Big news this week is our securing of one of five Brimbank Community Hubs through our recent submission to the Scanlon Foundation. This will provide funding and support for the engagement of a local coordinator to enhance social inclusion and improve connections for our school community to support services provided by government sectors. The Hub should be up and running in 2014.

School Yard Blitz

We have had an offer to good to refuse! Fourteen volunteers from MLC Insurance offering their time to us to do some odd jobs around the school. Our Student Council Representatives and I carried out an inspection of the school grounds and came up with a long list of “to do” jobs!

Thank you to Gauri and Mohamed, our School Captains for putting this list together...

The things that they might be doing to help out are:

1. To spread out the bark in the adventure playgrounds.
2. At the back of the big adventure they might weed/put in some more bark.
3. Sweep the sand back into the long jump pit.
4. Trim the mirror bush behind the fence at the back of the oval.
5. Remove the bush at the eastern end of the fence.
6. They might put a barrier along the garden bed of the BBQ area to protect the plants.
7. The roses could be fertilized.
8. To trim and lop the branches behind room 15 and 16 and along pathways.
9. Plant more grevilleas rosemarinifolia along the soccer oval fence.
10. Tidy up the teacher's car park.

They are here today and we are very grateful for the support that the MLC volunteers are giving us. The school grounds are looking fantastic! Thank you MLC volunteers!

Liz Balharrie

Inter-School Athletics

On Friday, the 23rd of August, 61 students, 4 staff and 1 parent helper headed off to the interschool Athletics carnival at Keilor Park. This involved competing against other local schools in various events. We travelled to and from the event on a Double Decker bus which was a crash hit with our students. Despite the freezing cold and windy conditions, a good time was had by all. DPNPS students are to be commended for their endeavour to do their best and their general behaviour. Stand out performers were Rebecca (SJE) in the shotput, Valerie (SSA) in the 100 and 200 metres and Wiremu (MED) in the 800 metres. Rebecca will soon be heading off to represent the Deer Park region at the next level of competition and we wish her all the best.

Donna Hill

Physical Education Teacher - Term 3
Here are the winners of the ‘Wrong Statements’ and the 'Colouring Competition' as decided by School Captains and Vice School Captains. The 'Wrong Statements' were in response to Keep Australia Beautiful Week. Students were asked to highlight the message 'Littering Is Wrong Too' by coming up with something else that is just as brainless, irrational, thoughtless and rude as littering e.g. 'Texting during surgery'. The colouring competition is in response to Book Week and its 2013 theme 'Read Across the Universe'.

**Mottos:**

- Cenk Arisoy SSA
  UPDATING A BLOG DURING SURGERY
  LITTERING IS WRONG TOO

- Phillip Mirceski SSA
  PUTTING MAKEUP ON THE GUARDS AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE
  LITTERING IS WRONG TOO

- Casey Nguyen SSA
  DRAWING A MOUSTACHE ON THE MONA LISA
  LITTERING IS WRONG TOO

- Declan Tupou SSA
  HANGING OFF THE SECOND HAND OF BIG BEN
  LITTERING IS WRONG TOO

**Colouring Competition**

- PDJ- Adeline Cabigao & Krystal Millsom
- PQT- Asiya Krpo & Minh Pham
- PIV- Valerie Marcos & Slajana Stanisavljevic
- JJA- Ruby Fonua & Shaha Raje
- JDG- Alisha Yilmaz & Bekir Alanci
- JLA- Odila Nifasha & Jackie Lu
- JMS- Ayesha Cueran & Tilo Seve
- MED- Christopher Grech & Simran Bhatia
- MEY- Alexis Georgiou & Hilmi Yarg
- MAF- Lena Le & Stephanie Nguyen
- MJG- Trentell Collier & Tho Vo
- MSR- Taylah Ristevska & Jessica Huynh
- SES- Jason Huynh & Jennica Trinh
- SLC- Jennifer Grech & Lucas Anderson
- SAS- Edward Huang & Shanelle Beki
- SJE- Chantel Moncur & Natalia Ristevska
- SSA- Davis Thai Phan & Alesha Tran

**Life Education Program**

The Life Education van is here and the sessions are being well received by both students and parents. Harold the giraffe is popular as always!

A parent session was held yesterday at 2:30pm. Another parent session is being held next week on Tuesday September 10 at 3:40pm. This is a great opportunity to find out about the program, what the students are learning in the sessions and how parents and carers can support at home.

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. Payment can be made at any time before each class session.

**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**

In 2014 the School Banking program will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens for. Each reward item will continue to be valued at 10 tokens (i.e. 10 deposits) and there will be two new reward items for students to choose from each term. With exciting new reward items on offer in 2014, please be aware that the Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available next year. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their moneybox, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their moneybox this school year.

In an effort to ensure your child doesn’t miss out, the rule of one money box per year has been removed. If your child is trying to collect the series of Dollarmite moneyboxes, they are encouraged to do so before the end of the school year. Please understand that the still need to redeem each moneybox for the required 10 tokens.
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When: WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
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This events is for Parents/ Guardians only
To secure your seats call 9363.1711

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strong, healthy
studying, working, loving
Satini, rugby, nice, baby sitter
playing, watching, eating,
smart, brave
Daddy
by Kylah MEY

Dad
sporty, fun
laughing, hardworking, caring
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