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.

Student Voice

From the Principal
A big thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who organised and ran the Fathers’ Day Stall last week. They spent much of their time ordering, sorting, wrapping and displaying the gifts for our students to purchase. The funds raised total just over $500.00. This money will go directly to purchasing technology equipment for the school. We trust that our Dad’s had a wonderful day!

Clocktower Performance... Congratulations to all the Grade 5/6 students who participated in the Clock Tower Performance on Monday evening. All students worked extremely hard throughout the term. The night was a great success. Thank you to Mrs Russo for doing a great job in coordinating the practices and bringing it all together!

Staffing
Ms Avdyl is currently on leave and is being replaced by Stephen Zhang. Next term, Mr Zhang will replace Mrs Gray in MJG while she is on leave.

School Uniform
School Council has ratified a revised School Uniform policy. The responses received last year from our school community did not indicate that a colour change was a strong preference. As such, it was decided to maintain the maroon, yellow and black with some minor adjustments to the colour of specific some of the uniform items. It has also been emphasized that full school uniform is a requirement for all students at all times. The uniform policy will be phased in slowly over a 2 year period and may not be fully implemented until the end of that time. A detailed item list will be included in this newsletter and the full policy will be available on the school website shortly.

Mawson leads the way ... (husky mascot)
Hovell beats the odds ... (mountain mascot)
Tasman gets there first ... (compass mascot)
Gould flies high ... (falcon mascot)

We also look forward to ‘Walk to School Day’ (date not yet confirmed) in Term 4.

School Captains, House Captains, SRC Representatives and Mrs Pane
Around 50 students from Grades 3-6 competed at Keilor athletics track on a beautiful spring day. All children chosen put in a great effort so a big well done for the training etc. they put in also. We had 6 competitors go through to the district finals. These were held on Tuesday the 9th of September.

The weather on this day was the opposite - with 40km winds and rain! The students involved were Judy Vong, Betelihem Dawit, Jessica Huynh, Walter Teo, Jerry Musu and Christopher Richard. All competed very well in a tougher competition. Jerry put in a great effort in the discus and has qualified even further for the Western Metropolitan Finals to be held next term.

All students should be proud of their efforts and it was a pleasure coaching and training them in their various events. A big thank you also to the staff that helped out on the day.

Erin McIntyre
P.E Co-ordinator

A group of senior school students are learning to make online games with Mr Norris. Eight students in Years 5 and 6 are taking part in the weekly group. They are using the computer program Construct 2 to design the game layout and logic. Lessons have included everything from finding non-copyright images to making touch controls for iPads. All of the students are looking forward to sharing their creations, which will be available online later this year.

Mr Norris and the Game Makers!

The Grade 5 and Grade 6 students have been given the opportunity to write an entry to be considered for the next issue of Early Harvest - a magazine written by kids for kids. Early Harvest is a weekly after school program that brings together children from across Melbourne’s west to create, edit and publish a literary journal. 100 Story Building volunteers as well as special guest speakers across Melbourne’s literary community help facilitate and guide the students in order to create the finished product – a real life magazine full of children’s literary talent, with illustrations and games included. This year the theme of the magazine is *The Unknown.*

A large number of students from Deer Park North have submitted an entry to be considered by the editorial team for this year’s issue of Early Harvest.

**Congratulations to all the participants for their creative output and we hope to see some entries from Deer Park North Primary school published in the magazine.**

Donna Smith (Mizzi)
Literacy Coach & Coordinator

**School Uniform**

**DPNPS Uniform for Girls:**
**Summer:**
- summer school dress, short white socks, black shoes
- black ‘skort’ (skirt/short combination) or shorts, maroon short sleeved polo with school logo, short black socks, black shoes.
- maroon school windcheater and/or bomber jacket with the school logo (no hood)
- maroon school SunSmart hat with school logo

**Winter:**
- school windcheater and/or bomber jacket with the school logo (no hood)
- winter pinafore, yellow long sleeved polo shirt, black tights (not leggings), black shoes
- winter skirt, maroon polo with school logo, black tights (not leggings), black shoes
- all black long pants, maroon polo shirt with school logo, black shoes, black socks
- school beanie with school logo
- waterproof jacket (maroon or black)

**DPNPS Uniform for Boys:**
**Summer:**
- short sleeved maroon polo shirt with school logo
- all black pants/shorts
- short black socks, black shoes
- maroon school windcheater and/or bomber jacket with the school logo
- maroon school SunSmart hat with school logo

**Winter:**
- maroon school windcheater and/or bomber jacket with the school logo (no hood)
- maroon polo shirt (short/long sleeves) with the school logo
- all black pants
- school beanie with school logo
- waterproof jacket (maroon or black)

*Year 5 and 6 Sport: students have the option to wear school sports tops or polo shirt with logo and black shorts/track suit pants for sport.*
*Year 6 students have the option of purchasing a jumper of a selected design/style in their final year of Primary School.*

**Athletics**

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Ellen Corovic, the teaching and learning coach from the Maths Association of Victoria is now working with four grades at DPNPS – PIV, PRS, JSR and JTP.

