

Challenge Charter

July, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to DCE for the second half of 2023. We have had a busy first half of the year with all classes participating in a combination of our Jets Gym, Swimming and Bike Awareness programs and we look forward to the balance of grades participating in these fabulous programs, as well as the other amazing learning opportunities we have to come this semester.

In Term 3 we have already attempted the DCE Athletics day, with all students putting in a fantastic effort and giving each event a go, but alas, the weather was unkind. Keep an eye out on Compass for information about completing Athletics Day. We look forward to both Book Week Dress Up Day and 3 Way Conferences later this term where we will celebrate your child's many successes so far this year and create learning goals for moving forward.

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

Specialist Times

	PE	ART	AUSLAN	MUSIC
CA	Monday 10:00	Friday 12:30	Wednesday 2:30	Wednesday 9:00
CB	Wednesday 9:00	Friday 10:00	Monday 12:30	Monday 10:00
CC	Monday 2:30	Friday 11:30	Thursday 11:30	Tuesday 11:30
CD	Wednesday 10:00	Monday 10:00	Tuesday 10:00	Thursday 11:30
CE	Friday 11:30	Friday 9:00	Monday 10:00	Wednesday 10:00

- All Challenge Grades go to the Library on Wednesday.

BIKE AWARENESS - Grade 4 Students ONLY

Our Bike Awareness Program will be commencing for Grade 4 students in CC, CD and CE this term on a Thursday morning. This commenced last week - Thursday 20 July, 2023 and will continue for the next five (5) weeks. All participating students will need a roadworthy bicycle and an approved helmet. The Bike Awareness Program forms an important part of the PE Program and all Grade 4 students are expected to participate.

HOMEWORK

Homework has already been given towards the end of the first week of term, with the first set of tasks due back in week 2 (week beginning 17 July, 2023) and will require students to complete a reading, maths, and spelling component. Students will be required to complete at least four (4) nights of reading a week, where they will log this in their homework book. Students will also be expected to complete one assigned Mathematics task on their iPads and a multiplication wheel and spelling task in their homework book.

HOMework - Continued

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 start with learning about how leadership works at DCE. They will explore how the JSC is elected and how principals, teachers and students run a school. Students will explore their local government and how they help the local community. They will focus on the roles of federal, state and local governments. They will learn what the differences are between a 'rule' and a 'law' and the importance of the key word 'fair' and how it relates to laws and rules. The unit will conclude with students promoting our school rules in creative ways to the school community.

CURRICULUM

In Term 3 students will continue to be challenged as they engage in a range of learning areas across the curriculum. This term in our Writing sessions we will be developing narratives, focusing on creative ideas, interesting word choice and using the structure of narratives. We will also be looking at explanation pieces and how language can be used precisely to explain how things work.

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 commence Book Clubs within their grades, reading a novel in small groups, and discussing their opinions and understanding of their chosen text. Our class novel this term is *Wizardmatch*, which has already sparked an interest in many students as we have begun reading this amusing fantasy novel.

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 Multiplication and Division, before moving to Data and Representation, then Measurement of length, area, perimeter, shapes and angles.

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 16 August - Book Week Dress Up Day

Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 August - Art Show

Monday 28 August - 3 Way Conferences (Variation to School Hours Day)

It has been such a privilege working with this wonderful cohort of learners so far this year and we look forward to another great term of learning at DCE. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any further questions.

Many thanks for your support.

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