From the Principal

Educational Materials for Students:
Information regarding contributions for student educational materials in 2015 is attached to this newsletter. Please take the time to read this carefully as there have been changes to the provision of financial assistance to families who have been receiving EMA payments.
Schools will be provided with equity funding to support low-income families. Funding will be used to support students for school-based expenses previously covered by the EMA. These include educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions. If you would like more information please contact the school office on 93634600.

Congratulations to all those who walked to school last week to mark Walk to School Day last Friday. It was an added bonus to have such beautiful weather as well!

Yesterday we celebrated Multicultural Day with classroom activities, a shared cultural lunch and a national dress parade. It was a fantastic day and everyone had lots of fun!

Liz Bulharrie

Dates for your diaries

November
10 to 21 YMCA Movement and Dance P-6
11 & Hands on Science Year 1/2 incursion
13 Hands on Science Year 1/2 incursion
14 Prep 2015 Transition 9:30am
18 School Council Meeting
28 Prep 2015 Transition 9:30am

December
9 Prep 2015 Transition 9:30am
11 Year 6 Graduation
15 Year 5/6 YMCA Excursion
19 Term 4 ends - 1:15pm

Reminders:
Coffee/tea/chat - Mondays 8:45am in Gym Foyer.
A-Z Playgroup Tuesdays 10am - 12am (FREE)

School Uniform
PSW currently have a 5% sale off all items and laybys are available with a 20% deposit. Details attached to this newsletter.

Are you moving in 2015?
Planning for 2015 is well underway. Please let us know on the slip below if your child/children will not be attending Deer Park North in 2015 at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

My child/children will not be attending Deer Park North Primary School in 2015 as they will be going to:

(Name of school)
Child's Name:
Grade:

Child's Name:
Grade:

Parent's Name:
Deer Park North Primary School
Your school uniform is available online & at PSW Deer Park.
Laybys are available with a 20% deposit.

Uniform Sale
Take 5% off everything!* Mon 10 Nov - Sat 13 Dec
Don't miss out! Limited time offer!

PSW DEER PARK
58 Westwood Drive,
Ravenhall VIC 3023
Phone: 03 9363 8458
TERM 4 & 1 TRADING HOURS
Mon to Fri 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sat 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sun CLOSED
LAY-BY AVAILABLE WITH 20% DEPOSIT

www.psw.com.au - save time, shop online!

*Take 5% off original RRP for purchases made in store between November 10 - December 13, 2014. Laybys available with a 20% deposit. Laybys must be collected by Friday, 19 December, 2014. Offer not available online.
Important notice from Deer Park North Primary School – School Council:
Contribution for Educational Materials for Students in 2015

7 November, 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is our aim to keep the cost of student resources and supplies to families as low as possible. In 2015 the contribution from families will be $120 (the same as 2014). Student resources and supplies will be purchased by the school and provided to all students for classroom and specialist programs throughout the year.

Parents who pay for the student resources and supplies by the end of the 2014 school year will receive a discount of $10.00 per child, bringing the total cost to $110.00 per child.

As the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) will not be available in 2015, families holding a current health care card will be eligible to receive support through school equity funding. Eligible families will receive a subsidy of $10, bringing the contribution for student supplies and resources down to $110 ($120 less the $10 subsidy). On payment of $110 for each child’s educational resources and materials, eligible families will receive the following:

✓ Payment for excursions and incursions that are planned for students as part of class programs.

✓ Provision of a School Uniform item
  Year 5 & 6 students - Sports polo top with school logo
  Year 3 & 4 students - Bomber jacket with school logo
  Year 1 & 2 students - Windcheater with school logo
  Prep students - School bag with logo

For each level of the school, this is of at least $150 equivalent value for each student.

*School camps, swimming lessons and extra-curricular activities e.g. instrumental music lessons, after school activities will not be covered by school equity funding.

**All subsidies and provisions from the school are not transferable.
To be eligible for this financial support, families must have a current parent/guardian ‘Health Care Card’ on the first day of the school year and each child must be named on the card.

Families need to complete an ‘Education Support’ application form attached and also available at the main office. The form needs to be completed and returned with payment of $110 to the school office by the 30th of January 2015.

When returning the form, parents and guardians need to bring along their current Health Care Card.

If you would like more information please contact the school office on 93634600.
Education Support Application Form

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Total number of children claiming for: __________
Parent/Guardian signature: ______________________ Date: ______________________
Signature of staff member checking the card: ______________________

Please Note:
To claim for education support, parents/guardians need to have a current healthcare card, which must still be valid on January 30th 2015.
No payments will be made if proof of card is not received.
All persons being claimed for must be named on the current healthcare card.
Only children named on the card will be eligible for the education support.
Parents can only claim once per year at any school.
Applications must be in by January 30th 2015.
All subsidies and provisions from the school are not transferable.