

Challenge Charter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to DCE for another fantastic year in Challenge. We have had a terrific start to 2023 and look forward to the exciting teaching and learning over the next 12 months. The year has already included a great day at our Swimming Carnival, where many of our Grade 3 students competed in a range of different strokes for the first time. We look forward to meeting you at the "3 Way Conferences" early this term where we will have a chance to set goals and talk about the exciting plans we have for your child's learning in Challenge.

Please find below information regarding upcoming events and general housekeeping points.

SPECIALIST TIMES

	PE	ART	AUSLAN	MUSIC
CA	Monday 2.30	Friday 9.00	Tuesday 11.30	Wednesday 9.00
CB	Wednesday 9.00	Friday 10.00	Tuesday 10.00	Monday 2.30
CC	Monday 11.30	Friday 11.30	Thursday 10.00	Monday 11.30
CD	Wednesday 10.00	Monday 2.30	Tuesday 12.30	Thursday 11.30
CE	Friday 11.30	Friday 12.30	Monday 2.30	Wednesday 10.00

- All Challenge grades go to the Library on Wednesday.

JETS GYMNASTICS

Jets Gymnastics will be commencing for all grades this term. CA and CB will have their lessons on a Wednesday afternoon - Wednesday 15 February - Wednesday 8 March, 2023. CC, CD and CE will have their lessons on a Wednesday afternoon commencing on Wednesday 15 March - Wednesday 5 April, 2023. Please ensure you have given approval and payment for this event on Compass.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be beginning in week 4 (week of Monday 13 February) and will require students to complete a reading, maths, and spelling component. Students will be required to complete at least 4 nights of reading a week, where they will log this in the back of their homework book. Students will also be expected to complete one assigned Mathematics tasks on their iPads, and a spelling task in their homework book.

Homework is an important task for students to be completing weekly to develop their independent organisational skills. Please continue to encourage your child to be handing their books in on a Thursday morning, for them to be corrected and returned to the students on a Friday.

INQUIRY

Students will investigate and retell the stories of the convicts on the First Fleet to gain an understanding of the first European settlement of Australia. They will gain a better understanding of how the indigenous Australians lived before/after settlement. Students will learn about the Wurundjeri people and how they connect to the local community.

CURRIULUM

In Term 1 students will be challenged as they engage in a range of learning areas across the curriculum. This term in our Writing sessions we will be putting our author hats on and developing narratives, focusing on creatives ideas, interesting word choices and engaging structure of narratives. We will also be looking at persuasive pieces and how language can be used to persuade others.

In Reading, students will build on their knowledge of the CAFÉ menu and use the CAFÉ strategies as they develop their love of reading. Students will continue to work in CLG (Co-operative Learning Groups) to discuss and analyse different texts. Our class novel for term 1 is *Horrendo's Curse*, which the students have been enjoying already so far.

In CATCH Maths sessions, students will participate in Challenging Maths tasks where they are encouraged to persist, prove and problem solve. This term we will explore Place Value and number features, before moving to the Four Operations. Students will be learning a range of strategies to approach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems.

UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 14 February - 3 Way Conferences (regular school day for students)

Monday 13 March - Labour Day - Public Holiday

Wednesday 15 - Monday 20 March - NAPLAN (Grade 3 only)

It has been wonderful getting to know our learners so far this year, and we look forward to nourishing their education with another great year at DCE. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Smith, Mrs Harvey, Mr Gee, Mrs Teasdale, Mrs Massey and Miss de Man
Challenge Teachers