From the Principal

Congratulations to our students and staff on a wonderful start to the year!

It certainly has been a very productive term, with students settling well into their 2014 classes. Our teachers and aides have worked hard with the children in their classes to establish learning environments that are positive and supportive and will provide the right conditions for successful learning for the year ahead.

School Uniform
The school holidays may be an opportune time to consider your child’s uniform needs in preparation for the cooler months ahead. The DPNPS dress code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are on excursions. The uniform includes maroon windcheater, bomber jacket and gold polo shirt and black shorts, pants/trousers or skirt. Hats are a requirement in Terms 1 & 4.

Staffing Term 2
Wendy Papworth will be retiring at the start of term 2, returning only for the first week while Kim Fortune will not be returning next term. We thank both staff members for their valued contributions to DPNPS wish them all the very best.

Language program survey
This week with the newsletter we are sending home a survey for families to complete. It is a requirement for all Victorian government schools to implement a languages program in 2015. School Council would appreciate school community feedback with regards to the language introduced at DPNPS.

Improvements to the Beehive
Over the holiday period there will be some work carried out on the Beehive learning space. This will include the installation of windows and doors to provide more natural light, new floor coverings and a splash of paint!!

Before...

After???

Thank you to all for supporting the Hot Cross Bun Drive! We raised nearly $350! A big thank you to our wonderful volunteers and the support of Bakers Delight, Brimbank.

Have a happy and safe holiday!
Liz Balharrie

Science & Sustainability

FACT:
The average Victorian throws away 540kg of waste each year!!!

Next term the focus in Science & Sustainability will be on waste and recycling. We have already cut down on our waste at school via composting of food scraps. We are very keen to further reduce our waste going into landfill by improving our recycling procedures.

THANK YOU to the DPNPS Green Team for keeping an eye on how we are caring for the environment...:

1. Emptying the classroom compost bin
2. Ensuring the lights in classrooms are turned off when not required.
3. Ensuring air-conditioners and heaters are switched off at the end of the day or when not required.
4. Check for leaking and running taps at recesses.
5. Assisting with building and maintaining garden projects.

Mr Dixon

Dates for your diaries...

April:
4   Term 1 ends. Early finish - 2:30pm
22  Term 2 Starts.
29  Cross Country Event
     Kinda Kinder starts

May
6   School Photos
Reminders:
KINDA KINDER STARTS NEXT TERM on Tuesday April 29 from 9am—10am for children 0-6
DENTAL SURVEYS
Please return to school office in the first week of Term 2

School Uniform

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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An important reminder to all that schools are smoke free zones.
Anzac Day Badges!
Hello Parents & Guardians,
We will be commemorating Anzac Day by selling badges on the first week of Term 2. The SRC will go around to classes and sell the badges. We are selling items to give the money to the RSL.

The items we will be selling are.....
- $1 Badges
- $2 Badges
- $3 Wrist bands
- $4 Bag Tags
- $5 Bronze Badges

Remember to bring the exact amount of money if you can please.

Thank you

SRC Representatives

Leader’s Day
at VU Secondary College
On Thursday 27th of March, student leaders from senior school went to VUSC for a leadership day. When we got there, we met Miss Hogarth, Miss Wools and other students from Derrimut, Albanvale and VUSC. As an ‘ice breaker’ we made name tents. In the middle we wrote our name. On the top left corner we wrote what our positions are as leaders. On the top right corner we wrote who inspired us to become a leader. On the bottom left corner, we wrote how we would describe ourselves as leaders. On the bottom right corner, we drew a picture that represented us as leaders. We did a 3 team building games.

The games were:
- Shoe building (building the tallest tower with our shoes).
- Blind fold scavenger hunt (guiding a blind-folded person in our team to find specific objects).
- 5 objects to bring on a Desert island (to work as a team to prioritise what to bring).

