Dear Parents and Friends,

Term 2 is quickly drawing to an end with so much to do and so little time!!

Thank you to parents/carers who have already booked a time for the Student-led Conference Day on Thursday June 23. The date is fast approaching so please, if you haven’t booked a time, go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au (log in code 5bu25). All families are required to make a time. If you are unsure of how to do this or do not have internet access, please come to the office and we will make the booking with you. The school office is open between 8:30 am and 4:30pm Monday to Friday. I encourage all parents/carers to make the most of this opportunity to hear about their child/children’s progress and achievements and how we can continue to work together to best support and optimise future learning.

The ‘old canteen’ has been a hub of activity on Tuesdays with the Year 3/4 students cooking up a storm with Sonia.

Mr Dixon has been in the productive garden with groups of students working out the planting rotations for vegetables that can be harvested for cooking!

On Wednesday our Year 5/6 girls Soccer Team played in the Deer Park District soccer tournament. The team played 2 games against Derrimut PS and Resurrection PS, successfully making their way to the final against Cairmea PS.

In the 30 minute final they did themselves proud, demonstrating great teamwork & playing amazing soccer. They won with a score of 9-0! The next step is the Western Region Tournament in July. Go girls!!

Congratulations to the team and their coach, Mr Zhang.

A reminder that Monday June 13 is the Queen’s Birthday public holiday.

Kind regards,

Liz Balharrie
Student-Led Conferences
June 23 2016

Some reminders for parents and carers:

- A time needs to be made for you and your child/ren to meet with the classroom teacher at a suitable time on the day.
- Use the booking system (notice sent home this week) or come to the office for assistance.
- All students are required to attend school for the period of their conference.
- A raffle ticket will be issued to each student when they attend their meeting with parent/carer. Raffle prizes: 7 x $40 vouchers (Rebel Sports or Smiggle as selected)

Best of luck to all!!!
Writing Workshop
On the Monday the 30th of May the grade 5/6 students were lucky enough to attend a Writing Workshop run by ‘100 Story Building’. Students were able to apply for the Editorial Committee, and were also asked to choose a theme and then create a short story based on this. The short stories have multiple options, and the reader is able to choose which ending they would like the story to have by choosing what page to turn to as they read. All students enjoyed the day, and found the tasks very creative and exciting!!

Let’s read, read, read…. 
At Deer Park North Primary School, we want our students to become life-long readers, because we understand the relationship between reading and success.

A study completed by Pinnell, Pikulski and Wixon (1995), revealed that students in the higher achievement group, were reading many more words per day, many more minutes per day and many more hours per week, than the students in the lower achievement group, who spent very little time reading.

So the message is clear... the more opportunities our students have to read, the more successful they will be!

Please take every opportunity to read with and to your child.

Alana Stathoulis
Hub is the word”
The Biggest Morning Tea event on May 26th was a great success.

Staff and community together raised $369.05 towards research for the Victorian Cancer Council.

A huge Thank you to Melanie Lenssen, Rose Rumbiolo, Abi Singh, Joanne Garrard, Vanessa Smith, Lee Attard, Margaret O ‘Donnell, for all their time, donations, organisation and facilitation of the morning’s events.

A big thank you Joanne Garrard for organizing donations from local business like

**Direct Chemist Outlet Brimbank**
Who donated the $50 voucher for the door prize

**Soul Pattinson Chemist** For the Garden Blower Tool

Thank you to the Hub’s Art n Crafts sessions participants who made the table flowers

Thank you staff and community for bringing along a plate to share.