



Deer Park North Primary School Newsletter

Learning for Life

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Respect

Care

Responsibility

Honesty

Trust

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Calendar of Events



Term Two

Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May

Education Week

Friday 22 May

Year 1/2 Excursion Art Centre:

"Alices's Adventures in Operaland"

Wednesday 27 May

Preps fire education (second visit)

Monday 1 June

5/6 Excursion to CERES Environmental Park

Friday 19 June

School Project Working Bee & Lunch

Monday June 22

Jump rope for heart!

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

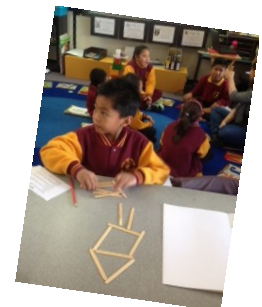
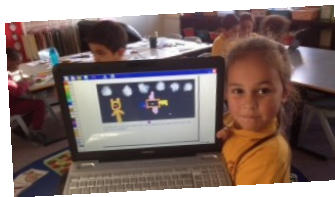
The school offers yard supervision from 8.45am & after school until 3.30pm. Children should not be sent to school before 8.45am; and picked up by 3.30pm.



Message from the Principal

It was wonderful to have parents and carers come along to join in our Education Week activities in classrooms on Tuesday and Wednesday this week during our open mornings. With the Education Week theme this year of Maths - "Cracking the Code", teachers planned hands-on Maths activities to engage both students and visitors. Included in the open mornings were special presentations by fire officers - Fire Education and Monash University Primary Science - Secrets of the Solar System. Again, the staff provided morning tea for our visitors and all had the opportunity to share the morning's experiences and discuss the various learning programs, projects and events at DPN.

What a fabulous way to celebrate student learning and achievement!



Kind regards,

Liz Balharrie

Physical Education

Another busy couple of weeks in sport it has been! The students have done well with the cold weather finally upon us. Grade 5/6 Interschool sport has seen us play against Kings Park and Kororoit Creek primary schools. Students have battled the cold to play their various sports competing very well. YMCA coaches have been instructing soccer futsal lessons also.

The Grade 3/4s have been doing rope skipping in preparation for our Jump Rope for heart. Many skills are on display such as Criss cross double under and speed skipping!

Grade 1/2s have started their new unit on overhand throwing and are participating in rotational groups focusing on their skill development.

Grade 5/6s have been focusing on Netball and have participated in drills and showing of their skills during game play.

Our school's Jump Rope for Heart is underway! Students have been given a sponsorship/donation form this week so get skipping and raising money for a good cause! Prizes are up for grabs too so encourage everyone to donate!

Miss McIntyre
P.E teacher



Hey Mum and Dad
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. Register your child

In the Art Room ...

Senior school students have been experimenting with some of the elements and principles of art by making 'Zentangles'.

A 'Zentangle' is a form of 'artistic meditation', and is a small, abstract, patterned artwork, made using a specific process. Well done- they are all uniquely fantastic!



Fleur Sadlier

Beehive News!

During oral language in the beehive, the Preps are learning about occupations in the community. They have been brainstorming different jobs that adults have and what they do for these jobs when they are at work. Students had a turn at being a doctor, nurse, patient and receptionist. They used new vocabulary such as stethoscope, temperature, thermometer and surgery. Families are encouraged to talk to their Prep children about the jobs they and other workers have within the community.

Thank you,

Sarah Auld-Callinan & Megan Russell

Skoolbag App

Don't forget to download our school App.

Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for Deer Park North Skoolbag. It's free to download and an easy way to access parent advice, alerts, send through absent notes and keep up to date with other news!

Many parents have been asking for App ideas that would help their children continue their learning at home. Here are some suggestions:

Phonics and Reading Apps

There are some amazing Apps to assist children with letter/sound identification and reading skills. Here are a few:
Starfall Learn to Read: this App has different texts with associated activities to teach letter sounds (phonics). It's \$3.79 which is great value!

ABC Reading Eggs has lots of Apps based on the popular Reading Eggs program.

Eggy Alphabet: learn to say and write letters, and identify words beginning with the letters. \$2.49.

Eggy Phonics 1: learn short vowel sounds using the 100 most used words. \$2.49. There are also more Eggy phonics apps that extend to more difficult phonics.

Touch and Write Phonics: learn phonics rules such as short and long vowel sounds and complete tasks based on these. This app is fun because kids enjoy writing using shaving cream, ketchup and many other things. \$3.79

Starfall It's Fun to Read: read different text types and learn spelling and letter blend rules along the way. \$1.99

Fitzroy Readers: 10 texts that begin with text based on basic short vowel sounds and progress towards more complex letter/sound blends. Students can read along with the text and click on words to listen to how they are sounded. Books 1-10: beginning vowel sounds. Books 11-20: sound blends. Books 21-30: more difficult sound blends. Books 31-40: long vowel sounds. Each collection costs \$12.99 which may seem expensive but it's worth the investment to improve your child's reading skills!

Spelling

Eggy 250: learn the first 250 commonly used words by completing fun activities such as 'beat the bomb' which is a hangman type game. \$2.49

(There is also Eggy 100 for beginning readers)

Reading Eggs Spelling Lite: free reading practise app.

Reading Eggs Spelling: versions range from grades 1-6 and increase in difficulty. Each level cost \$2.49.

If you search for Reading Eggs in the App store, there are lots of bundles you can buy that contain four or more different Reading Eggs Apps.

*Did you know there is an app called AppZapp HD that sends you daily App deals and Apps that have become free? Many paid Apps are often reduced in price and this App lets you know when some of the more popular Apps are cheaper or free!



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 and Thursday

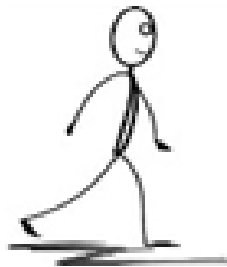
Phone 9363 4600

The hub is looking for parent volunteers

who like to cook and/or work in the garden



Now On Friday June 19
This is for our School as a Catchment Project - new productive garden and wetland
If you would like to help please see Carolyn



Visit to the hub...

DEER PARK NORTH WALKERS
DAY & TIME PREFERENCES

Tuesday Wednesday Friday
9am -10am or 2pm -3pm

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HEART FOUNDATION WAKING

Grades 1 and 2 came to visit the hub last week. Students had lots of questions about the Community Hub. They took home information to share with their parents and friends. It was lots of fun!!

Go to bed

by Jerome Eliu

The thunder strikes at 12:00
Midnight
The boy awakes
The floor
Shakes

He opens his eyes
Looked around
And started to cry
He looked at the sky through
The window
the door opens
He ran back to bed

And he begged,

Then it was his mother and she said
GO BACK TO BED!!!!