Term Two

Friday 24 April
Grade 5/6 Football tournament St Albans

Tuesday 28 April
Prep Cultural infusion incursion

Wednesday 29 April
School Photographs

Friday 1 May
5/6 Winter Sport Program starts

Tuesday 5 May
Prep Safety Crossing incursion

Wednesday 6 May
Year 3-6 Cross Country - Moore Park

Thursday 7 May
Mothers’ Day Stall

Tuesday 12, 13, 14 May
NAPLAN Testing - Year 3 & 5 students

Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May
Education Week - Tuesday 5/6 Maths/Science PrimeSCI Incursion

Tuesday 19 May
3/4 Excursion – CERES

Wednesday 20 May
Preps fire education incursion
Year 5/6 First Aid Incursion

Friday 22 May
1/2 Excursion - The Arts Centre
Alice Adventures in Operaland

Wednesday 27 May
Preps fire education (second visit)

2015 School Terms
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.

Welcome back everyone! Term 2 has started in earnest with students and teachers rested after a well-earned break over the holiday period. A special welcome to Mrs Julie Cameron who is teaching in Year 5/6 and Ms Melissa Kemp teaching Year 3/4.

Already there have been excursions held for some classes to tune students in to their inquiry units. Last Friday the Year 3/4s enjoyed a performance of The 26 Storey Treehouse at The Melbourne Arts Centre and, on the same day, attended an educational workshop at the Botanic Gardens, launching their study of living things this term. The Year 1/2 students ventured out on a Community Walk this week to make observations within their local community which is sure to be a productive shared experience for further development in their classes.

Exciting News! Work is about to get underway on our “School as a Catchment” Project. Once started, the project is expected to progress quickly and be completed in June for a community involvement day on World Environment Day - June 5!

Cooler weather is on the way and it’s time for students to start wearing winter school uniform. There is the unisex option of black pants, polo top & windcheater/bomber jacket or for girls the winter skirt & black tights (pinafore for the Junior/Middle School girls with yellow long sleeved polo). We are expecting delivery of ordered uniform items this term and I thank those families waiting for their patience in the delay of receipt of these.

This term all students will receive a school report for Semester One. This will include an indication of their progress, level of achievement against the AusVELS Standards and teacher comments. For Year 3 and 5 students, the National testing program - NAPLAN will be held on May 14, 15 and 16. Parent, teacher & student meetings will be arranged in June.

We welcome a newly formed 2015 School Council and thank all members for their nominations and participation. The composition of the DPNPS School Council is as follows:

Parent Members - Melanie Lenssen (School Council President), Tupuna Ngaue, Sharon Cachia, Joanne Garrard, Abilasha Singh

DET Staff Members - Liz Balharrie (Executive Officer), Teresa Woods, Donna Mizzi, Daryl Bowen

Community Co-opted Members - Sanjeev Mahajan

Best Regards,

Liz Balharrie
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OUR WONDERFUL NEW CALM SPACE!

Visitors to the school will have noticed that much progress has been made towards the completion of the Calm Space / Mindfulness Garden. It is very likely that the fences will be taken away during this week allowing children and teachers to commence using this area. This will be a quiet area of the school grounds where children will be able to use their senses to develop a greater personal awareness. Children will notice that there is a Friendship Seat (which is still to be completed), Yoga Mats, overhead ropes to hang wind chimes and Godseyes, Sand trays and a vast array of plants that all have their own aroma. Teachers will be taking their classes into this area and discussing how the area can be used. The full potential of this area will no doubt take some time to establish but it will no doubt be an area that children and teachers will find compliments their day to day practices.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS will be taken on Wednesday 29th of April. All children should have received an envelope detailing the options parents have for purchasing school photographs. Family photographs can also be taken. These envelopes are available from the office. Parents are asked to return their orders with payment (either cash or Debit Card details) by Wednesday 29th April. All children will be photographed on the day. Parents are able to purchase photographs after the 29th April but this must be done by going directly to the providing company Arthur Reed Photographers.

NAPLAN 2015 This term our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be undertaking the NAPLAN Assessment tasks. These involve Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Mathematics. The information from the NAPLAN Assessments provide valuable information to the school to assist in planning an appropriate curriculum for all our students. NAPLAN will be conducted during the fifth week of term on Tuesday 12th May, Wednesday 13th May and Thursday 14th May.

