From the Principal

Our multicultural celebrations and classroom activities last week were a great success! Thank you to everyone for contributing to the day on Wednesday... the wonderful National Costume Parade, the amazing cultural dishes provided for lunch, the inspiring performances, the “goodies” baskets raffle! All in all it was a fantastic day! A big thank you to the organisers who worked to make it happen! Some photos and responses included in this newsletter.

This time of year is always incredibly busy for schools. Teachers are working hard to complete Semester 2 student reports which will be sent home in the last week of term. Of course, planning for the 2014 school year is well underway. Much time and thought goes into the grade placement of students, taking individual needs into account and ensuring every opportunity is provided to maximise learning.

With the end of the school year comes reflection and evaluation of our programs and practices as part of our commitment to continual improvement. As a result of this process, our leadership team and teachers have recommended some adjustments to the daily timetable which we strongly believe will support and enhance educational outcomes for our students. School Council endorsed the changes at our most recent meeting and we look forward to working with our school community in 2014 to implement this initiative.

Liz Ballharrie

From our School Captains

Parliament House
On Monday the 8th of November we went with Miss Stathoulis to Parliament House in Melbourne, to represent our school as members of the JSC (Junior School Council) Congress. At Parliament we sat in the upper house and debated about issues that Victorian schools have. Some of the issues that we debated were about, littering, friendship and hygiene. We might work on these issues at our school. All in all, it was an amazing experience that we shall cherish and never forget.

Muhamed & Gauri

Dates for your diaries...

Term 4 Year 1/2 Swimming Lessons (Fridays)

November
29 Kindergarten to School Transition

December
6 Whole School Assembly 3pm
10 Year 6 Orientation Day
11 9am Prep - End of Year Concert - Classroom Visit - Morning Tea
12 Year 6 Graduation
13 Melton Waves Excursion Yr. 5/6
18 Final Assembly & Raffle Draw
20 End of Term 4

Students dismissed at 1:15pm
School Office Hours 8:30am - 1:45pm.

Community Information Session

New bus network proposed for Brimbank - come along to a community information session

A new bus network is proposed for the Brimbank area.

The proposed changes affect bus routes: 400, 408, 418, 419, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 451, 454, 460 and 476.

You are invited to drop in to a community information session to learn more about the proposed changes and provide feedback:

Monday 25 November, 4pm – 8pm. Errington Hall: Princess Street, St Albans

Tuesday 26 November, 10am – 1.30pm. Sunshine Harvester Service Centre: 301 Hampshire Road, Sunshine

Thursday 28 November, 4.30pm – 8pm. Catholic Regional College, The Crate Theatre: enter via Pecks Road, Sydenham

If you cannot attend a session, information, maps and a survey will be available online at ptv.vic.gov.au from Monday 25 November 2013.
The Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the Multicultural Day Raffle, a total amount of $343.00 was raised on the day.

As Christmas is fast approaching, we will be having a Christmas raffle and we would like to ask for your wonderful support again this year.

Students will have a House Colour Dress Day on Monday 2nd December in return we ask for a donation for our raffle.

Tickets will be sent home and will be available at the office. Tickets will be $1.00 each, with all money raised going towards the purchase of iPADS for student use in the classroom.

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 18th of December.

Are you moving in 2014?

It would be greatly appreciated, if you are planning on a change of schools for your child/ren in 2014, if you could please advise the school at your earliest convenience.

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

__________________________________________________________________________

(Name of new School)

Child’s Name: __________________________  Grade: ____________

Child’s Name: __________________________  Grade: ____________

Parent’s Name: __________________________

Canteen News

Mrs Arnott has advised School Council that she will cease her operation of the canteen at the end of this year. On behalf of the DPNPS School Community we sincerely thank Ellen Arnott and her team for their services to the school over 15 years!

THANK YOU!!

The school administration will make arrangements to manage the canteen service next year.

2014 Timetable Arrangements

Dear Parents/Carers,

After consultation with the staff and consideration of the benefits to the students, the School Council has agreed to modify the school timetable next year.

The Breakfast club program will still operate from 8:30am.