The Prep team have been focusing on making groups of ten and using a range of materials to make repeating patterns to support children’s number understandings.

The grade 1/2 teachers are focusing on counting and place value to develop their understandings of multiplication. Below are some of the patterns the children in PRS made.

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**Playgroups!**

**KINDA KINDER** Tuesdays 9am - 10 am

**A-Z PLAYGROUP** Tuesdays 10am to 12pm

Deer Park Nth Primary School - 18 Mawson Ave, Deer Park

- Play activities, art and craft, music, singing and stories
- Information for parents about women’s health and raising children
- Meet other families

Please call the school office for more information

School 9363-4600

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**School Holiday Clinic**

Students are invited to register for the Renegades School Holiday clinic for children of any Cricketing ability.

Where: Maribyrnong College, River Street Maribyrnong.
When: Tuesday September 30
Time: 8.30am-12.00pm (9-11 year olds)
12.30pm-4.00pm (12-14 year olds)

What to bring: Cricket equipment, water bottle, snacks, comfortable clothing.

Cost: $55.00

For further information please contact Neil Gray on 9653-1157 or email: ngray@cricketvictoria.com.au

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**Brimbank Community - Feedback**

Please tell us how to improve the Brimbank community for your family.

The Smith Family has been leading a program called Communities for Children since 2005. We provide programs support to programs that are improving the lives of children 0 -12 and their parents. We are planning our work for the next 5 years and would really like to hear from parents about what they think is important for us to focus on. We have prepared a brief survey that we would really appreciate parents to complete and return to us by 17th September.

You can access the survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C39HVLG of contact Tracy on 9311 0256 or tracy.columb@thesmithfamily.com.au and she will send you out a survey. The information that you provide will help us to decide how we should be using our resources over the next 5 years for children and families in Brimbank.

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The Smith Family is a national charity helping young Australians in need to get the most out of their education, so they can create better futures for themselves.
Hello Everyone!!!

The end of Term 3 is approaching fast and we have been very busy once more at further developing our community hub program. Last week we visited, Meadows PS, St Dominic’s PS and Holly Child PS. These schools have well established community hubs and it was great experience to see the partnership between the community and the school and how they have evolved overtime. This week we also had Dr. Corine and Katrina from Monish University evaluating our hub program. They looked at the overall participation of families involved at the school and what programs are offered to support our school community. They were pleased with what we have established so far.

Community Hub Programs:
On Thursday 18th September we will have another information about JobCo Training. Please come along if you are interested in undertaking free training and up skilling yourself. For more details see attached flyer.
♦ Coffee and Chat every Monday at the gym from 8.45 onwards. Please come along and enjoy friendly chat and get involved in some spring art and craft activities. Also, thank you to those families who are always taking the time to stop and say hello!
♦ Kinda Kinder every Tuesday from 9.00-10.00am. Come and experience a rich learning environment with your child.
♦ Homework Club with Ms. Dardha every Monday night at the library from 3.15-3.45. Come and join us for extra homework support. Also, thank you to those families who come along every week.
♦ After school soccer every Wednesday from 3.30 -5.00pm. Please come along if your child is interested in playing soccer.

Tuesday 7th October we have Information Session for parents from Child First. This will be held at the school at 9.00 am.
The following topics will be covered during the session.
What is Child FIRST?
What supports can Child FIRST offer?
How to refer to Child FIRST?
The difference between Child FIRST and Child Protection
Other service that are available in the community.
Question and answers at the end.

Please take advantage of these great opportunities that are offered at the school. We hope to see you all there.
In Term 4 we are thinking of implementing the following new programs.
A-Z Playgroup
Adults English Classes
JobCo Training

Please feel free to contact the school office or come and speak to me directly in person, in regards to any questions, suggestions or ideas in regards to our community hub programs. We always look forward to hearing from you all.

Yours Sincerely,
Lindita Dardha
Community Hub Leader