



Deer Park North Newsletter

Learning For Life

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Term 2

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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 8.45am & after school until 3.30pm. Children should not be sent to school before 8.45am; and picked up no later than 3.30pm.

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From the Acting Principal

Term Two is quickly coming to a close. As well as their regular program in the classrooms many students have had the opportunity to consolidate their learning by participating in excursions that have been organised by the teachers. These include a visit to Werribee Mansion by the 1 /2s, a trip to Sovereign Hill by the (5 /6 children), a performance at the Arts Centre (Grade 1 /2s). Each of these events provides the children with an experience they would not be able to have at school. In many instances an excursion / incursion complements the learning as children are able to experience and see the things that they have been learning about. This brings real meaning to learning.

At the same time teachers in Grades 3 /4 are currently planning for the Doxa Camp in Malmesbury. I am sure the children attending this camp will be looking forward to this. Grade 5 / 6 teachers have planning underway to include the Family Life sessions in their topic "How Do I Change as I Grow?" The children in Grade 5 /6 will also have the opportunity to participate in an activity with a Visiting Artist and Miss Sadlier as they produce a mural for display in the local community.

Teachers have been very busy writing the mid-year reports which will be sent home to families on Monday 23rd June. Please sit down with your child and celebrate their achievements. Also discuss their challenges and perhaps assist them to plan to meet their challenge.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on **Thursday 26th June. Children will be dismissed at 2:00pm.** Please make arrangements for your children to be collected at 2:00. The bus company have been notified and will collect children from the school at 2:20pm.

The term break then commences on **Friday 27th June. Children will be dismissed at 2:30pm.** Once again we would appreciate your support in collecting your children promptly at 2:30pm. Bus travellers will be dismissed at 2:20 pm. We trust that everyone will have a good break and recharge their batteries ready for another term of learning at Deer Park North Primary School.

Teresa Woods
Acting Principal

Dates for your diaries...

June

17 –19 JPAS at VUSC
25 Sport Fun Day / Special Lunch
26 **Parent Teacher Interviews–
Early Dismissal 2pm**
27 **End of Term 2-Early dismissal 2.30pm**

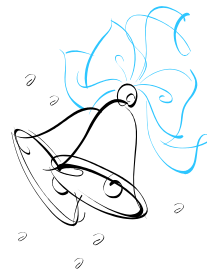
July

14 **Term 3 Commences**



Staffing News

Parents and students will no doubt join us in wishing Miss Mizzi our congratulations. She recently married Mr Brendan Smith and has just returned after the celebrations. We wish them a wonderful life together. Miss Mizzi & her new husband will be travelling overseas during the first four weeks of Term 3.



Ms. Balharrie is taking two weeks Long Service Leave for the last two weeks of term. We hope that she travels safely and enjoys her break. She will return in Term 3.

Mrs Pane will return from her travels overseas on July 14. Mr Stephen Zhang has been working in SEP in her absence. We wish to thank him for his efforts in filling in so admirably. We are pleased to say that we do not say goodbye to Mr Zhang, as during Term 3, he will be replacing Mrs Petreska who is taking Long Service Leave.

JPAS

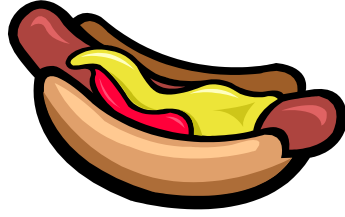
13 talented musicians from grade 5&6 have been participating in JPAS at VU Secondary college this week. Students from local primary schools are coming together to prepare for the annual JPAS concert which will take place this evening. We trust that they will play well and have an enjoyable musical experience.





Junior School Council News

The JSC are conducting a Sports Fun Day celebration on Wednesday 25th June. Children will be invited to wear the uniform / colours of their favourite team. As well as this, the JSC members surveyed students and have decided the menu for a Sports Day lunch. All children will be able to order a Hot Dog & Fruit Drink which will be delivered to classrooms at 11:30 on Wednesday.



To assist with catering, we are asking that children pre-order & pay for their Hot Dog lunch by Friday. Children have received the order forms from their teachers during this week.

Please note: The canteen will not be offering its usual menu on this day. The special Hot Dog menu is the only one that will be available on Wednesday 25th June. Please Note: No Late orders will be accepted.

School Banking

We need your help!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills & also helps out school with fund raising. Currently, our banking day is Wednesday

Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Availability: _____

Please return the completed slip to the Office if interested and we will then contact you regarding this.

Parenting Programs

The newsletter dated 7th June advertised a program called "Tuning Into Kids" which is being offered at the school during Term 3.

As well as this, parents are invited to attend "Bringing Up Great Kids". The information for this program is attached to this newsletter.

If you would like any further information about either program please do not hesitate to call into the Office for further details.



HOLIDAY ACITIVITIES

BRIMBANK ACTIVE KIDS 2014 WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR 5—12 YEAR-OLDS

Bookings are preferred (drop-ins accepted)

Registration forms are to be completed and lodged as soon as possible as spaces are limited to 40 per site.

One registration form per child.

Registrations for Westvale Community Centre and St Albans Primary School can be made at:

Westvale Community Centre, 45 Kings Road, St Albans. Further enquiries: 9249 4665.

The Brimbank Active Kids (BAK) Team will keep you busy these holidays with a great range of recreational and craft activities. BAK is an inclusive program that welcomes all children. Please inform us if your child has any additional needs prior to commencement.

Sessions will be held at:

St Albans Primary School, sports hall
Enter via Kate Street, St Albans
Westvale Community Centre
45 Kings Road, St Albans

Time: 10am-12.30pm

Dates: Tuesday 1 July, Wednesday 2 July, Tuesday 8 July, Wednesday 9 July

Cost: Gold coin fee for each child per session

Please bring: Sun hat, water bottle & healthy snack. Wear comfortable runners as there will be outside play. Don't forget to apply sunscreen.

Education Maintenance Allowance

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

What is EMA?

The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions. It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

What is changing?

In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

Why?

Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional \$12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.



What does this mean for Deer Park North families ?

At it's recent monthly meeting the Deer Park North Primary School Council began discussions about how the above detailed changes to EMA might impact on families and the programs offered at the school.

The details for funding in 2015 have not yet been determined.

The School Council will keep families unformed as to how these changes will affect us all as soon as the information is available.