We also discussed the different types of leadership that other people used such as:
- Commanding-ordering people to do something that he/she wants.
- Visioning /authorities- leading them to do the something.
- Affiliative - listens to everyone’s opinions and combines the situations to make it better so everyone can agree.
- Democratic-listens to everyone’s suggestions and discusses which one is the best suggestion.
- Pacesetting-working together to get on with things.
- Coaching- to encourage others to do their best.

After lunch, we met up with our school and planned for future events for our school. We had a great day and learnt how to be a better leader.

Written by:
Lam Tran, Alexis Georgiou, Emily Tran, Arvi Cabilgao, Erna Smajlovic, Johnny Ha and Dina Asefa
Dear Parents/Guardians,

We cannot believe that we are at the end of Term 1!

We have been very busy & working hard throughout the term to make sure that our school community is supported to the best of our ability and engaged in our programs.

We have been pleased to see parents & friends attending the tea, coffee & chat mornings each Monday. Thank you to those families who always take the time to stop by to say hello. Please come along, it is a good opportunity to meet new people and have a chat. It’s always great to talk about the latest news and events at DPNPS! All welcome!!

Homework Club has been running on Tuesday afternoons in the School Library with numbers gradually increasing. Please come along if you need any support with your child’s homework - reading, writing, maths or have questions in general. Thank you for those families who have already come along to the Homework Club session. We are pleased to be working with you.

During Term 2, we will be running Multicultural Cooking Groups. This is a great opportunity to learn new styles of cooking and enjoy friendly conversation. Perhaps we can include the food on our canteen menu for the student’s to purchase! Please contact the office for more information.

At Deer Park North PS we are committed to ongoing development of a supportive and effective home/school partnership. We value the support of parents in their children’s learning and acknowledge the significant contributions of parents to their child’s literacy and numeracy learning both at school and at home.

We are introducing a Parent Education Program (Literacy and Numeracy). The purpose of the Parent Literacy/Numeracy Education Program is to further support parents and their families in helping their child’s ongoing literacy and numeracy development and ultimately develop a love of learning. We endeavor to provide information, practical support and strategies to use at home across a range of literacy/numeracy areas. The program will allow parents/guardians to be actively involved in their child’s education and provide the opportunity for parents to network and support each other and assist in classroom learning.

If you are interested in being involved in the Parent Education Program please contact the office to put your name on the list.

Please feel free to contact the school office if you have any questions or you want to know more about the programs at our school.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

Lindita Dardha
Teacher /Community Hub Leader

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Looking back over the term...

Year 5/6...

* investigated electrical circuits
* discovered the HTO HTO repeating pattern which helps us to read large numbers
* personalised our Writer’s Notebooks and begun to record our thinking in them
* built our reading stamina
* been a member of a sporting team or the Sports Club

Swimming Carnival!

On Wednesday the 12th of March was our Swimming Carnival at St Albans Swimming Centre. The grade 3/4’s and 5/6’s went. We all went by bus.

First, when we reached the pool we went to our house group. We set up our things. Mr. Bowen explained the rules to us.

Next, we started the races. It was freestyle. I came 5th in it. Then we had running relays. I came 2nd.

After that, we did kickboard, backstroke, ate lunch and we had more free time.

It was the best swimming carnival I’ve been to. I can’t wait to go again next year!

Year 1/2

We talked and learnt about Stretchy Snake, Trying Lion, Re-read Rabbit, Wise Owl, Fishy Lips and Eagle Eye because it helps us do our reading.

We have been writing recounts about our weekends. We talked about what makes writing hard and how to make it easier.

Team 1/2 have been doing work about “teen” and “ty” numbers. Team 1/2 have been making models of “teen” and “ty” numbers.

Our topic was called Celebrations and we had fun making celebration things. We made celebration glasses, birthday cakes/presents/cup cakes and wrote statements about our personal celebrations.

We really enjoyed making Chocolate truffles and we made them to celebrate Easter. We measured ourselves on Harold the Giraffe.