Dear Parents and Friends,

As we come to the end of Term 3 we can feel very proud and grateful for the wonderful energy, enthusiasm and dedication of our hard working teachers, education support staff, parent volunteers and helpers. We are all working together to make DPN the best it can be!

Thank you once again to our parent helpers for organising the Fathers’ Day stall and the Hot Dog Day. The out of uniform day raised $248.10 to support Emi Eliu in her participation in the School Sport Victoria Touch Football Championships being held in Perth in October. Thank you for your generous donations and Good Luck Emi!

Lots of fun was had at the Jump Rope for Heart showcase this week. Thank you to Mr Page for organising this event and students for their amazing skipping demonstrations at the showcase! Congratulations for raising money for a very worthy cause!

Some important reminders:

Term 4 brings the higher risk of skin damage from the increased intensity of UV rays. Please remember to organise your child’s school hat and bring along on the first day of the term. A school hat is required for all outside activities.

Planning for 2017 is underway. To assist us with our planning, please advise the school office if your child/children will not be returning to DPN next year.

Term 4 starts on October 3 - I trust that our students and families will enjoy their time together over the break and we look forward to seeing everyone back for an industrious term ahead!

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.

Kind regards,

Liz Balharrie

Prep to School Transition Program sessions has started. Please contact the school office for more information.

Prep Enrolments for 2017!

We are now taking Prep enrolments for 2017! Children need to have turned 5 years of age by April 30 2017. Please make inquiries at the school office or phone 93634600.

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.
CURRICULUM DAY – THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER
The staff at DPN participated in a whole day of learning about Restorative Practices on Thursday 8th September. The activities over the day highlighted that the quality of relationships between staff and students contributes significantly to the success of any school. Our focus is to enhance and continually build a culture of mutual respect and understanding by developing our use of Restorative Practices to develop community, to manage conflict and tension by repairing harm as well as to help in building relationships. Restorative Practices include a process that puts repairing harm done to relationships and people over and above blaming and punishing. The focus moves from managing behaviour to building and repairing those relationships.

We know that a whole school restorative approach will contribute to…
- A happier and safer school by addressing poor behaviour
- Mutually respectful relationships by listening to others’ views
- More effective teaching and learning
- A positive alternative to exclusions in specific cases

As part of the process students and staff could be involved in meetings, circles and conferences to improve or resolve situations. Restorative Practice is about a process that is fair; offers high levels of support as well as challenging poor behaviour through accepting responsibility and the setting of clear boundaries.

More information will be provided in the coming weeks as the staff implement these strategies. A parent information session is also planned to familiarise parents with the strategy and how you can use it at home to promote positive relationships with your children.

Teresa Woods

Congratulations !! to the students who qualified for the district athletics carnival to be held on Tuesday 6th September.
Betelihem Dawit – 1500mts & 800mts
Emi Eliu – 100mts & Long Jump
Judy Vong – 100mts
Joelle Shindano – 200mts
Jessica Huynh – 200mts
Anastacia Avramopoulos – 100mts
Kyle Millsom – Long Jump
Nigel Tuioleenu’u – Triple Jump

Aaron Page
Physical Education Teacher & Sports Coordinator

School Canteen Update…
Term 4
Back to summer menu!
*Salad Wraps
*Salad Tubs
*Frozen Fruit

A generous donation!
Thank you for all of the books you donated Gabriel!
All the students at D.P.N.S will enjoy borrowing them from the school library.

“I decided to give the books away because we didn’t use them at home. So it would be a good idea to give them to my school. I hope People enjoy them.” Gabriel – MJG

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www.deerparknthps.vic.edu.au

Our Purpose: To engage each child’s curiosity, build on their strengths and preferred learning styles to develop healthy, socially responsible, capable and resourceful life long learners.