

Deer Park North Newsletter

Learning For Life

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Term 3

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School Mission Statement

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.

School Values

Respect
Care
Honesty
Responsibility
Trust

Student Supervision Times

The school offers yard supervision from 8.50am & after school until 3.40pm. Children should not be sent to school before 8.50am; and picked up no later than 3.40pm.

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From the Principal

*Term 3 is here already!
I trust that our Deer Park North families enjoyed a happy and safe holiday and that students are feeling invigorated and ready for the school term ahead.*

Staffing

Welcome back Ms Alexander and Jenny Skingsley from leave last term. We are pleased to have Mr Daryl Bowen join the staff at Deer Park North. Mr Bowen is quickly getting to know all of the students and working in classrooms to support learning in Mathematics, which is his passion! Many parents and friends have met Mr Daryl over the past week, making him feel very welcome at DPNPS. Welcome also to Ms Donna Hill who is teaching Health and Physical Education for the term.

School Grounds & Facilities

School holidays are an ideal time to carry out many of the small and big jobs that need to be done around the school. The recent holiday period was quite productive.

Students visiting the library last week were excited to find it looking very bright and inviting with the back wall painted red! Some new shelving has been installed which makes a notable difference to the way the books are organised and displayed. This is a work in progress with shelving for fiction texts still to arrive.

The reverse cycle air conditioning unit in Room 7 has been replaced and is functioning well. The heating and air-conditioning unit was moved to the Beehive/Kinda Kinder Room to replace the old unit. This will ensure that the learning space has effective and efficient heating and cooling.

The uneven edges of the concrete in the school playground & walkways have been levelled over 2 days during the holidays making for a safer surface.

Our regular mowing contractor is continuing to do a great job keeping our school grounds and surrounding nature strips neat and tidy. It is always nice to receive positive feedback from members of the community regarding our school environment.

Excursions and Special Events

Our programs at all levels of the school are supported and enriched throughout the school year by various planned shared experiences and activities. This term all students will be participating in the Life Education Program. Years 5 and 6 students

will be visiting the Immigration Museum. Other programs scheduled include the JPAS Music Camp for instrumental music students, Clocktower Performing Arts Concert & the Athletics Carnival. Details of these events will be distributed to the relevant groups of students.

Lix Balharrie

Dates for your diaries...



July
29 Yr 5/6 Incursion-You, Me & Us
August
15 Yr 5/6 Excursion to Immigration Museum
21 Book Week Character Parade
23 Athletics carnival
27-29 JPAS Arts Camp
September
4-11 Life Education Program

Term Dates

Term 3 July 15– September 20
Term 4 October 7-December 20

Lunchtime Activities

Lunchtime games will continue this term with the student leaders and Mr Andrea. Last term students enjoyed games, sports and competitions. The timetable for this term's activities is below. We are all looking forward to a Term 3 filled with fun and games.

	Sport	Game (run by house captains)	Competition
Week 1	Football	Octopus	Netball Shootout
Week 2	Football	Duck Duck Goose	Basketball Shootout
Week 3	Football	Tents and Campers	Soccer Shootout
Week 4	Football	Running races	Running Races
Week 5	Football	Fruit salad	Football longest kick
Week 6	Netball	Octopus	Bat Tennis
Week 7	Netball	Farmer Sam	Basketball Knockout
Week 8	Netball	Duck, Duck, Goose	Soccer Penalties
Week 9	Netball	Octopus	Bat tennis
Week 10	Netball	Fruit Salad	Down ball
Week 11	Netball	Student Choice	Tiggy

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eLearning news :

This term, the grade 3-4 classes will be starting work on their class blogs. The Senior School blogging leaders and I will be helping train 3-4 leaders to create and help administer their class blogs.

If you have not yet checked out the Senior School blogs, please visit them. Here are the addresses:

<http://sas2013.global2.vic.edu.au>

<http://ssa2013.global2.vic.edu.au>

<http://sje2013.global2.vic.edu.au>

<http://ses2013.global2.vic.edu.au>

<http://slc2013.global2.vic.edu.au> (requires a password you will need to obtain from Ms Chalmers)

A snapshot of eLearning that's happening in classrooms:

Students in grade 1-2 have been making PowerPoint presentations about the Weather.