The school will operate on the following timetable:

9:00 - 10:00  Session 1  (Fruit and Veg Brain food time at 10:00 am)
10:00 – 11:00  Session 2
11:00 – 11:30  Recess (30mins)
11.30 – 11:45  Students eat in classroom (15mins)
11:45 – 12:45  Session 3
12:45 – 1:45  Session 4
1:45 – 2:15  Recess (Nude Food) (30mins)
2:15 – 3:15  Session 5

This will mean that:
* Students will have more time to calmly eat all their lunch.
* There will be less rubbish in the school yard.
* Fewer students will be entering sick bay with upset stomachs due to eating too fast and/or exercising too soon after eating.
* The students’ day will finish 15 minutes earlier.
* And Secondary students will not have to wait as long to collect their younger siblings.

It will also provide better nutritional support to the students’ ability to concentrate throughout the day.

Students will eat their brain food snack at 10:00 am, lunch from 11:30am - 11:45 and nude food at 1:45pm.

**Brain food** could be any fruit or vegetable that students can eat whilst they continue class work.

**Nude food** is any food which can be sent to school as a whole piece of fruit or vegetable, or something that can be easily brought to school in a recyclable container and eaten without the container leaving the bag storage area.

Annette Lawrence - School Council President

School Banking

We are coming to the end of the school banking year. Students will not be able to carry over more than 9 tokens into next year. Our last week for redeeming the tokens will be 4th of December.

School Banking Co-ordinators
SCHOOL CHARGES FOR 2014
STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDING

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 ensure 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.

STUDENT ENROLMENT RECORDS

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are updating our student enrolment records. Please complete all sections of this supplementary enrolment form and return it to the school office. Accurate information about parental occupation has become an increasingly important component of government allocation of resources to schools. We would greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that these details are up-to-date.

Thank you

PRIMARY FAMILY DETAILS

| Name of Students | MOTHER’S SURNAME: ______________________________ | FIRST NAME: ____________________ |
| Home Address: | COUNTRY OF BIRTH: ______________________________ |
| TELEPHONE NUMBERS: | LANGUAGE/S SPOKEN AT HOME: ______________________________ |
| HOME ADDRESS: | OCCUPATION/S: __________________________________ |
| TELEPHONE NUMBERS: | EMPLOYER: ___________________________________
| HOME ADDRESS: | (If you are not currently in paid work but have had a job in the last 12 months, please list your last occupation. If you have not been in paid work in the last 12 months write ‘N’.)

HIGHEST LEVEL OF SECONDARY OR TERTIARY EDUCATION: ______________________________

| Name of Students | FATHER’S SURNAME: ____________________________ | FIRST NAME: ______________________ |
| Home Address: | COUNTRY OF BIRTH: ______________________________ |
| TELEPHONE NUMBERS: | LANGUAGE/S SPOKEN AT HOME: ______________________________ |
| HOME ADDRESS: | OCCUPATION/S: __________________________________ 
| TELEPHONE NUMBERS: | EMPLOYER: __________________________________
| HOME ADDRESS: | (If you are not currently in paid work but have had a job in the last 12 months, please list your last occupation. If you have not been in paid work in the last 12 months write ‘N’.)

HIGHEST LEVEL OF SECONDARY OR TERTIARY EDUCATION: ______________________________

Respect      Care      Honesty      Responsibility     Trust

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Multicultural Day!

by MJG

Last Wednesday was our school’s Multicultural Day. Everyone brought food from their culture to share with their classmates. In the morning we had a parade in the gym and we wore our National Costumes to represent our culture. Everyone looked fantastic. Lots of parents and carers came to watch. After recess, parents came in to share food with us. Our class had truffles, chicken, pastries, L+P, baklava, watermelon juice and fried rice.

After this, we went back to the gym to watch the performances. First we saw the Taylors Lakes PS Drumming Ensemble. They used instruments from South Africa like drums and bongos. They were very loud! Next a Vietnamese group used umbrellas and fans to dance. Finally, the prep children performed a dance and a song in another language. Mr Andrea then announced the raffle draw and Alexis and another person each won a big hamper!

At the end of the day we sang ‘We are Australian’.

We had a great day!