From the Principal

Congratulations to our Young Authors who have their writing published in the latest Early Harvest magazine! The launch was held at the 100 Story Building in Footscray last Saturday and went well. It was wonderful to see our young published authors in attendance with members of their families. Andy Griffiths was there to entertain and inspire and of course was in great demand for his autograph! See photos and recounts on the last page of this newsletter.

Yesterday our Year 5/6 students who are part of the VUSC Instrumental Music Program participated in a Primary Schools day of practice and collaboration at the Secondary College. This was followed by a concert performance in the evening. It was a great opportunity for students to showcase their achievements and musical talents. Well done!

In 2015, DPN will be introducing an Auslan Language Program in the Prep classes. Auslan is valuable as a Language Other Than English for many children, especially those of other cultures and background languages. Auslan supports the development of English through the initial requirement for children to be able to spell on their fingers. It is a very interesting way to re-enforce spelling and letter recognition through the visual communication language of Auslan. We are looking forward to implementing this program in 2015.

Lex Balhaurie

Our SRC is organising an Icy-pole Day!

When? - December 12, 2014
What? - Lifesaver Icy-poles
How Much? - $1.00
How do we order? - An order form will be sent home today in this newsletter!!!

Dates for your diaries...

November
28 Prep 2015 Transition 9:30am

December
9 Prep 2015 Transition 9:30am
11 Year 6 Graduation
12 SRC - Icy-pole Day
15 Year 5/6 YMCA Excursion
16 Christmas Concert
19 Term 4 ends - 1:15pm

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

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You may have read recently that Deer Park North Primary School was successful in an application to “Build Healthy Communities in Melbourne’s West”.

**What does this mean for Deer Park North Primary School?**

Our focus will be on improving the health and wellbeing of children and their families at Deer Park North Primary School. Planning is still in the very early stages but we are hopeful that opportunities will be provided for:

- Health screenings for parents that will address such things as diabetes, high blood pressure & high cholesterol. These screenings will be offered free of charge and be conducted here at DPNPS.
- Raising child and family awareness of good nutrition-al habits that promote healthy bodies & lifestyles.

As well as benefits for personal health and wellbeing the project brings with it funding for approximately $25,000 which is envisioned will be used to upgrade cooking facilities for use by students and community members.

This is a fantastic opportunity for both the school and the community and we look forward to seeing the plans come together in the coming weeks.

It is expected that the project will be launched at a celebration at the school during Term 1 of 2015. Parents are encouraged to contribute their ideas as well as be an active participant in activities conducted. The Steering Committee is eager for parent input into its future direction and would like to run an information session at a later date if sufficient parents express interest in attending.

If you’d like to be included or would like further information, please see Teresa Woods or call 93634600.

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**With Christmas quickly approaching, we are starting to organise the DPN Christmas Raffle which will be drawn at the Christmas Concert on December 16. We welcome donations of suitable items to fill the Christmas hampers which will be raffled e.g. packaged food with current use by date, gifts, toys, games, etc. Students are asked to bring along all donations to their classroom or the school office by December 5. Thank you, Mel Lenssen, School Council President**

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**WHAT’S HAPPENING IN SCIENCE THIS TERM?**

In Science this term the children have been studying **BIO-DIVERSITY**. Biodiversity looks at the variety of life on Earth and the natural patterns it forms.

The children have focused on the biodiversity of our local area, looking at the plants, insects and animals and how they interact.

Did you know that there have been 563 local indigen-ous plants recorded in Brimbank and 196 local indige-nous animal species?

*Mr Dixon*

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**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:**

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**LUCKY WINNER!!!**

On the 14th of November on Friday at assembly I won a razor scooter for the Walk to School Day. I was very shocked that I won it out of 8 people. When I told my parents and family they were very proud of me and surprised. I opened it when I got home and started riding it. It was fun to play with. I will enjoy riding it again.

Alexis SEP
physicaL EductaTion

In sport this term students have had lots of fun learning new skills in a variety of sports. They have been involved in a wide variety of sports, games and vigorous exercise. In grade Prep and 1/2 they have been focusing on minor games, striking games and overhand throwing. Grade 3/4 and senior year students have been involved in sports such as Badminton, Hockey, Fitness Studies and European Handball.

