Term Two

Thursday 7 May
Mothers’ Day Stall

Tuesday 12 - 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 Environmental Park

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

Friday 22 May
Year 1/2 Excursion Art Centre: “Alice Adventures in Operaland”

Wednesday 27 May
Preps fire education (second visit)

Monday 1 June
5/6 Excursion to CERES Environmental Park

Friday 5 June
World Environment Day
School Project Working Bee & Lunch

Friday 26 June
End of Term - Early dismissal at 2:30pm

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.

Calendar of Events

Message from the Principal

This week we held our school Mothers’ Day stall. Students carefully made their purchases from a wide selection of gifts on display. It was a great success thanks to the organisation of our wonderful parent helpers. Happy Mothers’ Day to all mums!

Education Week will be celebrated over the school week of May 18 - May 22. The theme this year is “Crack the code with maths”. Parents and carers are invited to join their children in classroom activities:

Prep: Wednesday 20 May: 9:30am - 10:30am Fire Truck incursion. 10:30 Open Classrooms - interactive Maths activities

Year 1/2: Wednesday 20 May: 9:00am - 11:00am Open classrooms - interactive Maths activities.

Year 3/4: Wednesday 20 May: 9:00am - 11:00am Science/Maths Incursion & interactive Maths activities.

Morning Tea will be provided at 11:00am on each of these days in the staff room for our visitors.

With the completion of our calm space/garden which is part of the Healthy Communities project, we are all very excited to see work on the School as a Catchment project get underway. The grant from the Victorian Government will fund a wetland, a productive garden and shaded seating space. This project, in partnership with the Victorian Association for Environmental Education (VAEE) and Josh Byrne & Associates, will provide an interactive and engaging learning space for the school and community. Please join us on June 5 for a planting day and lunch. More information in this newsletter.

Kind regards, Liz Balharrie

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“School as a Catchment”

Project News

Landscaping work has started in the small car park on Gould Street which will be transformed into a wetland! Adjacent to this space will be a productive garden and a shaded seating area next to the Beehive.

“This series of inter-related landscape projects will demonstrate strategies for shading, local food production, enhanced biodiversity, reduced stormwater runoff and best practice water efficiency.”

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Special Invitation

You are invited to help Celebrate World Environment Day by participating in our school working bee on Friday 5th June 10am – 3pm.

We will have Gardening Australia’s Josh Byrne at our school to help us plant native trees/veggies and to mulch our new gardens.

We need 10 community members for the morning (10am -12 noon) session and 10 for the afternoon (1pm -3pm).

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers through our Community Hub and helpers!

Please wear closed toe shoes, hat/rain gear, gardening gloves and bring a water bottle.

To ensure we have enough tools and numbers for catering please RSVP to Nicole Butler at VAEE (resourcesmartaussivic@vaee.vic.edu.au) OR leave your name and contact details at the school office.
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Physical Education
This week the Grade 5/6 students began Winter Sports. Program. Interschool sport teams played Derrimut PS and all teams played extremely well. Next week we play at home vs Deer Park West. Cross country was held on Wednesday the 6th of May at Brimbank Park. Selected students were chosen to represent our school. Congratulations to all who participated and put in a fantastic effort. A special mention to Anastasia, Bethlehem and Allan who have qualified for the division finals. The Grade 3-6 students have continued their AFL unit and the Grade 1-2s have been busy doing skipping and more skipping! They will start to look at overarm throwing next week. Jump Rope for Heart is starting to kick off and its great to see so many kids in the playground skipping! Donation forms will be sent home a.s.a.p. and the Jump off day will be set for the end of term. Please encourage your kids to get skipping and raise money for a worthy cause. Miss McIntyre, P.E coordinator

In the Art Room …
Students are finishing up their clay this week! Senior School students have worked very hard, studying and drawing an Australian Native Animal before creating a model. Middle School students have done a great job, drawing then modelling insects and small animals. Junior school students have been learning about joining clay as they make their own coil pot or cup. All clay needs to dry for several weeks before going in the kiln to be fired. Very exciting! Miss Fleur

Science and Sustainability
On Tuesday 28th April, Mark Smith from Planet Savers came to our school and conducted an Energy Audit. Members of the Green Team helped Mark collect data that he will use to prepare the Audit. Mark identified many areas of the school where substantial energy savings can be made. He was impressed by the effort the Green Team put in on the day. The green team now has the job of reporting back to the school community on the recommendations of the audit. Green Team

Library
You are invited to visit the school library to see information on the ANZACs and read the variety of stories and information commemorating 100 years since Gallipoli.

CALM SPACE
The fences have come down and children and teachers are now able to use the new Calm Garden. Teachers have been taking their classes into the area to talk about how children might use the area. Children are being encouraged to tune into their bodies while they are in there. They might do this by listening to their breathing, smelling the plants in the garden, watching the wind play with the Dream Catchers that children have made and hung from the overhead ropes. All of these activities help put children in a better place to learn and interact with their friends.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY
Grade 5 & 6 students have just completed the Attitudes to School Survey. All children in year 5 & 6 across Victoria are asked to provide the Education Department with their thoughts on their learning, their relationships with their peers and their teachers. The results will sent back to DPNPS later in the school year. This information helps the staff to make changes for the future or maintain elements that the students consider are working well. Later in the year a random selection of parents will be offered the same opportunity to provide feedback on the programs and practices at DPNPS.
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DEER PARK NORTH WALKERS
DAY & TIME PREFERENCES
Tuesday Wednesday Friday
9am -10am or 2pm -3pm
For more information contact
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0423963403
abi060686@hotmail.com

HEART FOUNDATION WALKING
CO-ORDINATOR

Healthy Relationships
A workshop by Relationships Australia, On understanding family relationships
Roles of culture on family relationships, Steps towards strengthening family
Relationships. What is a healthy relationship?
For more information please see Carolyn

The hub is looking for parent volunteers
who like to cook … we are preparing lunch for helpers on
World Environment day!!
On Friday June 5 there will be a special day for volunteers
to support our School as a Catchment Project - in our new garden and
wetland. Please contact Carolyn.

Our Community Walk
On the 22nd of April all of the Grade 1/2s went on a long walk around Deer Park. We went on the walk to learn about what is in
Deer Park. First we crossed the school crossing and walked along Little Street. We saw lots of wooden houses and letter boxes.
When we got to the roundabout we turned left. Next we saw a milk bar that sells icy poles and magazines. Afterwards a man talked
to us about the Senior Citizens Club. He told us that they play bowling and chat and drink coffee. Then we walked down to Kororoit
Creek. Mrs Fazio told us that tiger snakes, brown snakes and blue tongue lizards can live there. Eventually, we reached the Hume
and Hovell Monument. This big rock has been there for nearly 100 years. Finally we passed the Deer Park History Mural. We saw
lots of pictures made from clay that some children at our school made. We had an AWESOME time on the walk. We learnt that
there are lots of animals, plants and things we can see and use in our community.
by JAF

Arts ‘n Crafts

Project
Do you like to be a little bit creative?
Then the hub needs you
if you are interested please see
Carolyn

What’s on at the Hub?
Term 2
Interested in an activity?
Simply fill in a Hub expression of interest form and return to school.

For more information about any of the Hub’s activities
Please come and see Carolyn, hub leader.

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
Phone 9363 4600

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