



Key Dates for 2017

Term 3

**Monday 20th August -
Friday 25th August**
Book Week

**Wednesday 23rd
August** Book Week
Parade & Story Dogs
Fundraiser 10.15am GYM

Friday 1st September
Fathers Day Stall

Assembly 1.45 pm
3/4 Douglas Lead Class,
5/6W Prep/IW 4/5M Sharing

Friday 22nd September
Assembly 1.45 pm
3/4 Coates Lead Class,
5/6CW PrepW 1/2L Sharing

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From the Principal

Earlier this week, as many of you may be aware, the Minister for Education made an announcement regarding the proposed earlier voluntary start age to Kinder. I have included in this newsheet information regarding the Government's decision to not proceed with the proposal.

BOOK WEEK – A reminder that next week is book week – the book week parade will be on Wed morning in the gym. Students will also be meeting 'Quinn' our Story dog on this day.

This week is Support Staff week. On behalf of everyone at the school I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all our support staff! You all do an amazing job helping the children and families at Devonport Primary School.



THANK YOU



Nichole Todd
Principal

School Newsletter Article: **Working Together for 3 Year Olds**

This week you may have seen or heard Education Minister Jeremy Rockliff in the media, explaining his decision not to lower the school starting age for Tasmanian schoolchildren.

The proposal to lower the voluntary starting age for Kinder from four years to three and a half was part of reforms made to Tasmania's Education Act, and would have come into effect in 2020.

After receiving a report on the likely economic and social impacts of such changes on the state's early childhood education and care sector, the Minister accepted the report's advice not to proceed with the lower starting age.

However, in recognition that access to high-quality early learning sooner is best for all Tasmanian children, the *Working Together for 3 Year Olds – targeted pre-school initiative* will be implemented.

This will provide government-subsidised participation in quality and accredited pre-school programs for eligible three year old children, for 10 hours a week (400 hours per year). The initiative will be delivered primarily through the early childhood education and care sector and will begin in 2020.

To find out more about this initiative visit the Department [website](#).



Book Week Parade & Story Dog Visit Wednesday 23rd August at 10.15am

Don't forget to dress up as your favourite book character.

There is a gold coin donation on the day to raise money for the wonderful Story Dog program.

Prizes for the best costume in each class.

Who will you come as? Cat in a Hat, Harry Potter, Ben 10, Mary Poppins, Grug, Alice in Wonderland.



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