



Deer Park North Newsletter

Learning For Life

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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

School Curriculum/Special Programs

In order to provide comprehensive, sequential and balanced programs, particular learning experiences are planned for students at each level of the school. This provides opportunities for students to develop skills and knowledge in various curriculum areas over their Primary years of schooling. Rich learning experiences provide many benefits, and new contexts build vocabulary and the development of a broader general knowledge.

SCHOOL CAMPS are held for Grade 3/4 and 5/6 students in alternate years. **THIS YEAR THE 5/6S ARE HEADING OFF TO COASTAL FOREST LODGE IN ANGLESEA IN OCTOBER.** Prep, Year 1 and 2 students are involved in activities at school to build social skills and independence.

The **SWIMMING PROGRAM** is held every year for **YEAR 1/2 STUDENTS.** Learning how to swim & be safe in, on and around water is an essential part of Health and Physical Education and a life skill which is best learnt at an early age.

The **LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAM** will be starting on September 4 and will run until September 11. As a whole school program, every class will be visiting the Life Ed Van for a special lesson with **HAROLD THE GIRAFFE!** Each student will also receive a booklet to support their learning about making good choices for their wellbeing.

These are just a few of the special programs offered. I encourage parents/carers to make the most of every opportunity for your child/children to take part in the broad curriculum at DPNPS.

Staffing News

Welcome back to Mrs Russo from her recent leave. Phuong Huynh will be taking leave for the remainder of the term. We wish her a relaxing break.

Liz Balharrie

Dates for your diaries...



August

15 Year 5/6 Immigration Museum Excursion

21 Book Character Parade

23 Athletics Carnival Years 3-6

September

4-11 Life Education Program

9 Clocktower Performance

20 End of Term 3 (2:30pm Dismissal)

October

23-25 Year 5/6 Camp—Coastal Forest Lodge Anglesea

Parent Workshop

'Making it Possible'

How you can think, plan and achieve goals for your child and family

The Association for Children with a Disability is running a workshop near you. How can you create a fulfilling life with choices, purpose, friendship and happiness? If you want to take the lead in achieving these goals for your child (0-18) and family, then this workshop is for you!

Build on the strengths and skills you already have as a parent to better identify, plan and achieve your goals. Our presenters are parents of a person with a disability so they do understand issues from a family perspective.

Details for 'Making it Possible' Parent Workshop in Footscray

Date: Wednesday 21st August 2013

Time: 9.30am – 2.45pm

Venue: West Footscray Neighbourhood House
1/539 Barkly Street
West Footscray 3012

Check out the flyer here: www.acd.org.au

Book at www.trybooking.com/45865 or phone the office on 9818 2000.

Kind Regards,

Community Education Team

Debby Conlon

Community Education Coordinator



Lunchtime Activities

The students have been extremely busy at lunchtime playing all sorts of games, sports and competitions. We have so far had football each week for every year level and the students have loved it. Next week, we will begin Netball which will take us to the end of term. We also had running races last week as part of our competitions. The winners are as follows:

Grade	Boys	Girls
Prep/1	Edwin and Wisam	Rabia & Hilal
2	Nigel	Hayley & Aysenur
3	Wiremu	Zenab
4	Mahmud & Ben	-
5	Michael & Chris	Sung
6	Kyle & Bawi Tin	Valerie

Congratulations to Henry from Grade 2 and Aketitou from Grade 2 who are our sports people of the week! Henry finished the running race after having a very bad start and Aketitou kicked a fantastic goal in the football.

Well done to everyone!
Mr Andrea

Celebrating Learning

Dear all,
Please find the latest edition, No. 10, August 2013, of *Celebrating Learning*, the newsletter of the Brimbank Community Learning Strategy here http://www.brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au/images/pdf/CelebratingLearning_Newsletter/cl_newsletter_no.10_v02.pdf

It is full of information about learning events happening in our community, a cover story on the development of the next Learning Strategy (2014-2017) and sharing many resources available.

Happy reading and together let's keep building Brimbank as a learning community.

Kind regards
Deb Chapman
Learning Coordinator



School Community Health



A reminder that we have a morning fruit and veggie break for students every day. Please send along a piece of fruit or vegetable for your child to have at this time. This needs to be fresh rather than processed fruit products that

contain a lot of added sugar.

The aim is set up healthy snacking behaviours in our students and is part of the school program.



Sneaky Spaghetti

Having trouble getting your child to eat enough vegetables? Try making 'Sneaky Spaghetti'. Next time you make a meat sauce for your pasta, try adding some grated carrot, zucchini, and pumpkin to the mixture. This makes the sauce taste great and is even better for you. (And they'll never know).



School Website



Let's roll out the red carpet!!
Our new and improved website is finally here!

After many months of planning, designing and uploading, our new website is up and running. Here is the address:

<http://www.deerparknthps.vic.edu.au>

Please visit our new website and let us know what you think!

We still have more to add so keep an eye out for updates.