



Term 1 DTM News

**2017
March**

Defence Club
Years 3 and 4
Thursday lunch
Years 5 and 6
Tuesday recess
High School
Thursday recess

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I hope you have had a great start to the year. It has definitely been a flying start. It has been wonderful to see so many of our Defence students involved in heaps of fun activities at the school. We have six Defence students who started in Kindergarten this year. They have settled in really well and have had a warm welcome from the rest of the school community – they had a great time visiting primary classes, some of the senior rooms, the library and the canteen. As for the rest of the school, from the swimming carnival at the beginning of term, to the many sporting, creative and extra-curricular activities, our students have certainly been kept busy and engaged.

This term, we have launched straight into Defence Club and have three groups meeting regularly. We have had to shuffle our meeting times around a bit, in order to make sure students are free to attend other groups such as music, drama and bible fellowship. I have also trialed a few approaches to cater for our Year 1 and 2 students. We have met a few times to do craft activities, but it is a work in progress.

This year, we have a number of families who will have a parent away for long periods of time. For most of us, this is a challenge with which we are all too familiar. My focus, therefore, is to provide additional support to these families and to meet with students to see how they are going and to offer encouragement. In these circumstances, I also consider prayer to be especially important. I often pray for each of you and the teachers that work with your children on a daily basis.

Our aim is to assist in your child's success and wellbeing at school. It would enable us to assist you better, if you let your child's teacher and myself know if your family is likely to have a parent away, there is a change in your circumstances, or there is something that is affecting your child's ability to cope.

Lastly, if there is anything I can do to better support you and your family, please let me know. I am here to help!

Many blessings,
Mrs Adrienne Varga