



DARTMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - TERM 3 - SEPTEMBER 2023

DARTMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL

We are nearly at the end of term 3 and in true Dartmoor style we don't look to be slowing down at all. With 2 more excursions booked in the next 2 weeks; a netball clinic for our Senior Class and a day trip to the Enchanted Forest part of the Great South West Walk along with our resident experts Ben and Ali (as seen on ABC's Backroads) and their good friend Ken. We have been invited to participate in The Friends of the Great South West Walk artwork and writing exhibition to celebrate its 40th anniversary in November of this year. Visiting the walk will give our students plenty of ideas to write and draw about.

We also have our Book Week celebrations happening on Thursday the 14th of September, including a guest speaker from Portland Aluminium to read 'We're all Wonders' to the students, a picture story book adapted from the acclaimed story Wonder.

The Portland Music Festival; we could not be more proud of each of our students and the performance that they put on in Portland. It was outstanding. So many hours of work went into that 6 minutes on stage and it was worth every minute. Thank you to all of the parents who brought their children down for the show and for all of your help leading up to the performance as well. Our students were walking on a cloud the next day full of pride for themselves and their peers, such a wonderful atmosphere to be a part of.

Attendance Reminder

All absences need to be notified by 10am by phone or text. If we are not notified it will remain an unexplained absence to the Department of Education.

Term 3 Important Dates

Tuesday 5th September - Netball Clinic

Tuesday 12th September - GSWW Excursion

Thursday 14 September - **BOOK WEEK!**
and Blue Lake Dinner Fundraiser!

Friday 15th September -
Last Day of Term 3 (early dismissal)

Term 4 Important Dates

Monday 2nd October
First Day back for Term 4!

Well done to the Dartmoor Football and Netball teams making it into the Finals. Good Luck to the Reserves and A Grade Netball playing in the Grand Final on the weekend.



"Building Success and Friendship"

A word from Miss Emma

Throughout Term 3 I have been lucky enough to work along side Mrs Firth in the Senior Classroom as a student teacher.

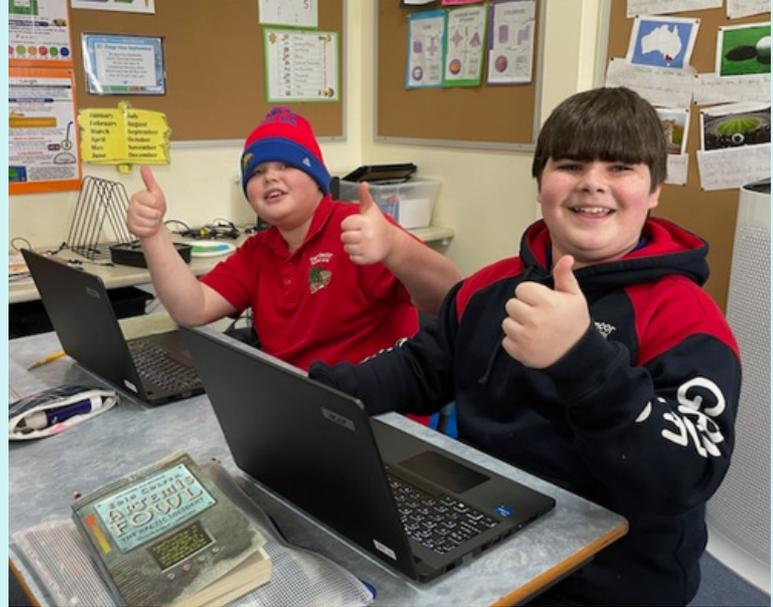
The school has been very welcoming and students are very fortunate to have such wonderful teachers and staff care for their well being and educational needs. Bailey also gets a shout out as the best school therapy dog and cuddler!

The Term has certainly gone quick, yet I could not ask for a better school to complete my final teaching rounds at.

Thank you to all the staff and students who have helped me to get to this point.



Jensen and Jett working on their newly allocated Acer TravelMate laptop. Each student will have access to a new laptop as part of the School Upgrade Funding.



We look forward to sharing other new purchases as they arrive!



Students were saddened to see our 20 plus year old flags retire from duty, earning a well earned break having safely served our community extremely well over this time. We welcomed bright new flags which are very eye catching!



Student Awards

Assembly: 1 September 2023



Junior Room:
Kai

Senior Room:
Zara

Lego Club

This year we have been very fortunate to receive some funding through SFYS (Student Youth Focus Services), to implement a Lego Club at our school. This funding paid for staff training, Lego and storage for the Lego.

