



Deer Park North Newsletter

Learning For Life

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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 8.50am & after school until 3.40pm. Children should not be sent to school before 8.50am; and picked up no later than 3.40pm.

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From the Principal

School Review

Our review panel day ran smoothly and was very productive. The preparations over the year in completing our school self-evaluation and involving all stakeholders in our school community proved to be well worth the time and effort. Julie Chandler, the accredited reviewer, facilitated the meeting. Input was provided by our Student Leaders, PLT leaders and the Leadership Team. Our Peers on the day were John Evans (retired Principal) and Anne-Maree Crivelli (Principal). Mel Lenssen attended as our School Council President. Thank you to Mel for her participation over the day. Tom Norris, STN, Year 5/6 teacher worked with the teachers and students to develop a short movie of DPNPS which provided a positive introduction to the day. A written report will be provided shortly which will be presented to the School Council and staff. The recommendations in the report will form the basis of our next school strategic plan.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

Information has been provided via the newsletter earlier in the year in relation to changes in EMA provision. EMA will not be available to families in 2015. Schools will be provided with equity funding to support low-income families. Funding will be used by schools to support students for school-based expenses previously covered by the EMA. These include educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions. In coming weeks, information will be sent home to all DPN families about contribution arrangements for student resources and supplies.

School as a Catchment

Exciting news! The project is underway. This week we had several visits from the team who have started making preparations for the project. There will be opportunity for input from our parents, School Council, staff and students along the way. It is envisaged that the project will be completed by October 2015.

Information from the Media Release

Minister for Water Peter Walsh made the announcement this week at Melbourne's Federation Square, where the Victorian Government's interactive and educational pop-up Right Water House is on show as part of National Water Week. The Victorian Coalition Government is supporting more than 60 new right water projects around the state through \$15 million of grants under round two of the Living Victoria Fund.

"By making greater use of alternate water sources like rainwater, stormwater and recycled water, we take pressure off our precious drinking water supplies and also achieve environmental benefits like reducing the amount of polluted runoff that ends up in local waterways.

Projects that will receive round two Living Victoria Fund grants include:

- \$553,400 for the City of Monash's Jack Edwards Reserve rejuvenation project, where a new storage and irrigation system will capture stormwater and roof water from neighbouring properties to water the reserve and establish new tree canopies;

- \$200,000 for the *Melbourne's water: Proactive from Brunswick* project that is installing rainwater tanks and intelligent digital meters and establishing low wateruse gardens as part of a whole-of-water-cycle system for the co-located Brunswick North West Primary School and Montessori Children's House;

- \$17,510 for Dingley Village Men's Shed *Rooftop Rescue* project that will save 200KL of drinking water per year by harvesting rainwater for wetland rejuvenation, irrigation and firefighting;

- \$200,000 for the Victorian Association of Environmental Education to establish a whole-of-water-cycle project for Deer Park North Primary School that will reduce stormwater runoff, ease pressure on local drainage and increase the campus' green space, and create a *School as a Catchment* resource kit other schools can use as model;

- \$966,985 for City of Bendigo to harvest and treat stormwater at the redeveloped Bendigo Airport that will be used to flush toilets and irrigate gardens; and

- \$503,900 to connect Central Highlands Agribusiness Forum and Ballarat Grammar's 50ha agricultural research and education precinct to recycled water supplies.

Building Healthy Communities in Melbourne's West:

More exciting news! We have been successful in our submission to become part of this Brimbank school community project which will see our community members receive information and support in achieving healthy outcomes. We will be in a position to provide more information about the direction of the project after the steering committee meeting late in October.

Liz Bulharrie



What a star!



A big congratulations to the Grade 5/6 students who entered into the Lion's Club Poster competition.

This year's theme was 'Peace, Love and Understanding'. All students worked very hard on their poster in class and over the holidays. Well done to Marcus Le, who came third in our area.

Very exciting news for Sylviana Lefter, who came first in our area! Her poster will progress to the next level of judging. Fantastic work Sylviana!

Ms Fleur Sadlier



Dates for your diaries...



October

- 22 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
- 4 Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
- 6 Multicultural Celebration Day
- 11 & Hands on Science Year 1/2 incursion
- 13 Hands on Science Year 1/2 incursion

December

- 11 Year 6 Graduation
- 19 Term 4 ends - 1:15pm

Reminders:

Coffee/tea/chat - Mondays 8:45am in Gym Foyer.
A-Z Playgroup Tuesdays 10am - 12am (FREE)

Are you moving?

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: _____

