Calendar of Events

Term One

Thursday 26 February
Parent Teacher Chats Year 1-6
Early Dismissal 2:00pm

Tuesday March 10
Prep Information Morning 9-11am

Thursday 12 March
Swimming Carnival & Picnic Years 3-6

Monday 16 March
Harmony Week

Tuesday 17 March
Year 5/6 Parliament House Excursion

Wednesday 18 March
Launch of Building Healthy Communities

Monday 23 March
Curriculum Day - Students not at school

Friday 27 March
End of Term - Early dismissal

2015 School Terms
Term 1
January 30 (Students) - March 27

Term 2
April 13 - June 26

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/Carers,

Parent/Teacher Chats Years 1-6: We are holding parent/teacher chats this week. Teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents and students to discuss the program and learning goals for the year!

Cultural Diversity Week: We are very excited about the launch of the Building Healthy Communities in Melbourne’s West Project on March 18 during Cultural Diversity Week. Many of our school community members have made the most of the offer to have free medical checks at the school during February. More information and invitation in this newsletter!

Let’s be SunSmart! It is pleasing to see the majority of students observing our SunSmart Policy and wearing their broad-brimmed school hat or legionnaire hat when outside. In line with our SunSmart Policy, students who do not have a hat are restricted to the passive play area & adjoining shade sail play area and will be excluded from outdoor activities in direct sunlight.

Curriculum Days 2015: There will be two Curriculum Days held for staff this year in addition to the first two at the start of the school year. The dates for these pupil-free days are Monday, 23 March and Monday, November 2 2015.

School Uniform: The school uniform has been well received by our school community with positive feedback received from parents, students and our PSW suppliers. I understand that some uniform items are on order and we will notify parents and students as soon as we receive them. The uniform policy can be accessed on the school website.

School Council Elections: I would like to thank the parents who have nominated for two positions this year. The nominations exceed the number of positions available and we will be holding an election shortly.

Best Regards,

Liz Balharrie

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Deer Park North Primary School Newsletter - Continued

Deer Park North’s School Captains and Vice-Captains were presented with their badges at Friday’s Whole School Assembly.

Well done!

School Captains: Alexis and Trentell
School Vice Captains: Parnika and Sahil

Congratulations to our 2015 House Captains!

**Gould**
Jillian Beltran
Betim Ibraimoski

**Hovell**
Emily Tran
Brendan Damanik

**Mawson**
Noami Thangeng
Hilmi Yargi

**Tasman**
Taniesha Savy
Nejat Demirovski

SCHOOL AS A CATCHMENT PROJECT

This exciting project is approaching its commencement date. Soon, our school will be abuzz with action as areas of our school grounds are transformed into wetlands, garden beds and rain gardens.

On Monday 23rd February, Nicole Butler from the Victorian Association for Environmental Education (VAEE) met with the Senior Team members of the Green Team to ascertain their ideas and expectation of this project.

Physical Education

Well we have hit the ground running early this Term in Sport and P.E! The grade 5/6 students have begun the Summer Interschool sport competition and students have been involved in activities and games from specialist YMCA coaches. The Grade 1-2s have been involved in games and activities focusing on basic skills such as hopping, skipping, running and catching skills. The Grade 3-6 students have been focusing on cricket and basketball skills.

The Swimming carnival and picnic day for the Grade 3-6s is fast approaching and will be held on Thursday the 12th of March at St Albans Leisure Centre. I welcome any parents who would like to volunteer or help out on the day. Your assistance would be much appreciated.

Miss McIntyre
P.E teacher

PREP INFORMATION MORNING
Tuesday March 10

Parents and carers are invited to join us at 9.00am to meet the Prep teachers and staff to find out more about the Prep Program in 2015.

We will be providing information about how we can best work in partnership to support your child’s learning and development.

Ross Dixon
Science/Sustainability Coordinator

Jump rope for Heart is coming up in March, so keep an eye

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Year 3/4 Celebrate Chinese/Vietnamese New Year!

The students in MLA have been learning about Chinese New Year. The Chinese New Year of the Sheep/Goat began on the 19th of February 2015. At midnight on New Year’s Eve, every door and window in the house is opened to let the old year leave. The Chinese New Year festival lasts for 15 days and on the last day there is a lantern festival where lanterns are carried in a parade at night. To celebrate Chinese New Year, Year 3/4 MLA have been making lanterns and decorating animals such as dragons and lions. MLA also made Rice Paper Rolls to help celebrate Chinese New Year.

Story-telling is a great way to extend your child’s language and listening skills, as well as expanding their imagination. Either you can tell the story, or encourage your child to tell the story.

