



# Deer Park North Newsletter

## Learning For Life

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Term 3

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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 Principal

**Welcome to Term 3!**

*It's sure to be another busy and productive term ahead.*

*I trust that the holiday period was enjoyed by all and that we are feeling energised!*

I was most fortunate to spend time in the United Kingdom during my leave at the end of last term. I am always amazed at how much there is to learn through visiting new places and having new experiences! *Learning really is a life-long journey!!*

This term DPNPS students will again be engaged in learning concepts through Inquiry Units at each level of the school.

#### Prep - What can we build?

Prep students will be working with and exploring features of different materials used for building and constructing.

#### Year 1/2 - Why is water important?

The students will explore the importance of water in our lives. The Science Sustainability program will also focus on learning more about water as a valuable resource in the Year 1/2 and other grade levels across the school. City West Water will be visiting!

#### Year 3/4 - How do the choices we make keep us healthy?

Students will develop an understanding of what it means to be healthy physically and emotionally and the choices that they can make.

There is sure to be a lot of excitement about the Doxa Camp in Malmsbury!

#### Year 5/6 - "How Do I Change as I Grow?"

As part of their unit, the students will participate in Family Life sessions in their topic "How Do I Change as I Grow?" Students will explore and develop a deeper understanding of physical, emotional and social changes as they grow. Grade 5/6 will also participate in an activity with a Visiting Artist as they produce a mural for display in the local community.

As many of our school community would be aware, the bus service will see some changes as of the 27th July. I am seeking clarification from Public Transport Victoria of the new route and possible arrangements for our students. I will provide further information when it comes to hand. In the meantime, families may wish to visit the website:

[www.ptv.vic.gov.au](http://www.ptv.vic.gov.au)

*Liz Balharrie*

### Dates for your diaries...



#### July

22 Free Parenting Program—Bringing Up Great Kids at DPNPS

24 Tuning into Kids at DPNPS

31 Year 1/2 Ceres Excursion

#### August

3-5 Year 3/4 Camp - DOXA

18-22 Book Week

25-29 Literacy/Numeracy Week

#### September

19 Term Ends

### Staffing News

At the end of last term we bade farewell to Bree Campey, our business manager, who has been successful in obtaining an ongoing position at another school. We congratulate Bree and wish her all the best in her new role. A warm welcome to Louise Henley-Smith who has joined our school administration team.

Dawn Glenn returned to DPNPS this term for 3 days before her official retirement on July 16. A special morning tea was held to celebrate Dawn's teaching career and recognise her valued contribution to the school community over 28 years. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

Welcome back Ebony Pane from her overseas travels. Tania Petreska & Donna Smith (Mizzi) are on leave for part of this term. Stephen Zhang will replace Ms Petreska in Year 1/2 (JTP).

### School Buildings - Safety Notices

As part of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's Health and Safety Management Plan, new labelling will be installed at our school. The labels remind people to contact school reception prior to undertaking any works at the school, to ensure they have up-to-date information from the school's asbestos register. Asbestos - which was used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned - is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition. The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian government schools remain safe. Children's safety is our number one priority. That is why we are taking this extra step as a precaution.

A recent audit has confirmed that our school asbestos management plan is well implemented and there are no safety concerns.