Calendar of Events

Friday 5 June
5/6 Sport - Home v Cairnlea PS

Monday 8 June
Queen’s Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 9 June
Hot Dog Day/Out of uniform fundraiser

Friday 12 June
5/6 Sport - Home v St Lawrence PS

Wednesday 17 June
5/6 boys soccer tournament

Friday 19 June
School as a Catchment Project Planting Day & Lunch for volunteers.

Monday 22 June
Jump rope for heart!

Wednesday 24 June
Parent Teacher/Student Interviews

Thursday 25 June
School Council Meeting

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

Dear Parents & Friends,

The Victorian Government has recently launched its Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund. Information and an application form is attached to this newsletter. This funding will complement the current arrangement for the use of equity funding received by the school for eligible students at Deer Park North Primary School. It is envisaged that this new payment will assist parents/carers in paying for Camps and Sports activities and programs that are not currently covered by the school for the benefit of the eligible students.

Our School as a Catchment project is certainly taking shape! The workers are hard at it to get the wetland, board-walk and veggie garden completed in time for our planting day on Friday June 19. Thank you to those parents and friends who have added their names to our list of helpers. If you are available and would like to assist with planting and/or lunch preparation please come and join us.
It is sure to be a rewarding day and will certainly add the finishing touches to our fabulous new green spaces.

Teachers have been busy writing semester 2 student reports which will be sent home at the end of this term. Meetings with teachers and students are being held on Wednesday, June 24 from 2pm. A reminder that there will be early dismissal and student are to be picked up at 2pm.

Kind Regards,

Liz Balharrie

School Banking - Just a reminder that students who deposit 25 times this year are eligible to go into the draw for a trip for 4 people to Disneyland. WOW!

DPN Student School Banking Team
Science Green Team
On Thursday 28 May the Deer Park North Green Team and friends conducted a Litter Blitz, armed with tongs and buckets to collect the accumulated rubbish in the schoolyard. In 15 minutes of lunchtime, they collected a volume of nearly 50 litres of rubbish, some in hard to reach places and often the rubbish was trapped behind fences. The team wants to find out how the litter gets into our yard, as no wrappers are taken outside. The Green Team will investigate this in the next few months. **By collecting this rubbish, the Green Team not only made the yard look a lot nicer, but stopped the litter getting into our rivers and oceans and doing harm to animals that live there.**

Follow the example of our Green Team – pick up some litter today!

CERES Excursion
On Monday 1 June, Grade 5/6 students visited CERES Community Environment Park. They braved the cool weather to develop knowledge and skills related to their learning at school. CERES is a demonstration site, set up so people can learn how to live in a way which takes care of our environment. Students completed a netting for water bugs activity which will help us to monitor our new wetland, learnt about indigenous plants, how to compost and how worm farms work. Our new garden will have a compost area – so students can use what they learnt at CERES to help reduce waste in the school. Food waste can be feed to the worms and turned into soil which we can use on the gardens. Students also tried to generate electricity by peddling a bike connected to a copper coil and magnets – this was able to power a hair dryer – but was very difficult to make it pump out hot air. It would be pretty hard to use a hair dryer if we had to pedal to make it work. CERES showed us what can be done with solar panels so I think we can all have dry hair and use electricity even if we run out of fossil fuels.

Matthew Navaretti
Science and Sustainability Teacher
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Physical Education

A big congratulations to Alian (SJE), Betelihem (SAS) and Anastacia (SAS) who competed in the regional Cross Country championships last Thursday at Brimbank Park. They should be extremely proud of their efforts and had amazing performances on the day.

In Grade 5/6 interschool sport we played Albanvale primary school. Students all competed well and represented our school proudly. YMCA coaches have been instructing soccer futsal lessons and other sport clinics also.

The Grade 3/4s have had a rugby-coaching clinic from the Melbourne Rebels team learning new skills and games. They have also begun Athletics coaching clinics focusing on the different running and field events and the technique and skills associated with them.

Grade 1/2s have started their new unit on ball bouncing and are learning about modified basketball and new techniques and the fundamental skills associated with the sport.

Grade 5/6s have been focusing on teamwork games and single rope skipping. They are showing off their new tricks and moves!

In the Art Room …

Last Thursday Prep students had a special day in the art room. They experimented with drawing, stencils, stamps and decorative edges and texture.

Senior school students have been working collaboratively, creating a mixed media project. They were inspired by Native Australian Plants, combined drawing with abstract collage. Keep an eye out for these around the school!
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The hub is looking for parent volunteers who like to cook and/or help in the new school garden Friday June 19
This is for our School as a Catchment project in the newly constructed productive garden and wetland.
Lunch and refreshments provided.
If you would like to help please see Carolyn.

Parents and Friends
Coffee ‘n chat on Monday mornings 9am in the gym foyer.

PMP is an activity that engages children in movement activities combining perception and movement. This program has been tailored for younger children and babies.
When: Monday mornings 9-10am
Where: Gym foyer

We look forward to seeing you and your children there.

Preps
The preps joined their buddies in Grade Six. The focus of this session was friendships. We read the book ‘Charlie Parsley and Pearl Barley’ and then we made friendships bracelets using three different colours of wool. It was lots of fun. We will meet again towards the end of term.

Jodie Woodward

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Teachers are in the process of completing student reports. These will be distributed to parents on Monday 22nd June. Following this, parents will be offered a time for a Parent-Teacher-Student meeting on Wednesday 24th June. These meetings are an opportunity to celebrate your child’s learning over semester one and to discuss ways of supporting further student learning. Please complete and return the request form that was sent home earlier in the week so that an appropriate time can be allocated to your family. Interpreters will be arranged on request.
Please note: Students will be dismissed at 2:00pm on Wednesday 24th June

Deer Park North Primary School promotes a community of life-long learners. The school strives to develop responsible and resilient individuals who work towards achieving their personal best.