**Story-telling might be about:**
A favourite character from a book or television program.
Another family member.
Your child’s favourite toy.

**Here are some tips to start your storytelling:**
Make it exciting, with different voices, puppets, props or a finger play.
Start with what interests your child.
Create a character and setting.

*Donna Smith  Literacy Coordinator*

**GOODBYE ‘SPEEDY’ By MJG**

“Good morning teachers and students. I am here to talk about our fish called Speedy. He was a loving and caring fish until the day came when he passed away. We tried our best to keep him alive and healthy but when we noticed him floating on top of the water it was too late. We decided to bury him near our class so that when we were in class he would always be with us. Rest In Peace Speedy.” By Emi

“Yesterday our class fish, Speedy, passed away and today we buried him. My class were not feeling very good. Do you know how we were feeling? We felt sad. After we buried him we said a short speech. I believe Speedy will never forget us, especially me because I fed him all the time. We won’t forget him forever.” By Siu

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In The Art Room

Healthy Community Artwork
Students have been working hard creating artwork based around being ‘Healthy’. These artworks will go on display as part of our “Building Healthy Communities” launch day!

ARTS GROUP
Students are helping coordinate the displays; painting, planning and preparing our artwork. The Arts Group will continue throughout the year to create new artwork for around our school.

Home Project – The Arts Centre
Last year grade 3/4 and 5/6 students decorated little houses for the Melbourne Arts Centre “Home” project. After opening night in January, little houses are travelling all over Melbourne. Check out the website http://home.artscentremelbourne.com.au and try to find yours!

Deer Park Arcade History Mural
Last year all year levels used clay to make tiles for this amazing mural at the Deer Park Ballarat Rd Arcade. You can see photos at http://deerparkhistorymural.blogspot.com.au or go and have a look yourself, next to 811A Ballarat Road, Deer Park

Ms Fleur Sadlier

Preps in the Beehive

Sleeping in our tent

Making our tent

Toasting marshmallows

In the beehive, Prep students have been learning about camping. They have learnt lots of new vocabulary and sang different songs including 'sizzling sausages'. The Preps made tents from sheets, chairs and pegs and toasted pretend marshmallows and sausages on their ‘campfires’. They went on a bushwalk and brainstormed Australian animals they might see, such as possums.

Numeracy Update

While teachers have been assessing students to determine their future learning needs the whole school has been focussing on the concept of time which is an important part of mathematics and our everyday lives.

- Prep students are connecting days of the week with familiar events
- Grade 1 and 2 are learning to tell time using a clock face and a calendar
- Grade 3 and 4 students are learning to tell time to the nearest minute as well as converting between units of time
- 5/6 students are developing understandings of 12 and 24 hour time as well as interpreting and using a variety of timetables

Talking with your child and reinforcing these understandings at home will help your children understand how important mathematical learning is in the real world.

Daryl Bowen, Numeracy Coordinator & Coach

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Special Invitation!
BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES IN MELBOURNE’S WEST

Wednesday 18th March will be an exciting day for Deer Park North Primary School.
Families are invited to join in the celebrations by sharing a free BBQ, viewing an exhibition of children’s artwork and participating in lots of fun activities. Invitations to families were sent home during this past week detailing the events. The activities will commence from 3:30 pm and continue until 7:00 pm.

Children must be accompanied by their parents.
While teachers and staff will be present, and participating in activities, they will not be supervising students.

Deer Park North Skoolbag App
We recently sent out some information about our new school app. Have you downloaded it yet? Some families may have had difficulties finding and downloading it on an android device. This problem should now be sorted and everyone should be able to download the App. Here are the instructions for finding and downloading it:

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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What's on in Deer Park North Primary School Community Hub

**Jobco Training**
Would you like training in
Cert111 Early Childhood Education and Care
Diploma Early Childhood Education and Care
Certificate 111 & 1V in Aged Care
(Level 2 First Aid included)

For more information contact John Verga on 9356 8630 or see Carolyn

Breakfast club is on every morning for all students from 8.25 to 8.50am
Welcome parents and friends every Monday is Coffee n chat in the canteen from 8.45am

*Free* PMP (perceptual motor program for preschool age babies and children)
Every Monday morning 9-10am
Where: Gym foyer
With Sarah Auld Callinan

*Free* Playgroup every Tuesday from 10am-12pm in the Beehive

**Coming to Term 2**

**Free** EAL class (English as addition Language)

**Free** Basic computer classes

*Free* Homework club is on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 3.30-5.30pm
At Community West 822 Ballarat Rd Deer Park 9363 -7811

Parent suggestions and community feedback is always welcome and appreciated.

Looking forward to meeting you soon – Carolyn (hub leader at school Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays)

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