From the Principal

We are all looking forward to our special multicultural celebrations next week! Over the week the students will be learning about the many cultures that make up our diverse community.

On Wednesday November 20 come along and help celebrate and share the richness of the many cultures represented at our school!

9:00am ...
Please send/bring along a plate of food to share to your child’s classroom in a disposable container or container with a lid (HOT FOOD at 12:15pm please).

9:15am ...
Whole School National Costume Parade in the Gym. Wear your national costume to showcase at the parade!

12:15pm ...
‘Tastes from around the World’
Be sure to come along to your child’s classroom and share the multicultural lunch and meet other families. All Welcome!

2:00pm ...
Cultural Performances
Be entertained in the school gym with the talents of our students and special guest performances. All Welcome!

Breakfast Club News
Next week our school will be the most fortunate recipient of a donation to our Breakfast Club! Notification came last week from the office of Marlene Kairouz MP, Member for Kororoit, that a cheque would be presented to the school to support the ongoing provision of breakfast to our students each morning!

We are very thankful for this kind donation and pleased to be able to ensure that our students can choose to have some breakfast before their busy day at school. A BIG thank you to our wonderful volunteers who make this happen!

Liz Balharrie

Dates for your diaries...

Term 4 Year 1/2 Swimming Lessons (Fridays)

November
15 Kinder to School Transition
18-22 Multicultural Celebrations
20 International Children’s Day
20 “Tastes from around the World” Lunch
29 Kinder to School Transition

December
6 Whole School Assembly 3pm
10 Year 6 Orientation Day
12 Year 6 Graduation
20 End of Term 4
Students dismissed at 1:15pm

NAPLAN Test Results

A reminder that NAPLAN test results are here! Parents and carers of students in Years 3 and 5 may collect their child’s/children’s NAPLAN reports and information from the school office during office hours.

Going to another School in 2014?

My child/children will not be attending Deer Park North Primary School in 2014 as they will be going to:

(Name of school)

Child’s Name: ______________________
Grade: _________________

Child’s Name: ______________________
Grade: _________________

Parent’s Name: ______________________

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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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The State Government will continue to provide the Family Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) to eligible families in 2014. Through the EMA, eligible families receive $150 (Prep - $200). This money may be paid directly into personal bank accounts, or by cheque collected at the school or held by the school in credit for payments to be made over the year for your child’s educational expenses e.g. excursions.

Some schools, including Deer Park North, receive some additional funding in the school budget to support with educational costs.

Families eligible to receive the Educational Maintenance Allowance WILL NOT be required to pay for student books, supplies and educational resources.

FAMILIES NOT ON EMA
Families not in receipt of EMA will be required to pay $120. This charge will cover the educational costs of books, supplies and educational resources.
Families who pay by the end of February 2014 will receive a discount of $10 and pay $110 per child.

There will not be a book sell day in 2014. All student books and supplies will be ordered by the school in bulk and provided as needed throughout the school year in classroom and specialist programs.

COST TO PARENTS/CARERS
An important element in maximising student learning opportunities is the provision of a range of shared experiences planned throughout the year. These include such educational experiences as visiting artists and experts, excursions to relevant sites, sporting events and activities & school camps. In organising such activities the school looks for best value for money. Costs are kept to a minimum to enable that every child has the opportunity to participate in all the activities on offer.

PARENTS RECEIVING THE EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) MAY HAVE THE MONEY HELD AT THE SCHOOL TO COVER PAYMENTS OVER THE YEAR.

The EMA claim forms for 2014 were sent home this week. When returning the form, please ensure that Health Care Cards are current for 28/1/2014.
Please contact the office for further information as required on 93634600. Office hours 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Mon - Fri.

PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE - Open Lesson Day

An Open Lesson Day will be held on Monday, December 2, 2013.
The Open Lesson Day will be held on the usual lesson day at the usual lesson times. The music teacher will issue invitations to parents/carers to attend.

The PMI teacher will demonstrate the different aspects covered during a PMI lesson, providing a great opportunity for parents to gain a better understanding of the music program and to interact with the teacher.