From the Principal

It’s Book Week! What a wonderful celebration it’s been!!

Congratulations to students and teachers for their energy and creativity in dressing up for the Book Character Parade. Everyone is to be commended for getting into the spirit of things! We had a visit from the Mad Hatter, the Faraway Tree, Saucepan Man, Snow White, Max, Mrs Wishy-Washy, Percy, Wally, Casper the Ghost, pirates, fairies, witches, boys and girls … to name but a few. Thank you to parents and friends for coming along to join in the fun! Photos are included in this newsletter.

Fathers Day Stall

Our annual Fathers’ Day Stall will be held on Thursday 29 August. Students can select a “just right” gift for dad for $5.00. Students will be browsing for that special gift with their buddy grades.

Liz Balharrie

Lunchtime Activities

The lunchtime games have been in full swing despite the terrible weather. To celebrate the athletics carnival, students have been participating in athletics practices this week. We have also had a playground challenge with the junior students. In this activity, students were set challenges on the junior playground that required them to climb and problem solve. Students had a great time and all students left with a smile on their faces.

Our students of the week for the lunchtime games are:

Erna Smajlovic- For persisting and achieving the correct Triple Jump technique.
Chanelle Sali- For successfully completing the challenges on the playground. Great climbing!

Also, congratulations to all students who participated in the 800m run. The students in this event finished the practice run WITHOUT needing to walk at all! A very impressive achievement.

A big thank you to the grade 5/6 students who have been helping run simple games for the younger students. We look forward to Netball and other fun games starting next week. Please see the outside of room 13 for a full schedule of the games this term.

Jayden Andrea
Grade 1/2 Classroom Teacher
Deer Park North Primary School
Keep Australia Beautiful

Some very good reasons not to litter & to KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL!

Rubbish Statistics 2013 by Bethany and Jarrod from SES

Q. Roughly how many years does it take for a plastic bottle to decompose?
   A. 450 years!
Q. How many tones of rubbish do Australians produce each year?
   A. Over 32 million!
Q. Each Australian family produces enough rubbish to fill a ‘what’ size house?
   A. A 3 bedroom house!
Q. How long does it take for an aluminium can to break down?
   A. Over 1 million years!
Q. Australians produce enough rubbish each year to cover which state?
   A. Victoria!
Q. How many sea birds are killed each year by litter?
   A. Roughly 1 million!
Q. Roughly how many pieces of plastic litter can be found in our oceans?
   A. 18,000 per square kilometre!

To help minimise rubbish we will be having a “Nude” Food Day next Wednesday!

Students are encouraged to think about how their lunch is packed and better options to reduce waste.

Classes will complete tally sheets for the day to collect information about how much plastic wrapping & packaging is in their lunch. There will be prizes for Keep Australia Beautiful slogans and certificates for having a “Nude Food” lunch!

STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BRING A CONTAINER E.G LUNCHBOX, SMALL TUB WITH LID FOR THE FOOD THEY BUY AT THE SCHOOL CANTEEN.

Let’s all work together to make a difference for our environment.

Life Education Program

A reminder that, 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 helps to facilitate the development of the life skills in students to prevent and minimise the harm of drug misuse. All classes will be undertaking work around this valued program. The cost of the program is $9.00 per child, which includes the workbook. Please make payments to the school office or class teachers to ensure that your child does not miss out.

Holiday Program

As you know, the Spring School Holidays are fast approaching.

Brimbank City Council will be running the Brimbank Active Kids – Spring Holiday Program on the following dates at DPNPS:

Tuesday 24 September 2013
Wednesday 25 September 2013
Tuesday 1 October 2013
Wednesday 2 October 2013

School Banking

Dear School Banking Students,

Due to an unforeseen demand the ‘Pat’ Money Box reward is not being delivered until the end of August. We are sorry for this delay.

For your information:
The minimum amount which can be banked is 50 cents.
• The School Banking Coordinators are only supposed to order Rewards once per term. We have been ordering them once per month as we feel the students deserve their rewards once they have earned them.
• There is a Reward card displayed in the office window. The reward selection cards were sent out, to the students who bank, in the envelope at the start of the year. If you have lost yours please check the window for currently available rewards.

School Banking Co-ordinators.
Book Character Parade

**Character:** Veruca Salt  
**Title:** Charlie And The Chocolate Factory  
**Author:** Roald Dahl  
**Description:** Veruca Salt is spoilt and rich. She has everything and she gets whatever she wants.  
**Why I chose the character?:** I chose to dress up as Veruca Salt because she is funny and spoilt in the book. She is also a character in a funny book.  
**Other comments:** I wish I could meet the cast of ‘Charlie And The Chocolate Factory.’  
By Teresa Adut (MAF)

**Character:** Jasmine Smith  
**Title:** The Secret Kingdom  
**Author:** Rosie Banks  
**Description:** Jasmine has black hair. She has two friends. Their names are Elii McDonald and Summer. She likes purple. She has purple pants, black shoes and she has a magic box.  
**Why I chose the character?:** I chose to dress up as Jasmine because she wears whatever she wants. I can wear whatever I want and I also have black/brown hair.  
By Eranthe Tran (MAF)
Young Authors...

Baby Lewis and the Secret Necklace
By JLA

Once upon a time there lived King Link, Queen Miss Avdyl, Princess Thao, Prince Vance and a baby named Lewis. They lived under a secret sea in a place called Crystal Land.

King Link and Queen Miss Avdyl bought baby Lewis a new, golden, magical necklace for his birthday. The necklace had a special crystal in the middle of it and the crystal was powerful and it held lots of powers.

The necklace held powers such as super speed, strength, flying and the power to change the weather. The necklace was worth forty million dollars.

All the villagers found out about the powerful necklace and they tried to take it away from baby Lewis.

That night Prince Vance and Princess Thao put baby Lewis to bed. While baby Lewis was sleeping the villagers came, took the necklace and woke baby Lewis up.

The villagers quickly swam away with the powerful necklace. Baby Lewis cried and Princess Thao and Prince Vance woke up to see what was wrong.

Prince Vance and Princess Thao called all of the knights to help look for baby Lewis’ necklace. King Link, Queen Miss Avdyl, Princess Thao and Prince Vance also helped the knights look for the necklace.

What the villagers didn’t know was that the power stays with the owner which is Baby Lewis so baby Lewis used super speed to get his necklace back.

They all lived happily ever after. The End

The Queen and I
by Alana (JJA)
On the weekend I saw the queen.
I asked if I could sleep with her.
She said, “Yes”.
When I went to sleep, the queen was awake because I was snoring a lot.

I Bought a New Watch
by Lucas (JJA)
I got a watch from the Reject Shop on Monday with my mum.
It changes really fast. It has an alarm.

The End