In Sport we did throwing, running, catching, playing and warmup games. We also did rolling, bouncing balls and kicking soccer balls. We played games with our friends.

Wisam, Bekir, Vardaan JSR

This term in sport we have been learning now to play hockey, European handball and Badminton. Everyone has been having a fun time enjoying and learning different kinds of sports from around the world.

Dina SEP

visuaL arts

Grade 3/4 and 5/6 classes have finished working on the ‘Home’ project for the Melbourne Arts Centre. Students have decorated their own ‘little house’, ready for opening night in the school holidays.

Make sure to put Saturday January 10th in your diaries, it will be a free event on the big lawn outside the Melbourne Arts Centre!

Students have been working with clay, our pinch pots and owls are ready to paint! Students have continued exploring using different media, including iPads and construction blocks.

Deer Park North PS is full of little artists, have a look at what they’ve been creating!
I went to the Early Harvest launch on Saturday the 15th. Andy Griffiths was there to officially launch the magazine.

When it started this guy called Lachlann got the microphone and started talking. He congratulated us for our stories and cracked a few jokes. A story was read out and then Andy Griffiths came on and assaulted Terry Denton.

He talked about how the editors were really tough and how the first story that caught his eye was Butt crack attack. That’s mine and Donald’s story!!

After Andy Griffiths officially launched the magazine I poked around a bit and found lots of interesting things.

We spent a great time there and met some really interesting people.

I hope that next year your submissions would get into the Early Harvest magazine.

Good Luck!

Leon Liao

On Saturday the 15th of November, the early harvest magazine was launched. The launch was held at the 100 Story Building. There were lots of authors that got in the book and the editors were there as well. We met a lot of people as well and Andy Griffiths. Andy Griffiths signed all of our books and he also launched the book. There were stories told and laughter.

We also made our own adventure at the bottom of the book. Everyone had a blast.

Thank you to Ms Smith for entering our stories and encouraging us to write and enjoy being authors. We really appreciate it.

Tracey Le

On Saturday November the 15th at 2.30pm the launch of the Early Harvest book was held at 100 story building at Footscray. They got to meet Andy Griffiths and he signed some of our books, they told some funny stories, had some afternoon tea which was fruit, fairy bread and some drinks. I couldn’t make it but it looked like fun and I wish I had gone.

Tracey and I wrote a story about a missing girl because the main topic we had to talk about was the unknown and we have watched a movie about a girl that went missing so we decided to make a story about it. I am really happy to be in the early harvest book.

Ardita Ramadani

On Saturday November 15th, the 3rd edition of the Early Harvest was officially by Andy Griffiths. Andy Griffiths was teasing Terry Denton saying that he wasn’t very smart. That was funny!

During the launch we got to eat fruits and drink some juice.

Overall it was fun.

Stephen Zhu

On Saturday 15th of November 2014, it was launch day at the 100 story building, I was late by 40 minutes but when I got there and went straight inside, I got my own copy of the Early Harvest then I saw a guy wearing a red jumper, I don’t know his name but when I got in the crowd, I heard him say something about One Direction then everyone laughed a lot and I did not know what was going on so I looked around, the first person that I saw was Miss Ballamie then Mr Bowen then Mrs Smith or Mizzi then Leon then Elysha then Stephan then Tracey then Michael. I saw their relatives take a drink so I got a drink I chose the lemonade it was very gassy, after that I got my postcard and Early Harvest copy signed by Andy Griffiths.

A lot of people wanted me to sign their Early Harvest copy, I think I signed 5 copies and also took a lot of pictures then everyone started going home, first Elysha then Leon then me (I don’t know when Michael, Tracey and Stephan left).

That day was probably the best day of the month or year or life!

Donald Tran

If you would like to own a copy of Early Harvest Magazine you can do so by filling in the order form below and hand it to the school office by Friday 5th December. The cost of this issue is $16.95.

Name of Student: __________________________

Class: __________________________

You can also order this copy online from http://www.100storybuilding.org.au/store/

Happy Reading! Mrs Donna Smith