Dear Parents and Friends,

It’s hard to believe that there are only 8 school days remaining until the end of the school year! Teachers have been very busy completing student reports which will be sent home on Friday, 16 December. If you wish to arrange a time to speak with your child’s teacher please contact the school office or make an appointment directly with their teacher. Formal parent/teacher meetings are not scheduled in Term 4.

We are all looking forward to end of year celebrations with the Year 6 Graduation, School Christmas Concert & Raffle just around the corner.

Our Year 6’s have been making preparations for their Graduation ceremony on Thursday 15 December which is sure to be a very special occasion. On Monday 19 December we will be holding our Christmas Concert at 9:15am in the school gymnasium. All students will be performing an item with their class, so please come along and enjoy the entertainment! The Christmas raffle will be drawn at the concert. If you would like to purchase or sell more raffle tickets, please inquire at the school office. The fund-raising working party are still accepting donations of gifts for the hampers - thank you for all donations received to date.

A special thank you to all involved in the planning and preparation for these upcoming events.

School Canteen: Breakfast Club will continue each morning until the end of the year. Please note that the last day for lunch orders from the school canteen is Thursday 15 December.

$4 FIESTA FRIDAY tacos are available on Friday 16 December - orders must be made by Wednesday 14 December.

Parent Payment arrangements for student essential educational items: The cost is $120.00. If paid by the last day of the 2016 school year this is reduced to $110.00. Concession card holders receive school uniform item/s and financial support for camps, sports and excursions (CSEF). Each family has been provided with information attached to our last newsletter. If you would like more information, please contact the school office on 93634600.

Kind regards, Liz Balharrie
Dear parents, We are pleased to announce that from Friday the 10th to Friday the 17th of February the Life Education Van will be visiting our school. What a wonderful way to begin the school year!

The program helps to facilitate the development of life skills in students to prevent and minimise the harm of drugs and misuse. The **cost of the incursion will be $9.00**. Permission forms will be sent home with your child at the beginning of the 2017 school year.

The program is also offering a parent information session. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to discover what your child will be learning during the program and ask any questions that you may have in regards to health and drug education. More information will be given closer to the date.

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**Term 4, 2016 PMI Stars Awards**

Each school term as part of the PMI Stars Program, students have the opportunity to demonstrate their musical skills and advance through the PMI Stars program. The program consists of 100 "Star Missions" that students need to complete as part of their musical journey through keyboard or guitar. Each Mission is based on one of the five important musical skills that students must learn: musical theory, sight reading, aural skills, practical skills and performing.

The Star Missions are grouped into a series of 15 levels that students can achieve, with names such as Musician, Performer, Maestro, Virtuoso, etc. Students who achieve a level will receive a progress report. Students can collect each of the wriggles for the levels they complete.

We wanted to recognise the students below, who have completed a level this term. Congratulations!

- Lucas Nelson - Level 10 - Senior Instrumentalist
- Phuong Chi Doan - Level 7 - Junior Maestro
- Aidan Phan - Level 6 - Junior Virtuoso
- Latali Monise - Level 3 - Junior Performer
- Helalham Felege - Level 4 - Junior Soundsmith
- Arsemm Felege - Level 4 - Junior Soundsmith
- Juquin Richard - Level 4 - Junior Soundsmith
- Mark Rabinu - Level 6 - Junior Virtuoso
- Phuc Doan - Level 3 - Junior Performer
- Rabia Nur Koyu - Level 2 - Junior Instrumentalist
- Chan E Lai - Level 3 - Junior Performer
- Hing Suep Thang Loithang - Level 2 - Junior Instrumentalist
- Alfonso Lopez - Level 2 - Junior Instrumentalist
- Harjasan Phajdtia - Level 1 - Junior Musician
- Jonathan Seue - Level 1 - Junior Musician
- Tyson Pearce - Level 1 - Junior Musician
- Alana Nelson - Level 1 - Junior Musician
- Loreal Hiko - Level 1 - Junior Musician
- Caprice Hiko - Level 1 - Junior Musician
- Maximillian Hiko - Level 1 - Junior Musician
SUNSCREEN LOTION AND INSECT REPELLENT

Some children are bringing along sunscreen lotion and insect repellent to school. It is an OHS requirement that schools keep Material Safety Data Sheets for all chemicals kept and used at our school. For effective safety management, if you send along sunscreen lotion to school with your child, it is not to be shared with other students. In addition, insect repellent is only to be in the form of cream. Sprays are not allowed for safety reasons.

CAR WASH

This term some 5/6 students have been learning about Social Justice issues in our community and across the globe.

As part of their action, students planned and organised a Teachers’ Carwash, with all proceeds being donated to SASHS - an organisation that aims to provide housing opportunities to people in the Brimbank community.

All students worked tirelessly throughout the day and needed some motivational speeches towards the end when arms and legs were getting tired but they can be very proud of their efforts, raising a monumental $300 for the day!!!

I would like to say a BIG thank you to all the 5/6 students for their enthusiasm, dedication and overall effort in organising such a successful event and to all the staff at DPNPS for their donations and generosity.

Special mention to Kathy and Evelyn for their help on the day!

Mr. Stephen Zhang

Auslan Awards
Congratulations to the following students:

Prep PRS: Pendeza & Lionor

CANTENEEN
Canteen will be closed from Friday the 16th of December. Fiesta Friday orders due Wednesday 14 December.

Our Purpose: To engage each child’s curiosity, build on their strengths and preferred learning styles to develop healthy, socially responsible, capable and resourceful life long learners.
PREP INQUIRY

The Prep's inquiry this term is 'Living Things' and what living things need to survive.

We have been busy exploring our school garden for creatures big and small. We found bees, butterflies, bugs and even a bird's nest with baby parrots. PRS even have a pet spider to look after.

We are very fortunate to be going to the zoo to participate in a 'Wildlife' educational lesson to extend our understanding of what living things need.

During literacy we have been looking at features of non-fiction texts and we are making our own non-fiction books about living things.

The Preps

Jodi Woodward
Class Teacher

GRADE 5/6 INQUIRY SHOWCASE

We are very excited that the Grade 5/6 Inquiry Showcase is near!

**When:** Wednesday 14th December
9:15am – 3:00pm

**Where:** Rooms 8 – 11 (Grade 5/6 buildings) and the old canteen area

**Why:** to involve the community and share our Inquiry learning

We will update you shortly in regards to where visitors will be asked to enter and exit the school grounds on the day! Thank you in advance to families for supporting your children throughout this learning journey.

Any questions, please contact the Grade 5/6 Team.

Grade 5/6 Teachers & Students

Kate Zemunic
Grade 5/6 Classroom Teacher & Team Leader

GUEST SPEAKER

The grade 5/6 classes are beginning their journey to high school and preparing for this new chapter of their lives. To assist in their preparation for year 7 the students had former DPNPS students from Victoria University Secondary College come in to discuss the expectations for the students in the coming years. The 5/6's asked many questions in relation to the transition and the quality of work that is expected of them. They were informed that through dedication and hard work they are capable of achieving anything in their chosen pathways.