Learning For Life
School Mission Statement
Deer Park North Primary School promotes a community of life-long 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

EDUCATION WEEK (MAY 19 – 23) IS NEARLY HERE!
THE THEME THIS YEAR IS “SCIENTISTS DO AMAZING THINGS”.
Help celebrate Education Week by joining your child/children in their special science activities!

Year 3 – 6  Monday May 19, 10:00am - 11:00am  & 11:45am - 2:45pm
Prep - 1/2  Thursday May 22, 10:00am - 11:00am  & 11:45am - 2:45pm

Visitors are invited to stay between 11:00am and 11:45am on each of the open days for morning tea.
More information will be sent home with students next week.

Curriculum Day - May 23
A reminder to all parents/carers that May 23 is a pupil-free day.

Canteen News
Next week we can look forward to more delicious healthy choices on the canteen menu.
Thank you to the students for their input through the SRC and informal surveys. Find the updated menu on our school website.
Look out for the TÉM MÉM, APPLE PIE and HAWAIIAN DELIGHT jaffles on selected days....
ALSO ... homemade soup, fruit, toasted sandwiches and corn on the cob!!!! YUM!

A very big ‘THANK YOU’ to our parent helpers who organised the Mothers’ Day gift sale this week and to all the students who came along with $5 (or more) and found that special gift for Mum.

Happy Mothers’ Day to all Mum’s...

Liz Balharrie

Dates for your diaries...

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Introducing...
Bronwyn Stevens

Hello Parents & Guardians,
I would like to introduce myself as a new member of the Deer Park North PS team.
I am a Provisional Psychologist and will be working part-time at the school for Terms 2 & 3. My focus is helping kids and families to thrive, both in day-to-day life as well as with any specific difficulties or challenges. I am available for general counselling and therapy, and will also be running a group parents program on emotion coaching starting later this term (Tuning In To Kids - stay tuned for details).
I look forward to getting to know some of you as the term progresses! If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything please feel free to contact me through the school office, or speak to either Teresa Woods (A/Principal) or your child’s classroom teacher.
On Thursday the 1st of May, Deer Park North braved the cold and took part in the district cross country event held at Moore Park. There was some excellent running ability on display and all students performed well. All participants can be proud of their achievements. Our school finished 4th overall out of 12 which is a brilliant effort and a significant improvement from last year.

Thankyou to all students for their hard work and effort at training and on the day and also to the staff members who helped out.

Congratulations to all students who participated and particularly to Iva Pandurevic (SJE) and Betelihem Dawit (MAF) who finished 4th and 3rd respectively and will be competing in the regional competition at a later date.

Looking forward to an even bigger improvement next year!

Erin McIntyre
Physical Education Teacher

Anzac Day Appeal
Thank-you to everyone who supported the SRC Anzac Appeal in recent weeks. We raised the amazing amount of $458.35. Thank-you so much!

John from the KEILOR EAST RSL was ecstatic with our efforts.
S.RC Reps and Mrs Pane

SRC News

Parenting Program

Dear Parent/Carer,

You are invited to join a Parenting Program "Bringing Up Great Kids" at Deer Park North P.S. The program uses ideas of mindfulness and reflection to support parents to review and enhance their patterns of communication with their children, to promote more respectful interactions and encourage the development of children’s positive self-identity.

The focus of the program tends to be equipping parents with a set of skills that can be applied to a range of child behaviours. The program also promotes positive and nurturing relationships between parents and children and encourages parents to reflect on the nature of their relationship with their children.

✦ The parenting program will help parents to appreciate their child’s perspective or experience of the world.
✦ Parents will be provided with an understanding of children’s brain development with a focus on their emotional development and reasoning abilities and reflect on how this understanding may influence their parenting approach.
✦ Parents will be encouraged to reflect upon and understand the meaning behind their child’s behaviour.
✦ The program is built upon a belief that all parents need good support to be the kind of parent they aspire to be for their children.

Program details:
When: Monday 12th May 2014
Time: 9.30am to 10.30am
Where: Deer Park Nth PS. Please register at the school office.
Host: Mackillop Family Services Speakers
Please note: Coffee, Tea and Light Morning Tea will be provided.
If you are interested please fill in the slip below and return it to school as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely,
Lindita Dardha
Community Hub Leader
Narrative Writing

We wrote a story about a 'Magical Tragical World'. We wrote the story to help us to learn more about Narrative Writing and to help us when we do NAPLAN next week. We have been writing the story over 2 weeks. We hope you like our story!