TERM 2 MATHS To help with your child’s learning, here are some important things you could help with at home:

- Prep – counting objects and matching them to the need (setting the table and getting 1 spoon for each person, counting the number of table settings and restated the number of steps.
- 1/2 - Counting by 2s, 5s, 10s, 4s form different starting points both forwards and backwards.
- 3/4 - The number before and after, the number 10 before and 10 after the number 100 before and 100 after (10 before 132, 1 before 250……..)
- 5/6 - Multiplication facts (times tables) underpin the work in this area and all children need these facts to 10x10.

Daryl Bowen

School as a Catchment

With work all but completed on the Mindfulness Garden our other special project “School as a Catchment” will very shortly be getting underway. Areas of the school yard will be transformed into a community green space, a wetland and a productive vegetable garden. These spaces are on the Gould St side of the school - next to the junior playground, the old staff car park and the concrete area outside the Beehive. It is envisaged that the project will be launched in May (date to be arranged) at a school assembly by project partners Josh Byrne, ABC Gardening Australia and representatives from Victorian Association for Environmental Education.
Families in the Beehive!

Prep students have begun learning about ‘families’ in their oral language Beehive sessions. They have been sharing the different names that they use for their family members, such as Mummy, Dad, Nanny or Grandfather. Preps are beginning to understand that whilst we all have families, all families are different and made up of different people.

Did you know heart disease affects 2 out of every 3 families?
Help your child to have fun and support the Heart Foundation at the same time.
More information will be coming shortly so watch this space!
Miss McIntyre, P.E coordinator

First aid Training at Deer Park North Primary School

On Tuesday the students throughout the school attended First Aid training from St John's Ambulance Australia. The students in Prep learnt what number to phone if there is an emergency. How to recognise a dangerous situation, how to check if the person is conscious and how to ring for an ambulance.

Physical Education

A big welcome back to Term 2 everyone. I hope you are ready for an exciting busy term in Sport! The grade 5/6 students will be competing in Winter interschool sport and selected students will also be competing in football and soccer tournaments later in the term.
Cross country will be held at Brimbank Park during week 4. Time trials have been held this week and selected students from Grades 3-6 will be competing on the day so get running!
Also this term our school will be running the Jump rope for heart program! This will involve all students. The skipping program is designed to increase children’s fitness and health, while raising money for the fight against heart disease.

Year 5/6s are visited by a War Memorial Education Officer

Gallipoli

On Saturday 25th April we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. The battle was brutal, fierce and horrendous. Thousands of men died on both sides but the attitude of the Australian and New Zealand soldiers of ‘never give up’ and ‘look after your mates’ makes us proud. They lived and slept in trenches dug with their own hands and ate ‘bully beef’ (nicknamed ‘rat, cat, dog’) and hard dried biscuits. They had 750ml of fresh water to drink each day. Bombs, bullets, poisonous gas and bad weather were part of their daily existence. It took 3 months for letters and parcels to reach Australia. There were no antibiotics in those days so many died from their wounds or pneumonia.

We learnt all of this from the education officer from the War Memorial when he visited the senior grades last Wednesday. We got to try on uniforms, webbing, gas masks and hats. We touched bullets, jam tin bombs, spades, drink flasks and medals. It was really interesting. He told us stories about the men’s bravery and life in the trenches. We imagined how frightening it would be surrounded by the noises of the bombs and the sadness of your friends dying around you. We honour them and thank them for their sacrifice. SJE

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Young Author ...

The Space Trip
by Kimba Lewis in JSW
Once there was a girl named Kimba. She had a friend named Kasey. They were smart. They built their own space ship. They built it out of lots of metal. Someone came to see the ship and Kasey and Kimba were happy they had a friend. So then they were going to give the friend a flight to the moon, just all three of them together. Soon they were going to give everyone a flight to the moon. Then they were famous.

Welcome to Term 2…

HUB HAPPENINGS!!

Highlights of the hub’s activities this term are:

- Free Essential computer course: Starts Tuesday 28th April 1-3pm
- Sing and Grow preschool program: Thursday 11am Limited spaces left
- Get fit and healthy group: Starting soon
- PMP for preschool: Monday’s 9am in gym foyer
- Kinda Kinder: Tuesdays 9-10am in the Beehive
- Creative crafts: Starting soon
- Learning Together - English class with free childcare Tuesday’s 10.30am – 1pm. Please come to school office.
- Coffee ‘n chat (Every Monday 9am in the canteen)

Interested in an activity?

Simply fill in a Hub expression of interest form attached and return to school.

For more information about any of the Hub’s activities please come and see Carolyn (Hub Leader)
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
Phone: 9363 4600

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