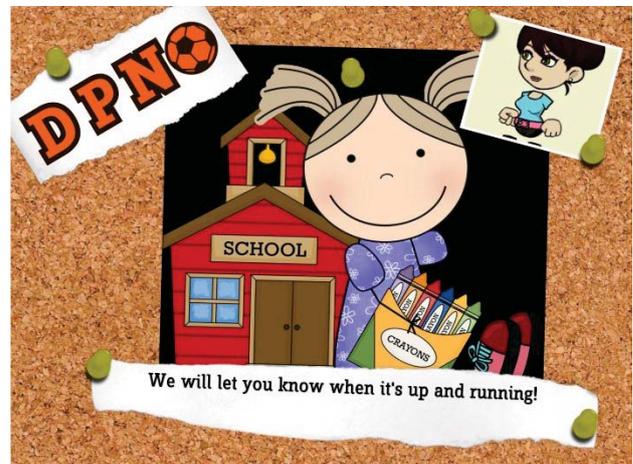
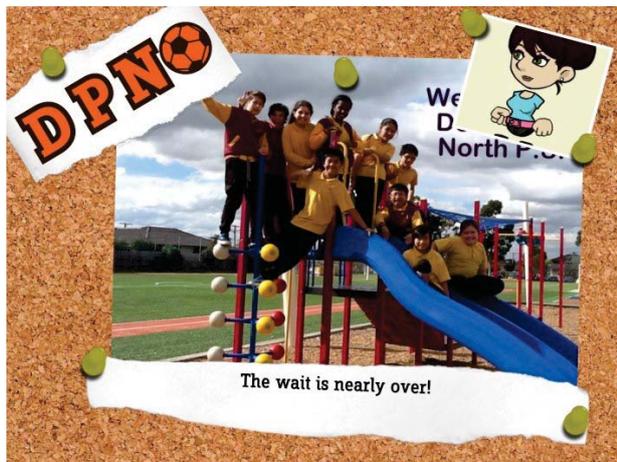
Students in all year levels have been exploring the many Apps we have on the school iPads.

Students in grades 3-6 have been using a web-based story writing program called Storybird.

Some Senior School students have begun publishing their own eBooks on the iPads.

SJE have produced a short video about Natural Disasters that we hope to have up on their blog very soon.

See below for some fantastic news:



Mrs Lehane
eLearning Coach

MEY :

Students in MEY have been learning about time and have made their own clocks to manipulate and help their understandings





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Life Education Victoria



Dear Parents,

As part of drug and health education this term we are having the Life Education mobile classroom visit our school from:

Wednesday 4th September 2013 – Wednesday 11th September 2013

Life Education has previously visited our school and the program is always a highlight of the children's year, and helps to facilitate the development of the life skills in students to prevent and minimise the harm of drug misuse.

Lessons are always age appropriate and the children will be covering a wide range of drug and health related topics, ranging from the human body and how it works, healthy eating and nutrition, medicines and drugs, bullying, resilience and social skills. Healthy Harold, the much loved Life Education giraffe mascot is always a much anticipated element of the Life Education visit. The sessions are always fun, interactive and really extend and develop the children's understanding of the topics covered. We will be further broadening these topics in class both prior to and after the Life Education visit with the student workbook which is included in the cost of the visit. It is important that your child attends this session.

As a charity, Life Education relies heavily on the generosity of local organisations to keep its fleet of mobile classrooms on the road delivering positive health and life messages to over 200,000 children in Victoria alone.

The cost for this incursion is \$9.00 per child, which covers 50% of the actual cost.

**Please fill out the permission slip which have been sent home.
Please return the slips and payment to school by: Friday August 16**



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Mathematics Consultancy at DPNPS

During the first semester, the school engaged Sharyn Livi, a Mathematics consultant from Mathematics Association Victoria to work with the Year 3/4 classes and teachers. Sharyn demonstrated lessons with a strong focus on encouraging student reasoning—a proficiency strand of the new AusVELS curriculum. Students were asked to think logically, test ideas and transfer learning from one context to another. They proved that something was true or false and justified their thinking. For example, which of these numbers doesn't belong. Explain why? 27, 3, 9, 30, 8, 12. Teachers then trialled the lessons and worked with Sharyn on future planning. The consultancy culminated in an active morning of Maths activities in and around the gymnasium. The three Prep teachers also observed and worked with Sharyn on number recognition and efficient counting strategies. Teachers will continue to build on their new learning over the second semester.

Sandy Treloar - 28 June 2013