Lego Club sounds simple but it is not. Students work in groups of 3, one person is the Engineer and gets the instruction booklet, they cannot show the booklet to anyone else in their team. They must describe the brick that they need and the brick collector picks out the part they need from the description the engineer has given them. Then the parts collector gives the piece to the Builder who is then instructed by the Engineer where to put the piece. It requires a lot of patience, good communication skill and a calm demeanour. These roles are rotated through during a lesson, so that everyone gets to be all the roles throughout the lesson.

We started our projects at the start of Term 3 and have been doing simple projects while the students get their heads around the language needed to make our builds successful. Students have been doing such a wonderful job that we will be moving onto a bigger challenge next week.





Tree Planting

On Tuesday 29 August 2023, Dartmoor Primary students and staff travelled to Dorodong [Victoria] in order to assist in the planting of buloke and brown stringbark trees, provided by SFM Industries. These trees will eventually be a food source for the endangered red-tail black cockatoos. Prior to the trip, students learnt various facts about the red-tailed black cockatoo, including their diet, nesting requirements, habitat, status [in-the-wild - they are an endangered species] and the benefits to the community of ensuring these birds don't become critically endangered. Students had the opportunity of decorating several tree shields each, then planting the trees and hammering in the wooden stake. Students also saw some native animals hopping and flying around the site. This hands-on learning at the Dorodong site, reaches into reading, viewing, science, art and history. It was a thoroughly enjoyable learning experience.



Sharam Cottage Penola

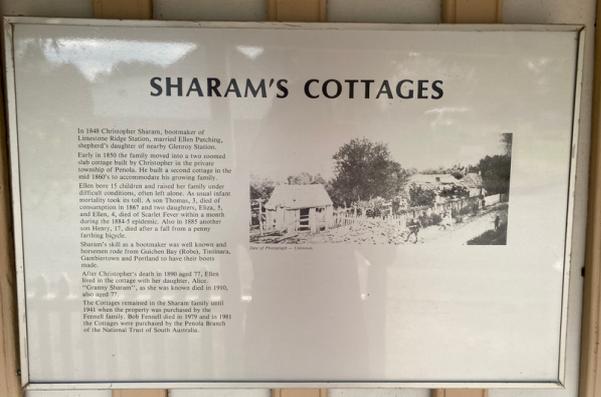
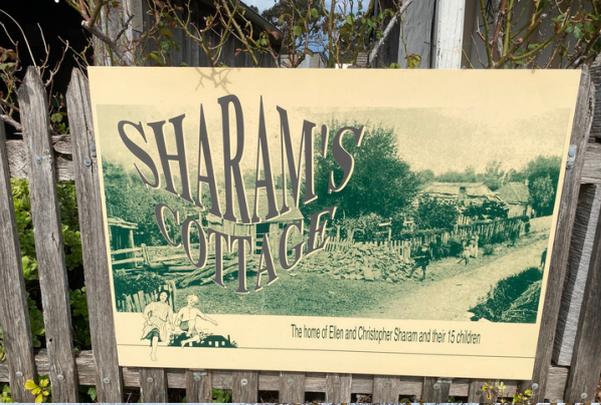
On the way back to school from our tree planting excursion, we called into Sharam Cottage in Petticoat Lane, Penola.

Part of this cottage was built C1850 as a family cottage for the Sharam family. There were a total of 15 children born in the house, although not all of the children lived there at the same time. Information boards are dotted throughout the buildings, explaining various artefacts.

Parts of the house are visible in a most interesting way, for example, the roof shingles are visible from a small exposed area in the bedroom. Layers of wallpaper [used for decoration and to help keep out winter weather] are shown in their peeling state – you can see the layers of paper that were applied every 12 months.

There are extensive fruit and vegetable gardens out the back of the house, a kitchen area - in a separate building near the main building – and a few artefacts including Mr Sharam's [boot-stitching] sewing machine and a few tools. This cottage is run by local volunteers, and is open every day except Christmas Day.

There is no cost to enter this historical site. Learning at this site engages students in local history, being community minded and opens their eyes to the value of preserving aspects of our past.





DARTMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL IN CONJUNCTION
WITH BLUE LAKE BAR & BISTRO PRESENT:

A FUNDRAISER DINNER!

