School Mission Statement

Deer Park North Primary School promotes a community of lifelong learners. The school strives to develop responsible and resilient individuals who work towards achieving their personal best.

School Values

Respect
Care
Honesty
Responsibility
Trust

Student Supervision Times

The school offers yard supervision from 8.50am & after school until 3.40pm. Children should not be sent to school before 8.50am; and picked up no later than 3.40pm.

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From the Principal

School Council Elections

The ballot for the election of Parent Representatives closed on Wednesday March 12. Thank you to all parents/carers who were involved in the election process and returned voting papers to the school office.

A special thank you to all of the parent nominees. It is wonderful to know that parents/carers in our school community are keen and interested in assisting in the effective governance of the school and enhancing educational opportunities of our students.

I would like to announce the following parents as the parent representatives elected to School Council for two-year terms:

Tupuna Henry
Sharon Cachia
Melanie Lenssen

School Council will next meet on Tuesday March 25th 2014 at 7pm at the school.

I have recently received reports of parents/carers driving into and reversing from school car parks at the beginning and end of the school day. Some very concerned parents and staff members have noted drivers entering the driveways and turning while students are on the footpath! As we are all aware, drop off and pick up times are extremely busy.

Please take care to observe road rules and restrictions at all times to ensure the safety of our students and community members.

Thank you,

Liz Ballharrie

Dates for your diaries...

March:
21 Year 5/6 Sport (Home)
24 Prep Incursion - School Crossing Supervisor Visit
27 Young Leadership Program VUSC

April:
1 Year 3/4 - Arts Centre Melbourne
2 Year 5/6 - Arts Centre Melbourne
4 Term 1 ends.
   Early finish - 2:30pm

April
23 Term 2 starts
   (Kinda Kinder 0-5 playgroup will be held in Term 2—dates to be announced)

Fundraising

Hot Cross Bun Drive!!

Sponsored by Bakers Delight—Brimbank

Don’t miss out!
Orders close Thursday 27th March 2014!

We are sending home another Hot Cross Bun order sheet with this newsletter. Orders and money need to be to the school office by Thursday March 27.

For every 6 pack ordered the school will receive $2 towards iPads and laptops!

Sharon Cachia & Puna Henry
School Council Parent Representatives
Helping Your Child with Reading

*Read*...

favourite books again and again so your child is familiar and confident with the book. Encourage your child to read the book to you.

*Show*...

An interest in reading. Let your child see you reading newspapers, magazines, novels etc.

*Discuss*...

the parts of the book. ‘Show me the front cover. Where is the title? What is the author’s name?’

*Talk*...

about the author. Read other books by the same author. Try and find things that are similar about the books.

*Explore*...

the pictures in the books. ‘Where is the story taking place?’ Compare events and characters with those in your own lives.

*Read aloud*...

together and look for the clues to tell you how to say what is written like talking marks or an exclamation mark!

It is *important* however, that you *do not* do what the child can do for themselves, such as:

**Holding the book**

**Pointing to the words**

**Telling them an unknown word**

**Pointing out an error**

Donna Mizzi

Literacy Coach

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Community Hub News

Reminders…

Coffee, tea & chat every Monday in the gym foyer 8:50am.

Homework Club for students accompanied by parents/carers - Tuesdays at 3:20pm in the Library.

Do you enjoy cooking? Would you like to meet other community members? Would you like to practice speaking English? If you would like to come along and join the cooking group and do some baking next week please contact the school office and add your name to the list!! Lindita will contact you with more information.

Facebook

Many parents are unsure of a suitable age for their children to be using Facebook. This article “*Parents’ Guide to Facebook*” has some useful information. In response to a number of questions and concerns regarding student’s using Facebook, we will be putting relevant sections in the school newsletter in coming weeks.

**Parents’ Guide to Facebook**

*Article written by Anthony Caruana, ABC Technology and Games 16 Mar 2011*

http://www.abc.net.au/technology/articles/2011/03/16/3165555.htm

**Tips for parents embarking on the social media voyage with their children**

**Tip No. 7 How old?**

“I've had people as young as eight try to friend me on Facebook (these have been the children of other friends). It's up to parents to make the decision as to when to allow their children to create a Facebook account. However, Facebook’s Terms and Conditions state that "You will not use Facebook if you are under 13". That's pretty unambiguous. “