



Deer Park North Primary School Newsletter

Learning for Life

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Respect

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Care

Responsibility

Assistant Principal - Teresa Woods

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Calendar of Events



Term Three

Wednesday 19 August

5/6 Excursion - Immigration Museum

Friday 21 August

Athletics - Interschool at Keilor Park

Monday 24 – Friday 28 August

Book Week

Tuesday 25 August

Prep Incursion - Designing a Billy-cart

Wednesday 26 August

Poetry Workshops: Prep - Year 6

Thursday 27 August

Transition morning VUSC 2016 yr 7

Friday 28 August

Book Week Character Parade

Thursday 3 September

Fathers' Day Stall

Friday 4 September

Kinder / Prep transition

Monday 7 September

Clocktower Performance Year 3/4 students

Friday 11 September

Kinder / Prep transition

Wednesday 16 September

House Fun Day & Special Lunch

Friday 18 September

Kinder/ Prep transition

Friday 18 September

End of Term - Early dismissal at 2:30pm

2015 School Terms

Term 3

July 13 - September 18

Term 4

October 5 - December 18

Student Playground Supervision

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 by 3.30pm.



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Friends,

You would have received a notice this week requesting our parents/guardians to update information that the school office has on file. It is important that these details are accurate and current to enable contact in the case of emergency and also ensures that DET funding is provided as needed based on employment status. If there has been a change of any employment details it would be appreciated if the office staff are informed and the appropriate forms are completed. Your support in keeping your details up-to-date is much appreciated.

Next week is National Science Week! It's a great opportunity to celebrate the learning through our Science and Sustainability program and classroom inquiries. Students and teachers will be immersing themselves in all things science by participating in hands on experiments and explorations. On Tuesday August 18 from 9am – 10am (or until 11am in some rooms) students will be engaged in sessions with a science focus. Parents and carers are invited to visit their child/children's classroom/s and join in the learning and fun! Students will soon be writing invitations for parents and carers.

- PREP - WILL BE CONDUCTING EXPERIMENTS WITH LIGHT!
- YEAR 1/2 - ARE LEARNING ABOUT WATER ECOSYSTEMS!
- YEAR 3/4 - WILL BE EXPLORING LIGHT AND COLOUR!
- YEAR 5/6 - WILL BE INVOLVED IN INTERACTIVE EXPERIMENTS AND GAMES
- SCIENCE ROOM - WILL FEATURE THE WORLD OF WATER!

Have you visited our school library recently? Sheryl, our Library resource manager, has been working hard to set up a display of the books and other items that are on sale to celebrate Book Week. During their library sessions, students will be browsing through the different items and texts that may be purchased. Books range from \$2.00 to \$10.00 and novelty items range from 20 cents to \$2.00. Parents and carers are invited to the school library before school from 8:30am to 9:00am next week and the following week (Book Week) from Monday to Thursday.

There has been a lot of discussion about book characters of late and again our **Book Character Parade** will be a fantastic opportunity to get together and celebrate books and reading! Parents and friends are all invited along to our whole school book character parade which will be held on Friday August 28 at 9:30am in the gym.

Kind regards,

Liz Balharrie

A reminder that lunch orders for the special lunch - Pie/Pasty/ Sausage Roll - on House Colour Fun Day need to be made by tomorrow, Friday August 14. Order forms and money can be given to the office or your child's teacher.

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Environmental Education - for teachers and students

On 3 August, students who are preparing a presentation for the Kids Teaching Kids event later this year, received a visit from Stephanie the Environmental Education Officer at Brimbank City Council. She helped us plan our lesson, which will be delivered to students from other schools who attend the event at Derrimut Primary School. The group of students have been chosen from the Green Team and will represent Deer Park North Primary School and teach other students about a catchment and our new garden spaces.

In other news, Deer Park North Primary School hosted a group of 15 teachers from other schools, for Brimbank City Council's Teacher Environment Network meeting on 4 August. This professional development session was delivered by Nicole Butler from Environment Education Victoria (the environmental education teacher association) and Matthew Navaretti, from DPNPS, and featured our new 'School as Catchment' project which is nearing completion. Classes have begun to use these spaces as part of their learning and this will continue as the gardens develop.

Matthew Navaretti

Thank you to our school community for collecting Earn & Learn stickers.



We can purchase educational equipment with the points collected: 1 sticker for every \$10 spent.

Early Harvest

The Early Harvest project is in full swing again. The 2015's editorial board met and have determined what this year's *early harvest* theme will be.

And that theme is... Technology!

The editorial team want to read stories set in the past, the future and the present. They want stories about robots and hover boards, the invention of the wheel, horses and carriages and your iPhone. And maybe even about futuristic technology that hasn't been invented yet. You can interpret technology in many ways – you choose how to interpret it.

In particular, they are looking for these kinds of submissions:

- Stories (250-1500 words)
- Poems (no more than 30 lines)
- Comics
- Quizzes

Submissions are to be delivered to Mrs Smith (electronically or otherwise) by **August 10th 2015** at the latest.

Clocktower Performance

Students have been working very hard rehearsing for the Clocktower Network Concert, which is rapidly approaching!

The group of Grade 3/4 students are doing a fantastic job. We hope you will be able to support them on September 7th at their performance at the Clocktower Centre, Moonee Ponds!

Tickets are available for purchase directly from the Clocktower Centre Box Office by phone (03 9243 9191), online www.clocktowercentre.com.au or in person. The Box Office hours are 9-5, Monday to Friday.

Ticket costs are :

\$18 adult

\$15 concession

\$11 children under 18 years of age

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Fleur Sadlier and Zoe Haehy

Physical Education

- ◆ Grades 3-6 are continuing their unit on Athletics as our major topic. Selected students will compete in our interschool Athletics carnival on Friday August 21st at Keilor Park. All classes will participate and learn skills in track and running events and also field events such as Triple Jump and Shot-put/Discus.
- ◆ The Grade 5/6 girl's basketball tournament is on September 11th and Tryouts will be held in a couple of weeks.
- ◆ Also the Grade 5/6 Boys Rugby Billy Slater Shield will be Held on September 1st. Tryouts will also be held in a couple of weeks.

Miss McIntyre, P.E teacher

BOOK WEEK

Books light up our world!

This year Book Week is Monday 24 – Friday 28 August

- ◆ We are holding a Book Fair

between Monday 17th August – Thursday 27th August in the school library.

- ◆ We are having a Book Character Parade

on Friday August 28 at 9:30am. All welcome!! Each class will be working together to plan their Book Character costumes!!!

- ◆ We have poetry writing sessions organised

for our students and teachers on Wednesday August 26 facilitated by Mandy Tunica!



More on our website...

www.deerparknthps.vic.edu.au

[Book Week](#) - including more about the Book Fair ...

[Community Hub](#) news...

Pie, sausage roll and pasty lunch

Our pie, sausage roll and pasty lunch will be held on the 16th of September. Orders by this Friday - August 14! Canteen will be closed on the day.