CONTACT THE BISTRO
DIRECTLY TO MAKE A
RESERVATION AT THE BLUE
LAKE GOLF LINK BISTRO AND
WE WILL RECEIVE \$5 FOR
EVERY MEAL BOOKED.

JUMP ON BOARD WITH YOUR
FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS
GENEROUS FUNDRAISING
OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT
THE STUDENTS AT
DARTMOOR PRIMARY
SCHOOL.

DATE:
THURSDAY 14TH
SEPTEMBER

Grant Ave
Mount Gambier

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Over the last few years **The Resilience Project** has been very lucky to **partner with Culture is Life** to **enrich the wellbeing resources** we provide to our schools, **by incorporating First Nations knowledge and perspectives to wellbeing.**

We believe that, as Australians, we all have so much to learn from the longest surviving culture in the world.

Your children may come home and talk about some of these **First Nations wellbeing perspectives** that are integrated into our curriculum. We thought it would be a good idea to share some similar ways you could practise **Gratitude**, **Empathy** and **Mindfulness (GEM)** at home.

Culture is Life is an Aboriginal-led Not-For-Profit organisation who believe that all **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people have the right to thrive and flourish;** strong in knowing who they are, where they come from and who they are connected to.



Gratitude

You could show **gratitude** for the land that you live on and **research your local area** (most local councils have a dedicated webpage for this). You could find the following information:

- What lands are you living on?
- What is the native language?
- What are the native plants?
- What native wildlife is in your area?
- What First Nations land are your family and extended family living on across Australia?



Scan the QR code to see a map of Indigenous Australia.

Empathy

As a family you could sit in a **yarning circle** while having a conversation, and discuss the GEM question prompts below. This helps to practise **empathy** by respecting each other, taking turns and listening to everyone's ideas.

- What are three things that went well for you today?
- What is something that made you smile or laugh today?
- What kind acts have you noticed today?
- What is something kind you can do for someone this week? Think about who you might do this kind act for and when you could do this.

Yarning circles are a harmonious, creative and collaborative way to communicate. This is a place to talk, share, discuss, educate and have a yarn together. It is a place to build healthy and respectful relationships. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have been using yarning circles for thousands of years.

Mindfulness

Dadirri is an Indigenous term for **mindfulness**. It involves deep listening, bringing awareness to what is around you and focusing on your breathing. You could do this outside on Country by listening to the sounds of nature.

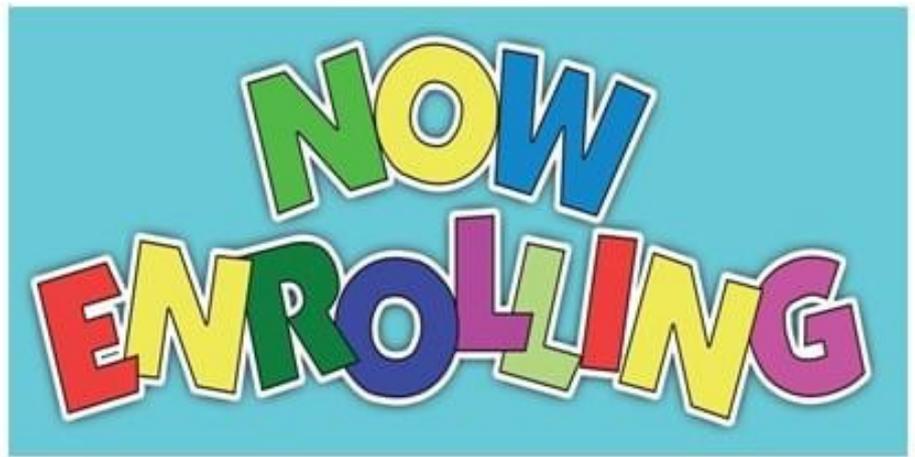
Check out **Dr. Paul Callaghan's** imperfects podcast episode where he shares a lot of wisdom that he has accrued over a lifetime of wins, losses and even a near death experience that changed his life forever. Connecting to Country is what help him through.



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Operating Hours

Before School Care – 6.30am – 9.00am

After School Care – 3.00pm – 6.30pm

Vacation Care – 8.30am – 5.30pm

**We are excited to announce
that we will be opening
Monday 4th September 2023**

Enrol now via our website –

www.thriveoshc.com.au

Or email us for more information –

dartmoor@thriveoshc.com.au

A member of our team will be in touch once we have received your enrolment to discuss your care needs and starting date.