or donations to make quilts for returned service people for Quilts of Valour Australia.

We have made 16 quilts, including one painted by the school children, and will exhibit them, in the museum for two weekends running Sat. 11th – Mon. 13th and Fri. 17th – Mon. 20th before sending them off.

Museum will be open from 10 am. It is also Produce Market Day Sat. 11th. There will be a sausage sizzle to help raise funds for our next project, "Safe Houses".

Dartmoor Museum Quilters:

Deb, Di, Heather, Mary, Poodge.



Info: Poodge Ph. 0419505632.

*Many thanks for donations
and to ladies who helped out*

Fun Fact

Did you know that the tropical kiwi fruit has twice the vitamin c than an orange? Kiwis are packed with flavour, minerals and fibre too. Try biting into them with the skin on and see if you like the fuzzy feel in your mouth!



Brought to you by Jane Killmister,
Healthy Kids Advisor for Glenelg Shire.

The Healthy Kids Advisors initiative supports schools, local sports clubs, and after school-hours care to provide delicious, fresh food and drink to children and young people.



VIC KIDS EAT WELL

DARTMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL HAS JOINED THE MOVEMENT!