From the Principal

I trust everyone enjoyed the school holiday break and the opportunity to make the most of the beautiful Spring weather with family and friends!

Term 4 is always a very busy term. We can look forward to a number of special events such as our annual Multicultural Celebration Day on Nov. 6, Year 6 Graduation, end of year Christmas Concert, Year 1/2 swimming and class excursion and incursions. Details of these activities will be provided in upcoming weeks.

Students have the chance in the final term of the year to focus strongly on achieving their personal learning goals and put maximum effort into their school work. Personal and interpersonal skills are very important aspects of learning and development for all students and will continue to be emphasized in the classroom and in the school yard. Our school community values - RESPECT, CARE, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, TRUST - are a consistent reference for all school community members for the attitudes and behaviours that are encouraged at all times. It is expected that students treat others in accordance with our school values. Students are encouraged to use the wheel of choice when dealing with any issues that may arise. At no time are students to attempt to sort out problems with others through physical violence or abusive, disrespectful behaviour. Teaching staff need to be notified immediately of any safety concerns that a student may have in the class or in the playground.

Staffing Welcome back from leave Ms Avdyl. While Mrs Gray is on leave this term, Mr Stephen Zhang will be teaching MJG.

School Uniform

Whilst maintaining the maroon, yellow and black, there are some minor adjustments to the colour of specific uniform items. The uniform policy will be phased in slowly over a 2 year period. At present, our uniform supplier PSW, is holding a sale on some uniform items. Information is in this newsletter.

Student Resource Contribution Payments

Final payments are due this week. A notice was sent home to those families who still have payments outstanding. Please assist the school by ensuring this payment is finalised by Friday - thank you.

Reminder - EMA cheques are at the office for collection.

NAPLAN 2014 National Assessment Program

Student Reports for Year 3 and Year 5 students are at the office, ready for collection during office hours. The report provides an indication of where their results are on the common assessment scale. If your child’s results are either higher or lower than you expected, you are invited to make a time to discuss these with your child’s teacher.

Liz Ballarrie

Dates for your diaries...

October
16 Year 1/2 swimming starts
21 Prep - Fire Safety Education
22 Year 3/4 Lego Centre Excursion
23 Prep - Fire Safety Education
28 Prep excursion to Werribee Zoo
31 Walk to School Day
World Teachers’ Day!

November
3 Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
6 Multicultural Celebration Day

December
11 Year 6 Graduation
19 Term 4 ends

Reminders:
Coffee/tea/chat - Mondays 8:45am in Gym Foyer.
A-Z Playgroup Tuesdays 10am - 12am (FREE)
We have already started planning for 2015. Please let us know on the slip below if your child/children will not be attending Deer Park North in 2015 at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

My child/children will not be attending Deer Park North Primary School in 2015 as they will be going to:

(Name of school)
Child's Name: ________________________________
Grade ________________________________

Child's Name: ________________________________
Grade ________________________________

Parent's Name: ________________________________

Iva Pandurevic
Iva spent her holidays in Sydney competing in tennis tournaments. She had to be up at 6am every morning to shower, eat breakfast and do her warm up sessions. Some days she played before and after lunch which made her very tired.

She was on a special athlete's diet which meant no more than 10g of sugar a day. No Coca-Cola for Iva! She had to be in bed by 8.30pm.

Iva is ranked 8th in her age group for tennis in Victoria.

By Jayden SJE
We had to estimate first using Sherisse’s height as a guide. She was 1.38m. Iva started our thinking off by sharing that there were 21 children here so the estimate had to be more than 21m. We couldn’t go outside as it was wet and the corridor wasn’t long enough for all of us because of the stairs, but if we got together in table groups to measure we would fit in the space outside our room. Then we could add our totals together.

Group 1  12.35m
Group 2  10.63m
Group 3  9.60m
(No, we weren’t a group of midgets, 2 were away)

Total  32.58m
(That’s also 3 258cm or 32 580mm or 0.03258km)

Some of us were quite good at estimating and were not far off the actual measurement. Tho and May were only 1cm difference. We then estimated and measured our individual heights and worked out the difference or how far out our guesses were. Kuei is the tallest in our grade. She is 1.81m or 181cm tall. Dean was only 1cm out by estimating she was 182cm. As the morning went on we got a lot better at our estimates and did lots of comparing and found that we could all add and subtract decimal numbers.

by Kuei , Amanda , Jayden , Marija & Sherisse SJE

A reminder that in Term 4 all students are to wear a school uniform broad-brimmed hat while outside.

The following items are now 30% off:
1100105 Gold Short Sleeve Polo with logo
1100155 Gold Long Sleeve Polo with logo
1100290 Dark Maroon Windcheater with logo
1100266 Dark Maroon Bomber Jacket/Gold Stripes with logo
1100375 Maroon Skorts with logo

*Conditions apply

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Sat 9:00am - 5:00pm
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Why should we walk to school?
written by Kyle Millsom and Emre Soylemez

We walk to school to be fit and healthy. It will be good if you join us to walk to school to save the environment.

Student Voice

Walk to School Day
written by Zena Osman

On Friday the 31st of October we will be having Deer Park North’s ‘Walk to School Day.’ Like last year we will meet up at Sassella Park before school at 8.30am. There will be a few teachers there with their yard duty vests on. We will walk to school together and when you’re in your classroom you will get a sticker and a certificate from your teacher.

We hope everyone can participate in this special event and walk with us to keep us fit and healthy and be good to the environment.