From MLA

**Magical Tragical World**  
**By MLA**

This is a story that will blow your mind. In 1522 at the stroke of midnight there lived a boy and a girl named Aria and Zayne. Aria and Zayne lived in a very small, poor and dark village. One night Aria and Zayne went out looking for some food because they hadn’t eaten for a whole week.

“Hey Zayne, look what I found, it’s a box but it doesn’t look like an ordinary box”.

Then Zayne came running down to Aria and said, “Aria let me see what you have found. It’s a box but you’re right, it’s no ordinary box.”

Aria and Zayne opened the box to find that the box was actually a ‘Magical, Tragical World’.

Aria and Zayne looked inside the box and saw the Magical Tragical World. They saw that the world was a candy world with Mentos and a scent of chocolate. As they looked inside the box they could see that in the Magical Tragical world there were lots of sweets and it smelt so good that you couldn’t resist. It tasted like fairy floss, just sweeter. In the Magical Tragical World you could see soft lollies, hard lollies, big and small lollies and you could smell bubble-gum. It was wonderful.

As Aria and Zayne were looking inside the Magical Tragical World a man popped out of the box and said, “To enter the Magical Tragical World you have to believe that the world actually exists and you have to sign an agreement which tells you what you can and cannot eat when you get to the world. It is very important that you follow the agreement otherwise there will be consequences.”

They jumped inside the box and promised to follow the rules without reading them properly. As they entered the world Aria and Zayne hurried over to the candy. They were tempted by the candy and ate a very valuable gummy bear statue.

Suddenly the town Mayor came out of his office and said, “You did not read and follow the agreement. You have eaten a very valuable piece of candy from our Magical Tragical World and now you will be spending 22 years rebuilding our gummy bear statue that you both just ate.”

Aria and Zayne knew that they couldn’t spend 22 years in the Magical Tragical World because their parents would get very worried about them so they came up with an idea. They went back to their very poor and dark village and went to the only candy store in the village. In the candy store they saw a packet of gummy bears. Using all of their pocket money that they had saved since they were born, they bought the packet of gummy bears and took it back to the Magical Tragical World to replace the one that they had eaten. When they went to replace the gummy bear statue everybody in the Magical Tragical World helped them to put the gummy bear statue up.

The Mayor was happy with the new gummy bear statue and so he let Aria and Zayne go back home to their family.

The End
100 Story Building Workshops

On Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd May, selected 3, 4 and 5 students attended a writing workshop at the 100 Story Building. There were 4 groups of students who attended over the two days.

Ms Balharrie drove each group to Footscray in a mini-bus and YES we all made it there and back safely!

On the way there, some of us were wondering if the building would be 100 stories tall.

We arrived to what seemed to be a very small and ordinary looking shopfront. As we walked in, we instantly liked what we saw. I was in awe of the gigantic, well-stocked bookshelf comprising many wonderful children’s books.

Lachlan introduced himself and told us a bit about the 100 Story Building. He told us we were sitting on the 100th floor and the other floors below were accessible through a manhole that was currently under construction.

Lachlan asked the students how they got their ideas and inspiration for writing. He talked about how you can take an embarrassing or funny experience of your own and make it into an interesting story.

He then proceeded to share a childhood story of his. Wow, what an imagination he had!

Whilst telling his story (about the world’s largest moustache that his dad had), Lachlan also drew sketches.

He then showed students how to map/plan their own story using an arc. You begin with the normal world then there is a problem and then the solution. You add the other details in between.

The students then got to plan their own stories and began making these into cartoons.

While writing, the students were commenting on how they liked the set-up of the room. One of the comments was: “This is like a safe, happy and colourful place”.

We had a fantastic time at the 100 Story Building and the students in my group were such enthusiastic writers!

Have a look on our website soon for some more photos from the sessions.

Mrs Lehane

Here is a recount written by Emily and Eranthe from SEP: On Friday the 2nd of May, we went to the 100 Story Building in Footscray.

When we got in the building we met Lachlan. He told us a stupid story about himself when he was young. While he told the story, he also drew some pictures to illustrate it. Lachlan asked us to think of something stupid that we had done when we were younger. Emily shared her story and then Lachlan gave us some time to plan a story about ourselves. After our planning we made our story into a comic. When the second group came we went back to the bus to go back to school. Here is Emily’s cartoon: