Dear Parents and Friends,

You may be aware that recently there has been a measles outbreak in the Brunswick area of Melbourne. In light of this, I am highlighting the need for our school to have a record of students’ immunisation status. This would allow our staff to quickly identify students at risk in the case of a disease outbreak. Currently our office staff are checking our student records and will be requesting that parent/carers provide this certificate to the school as soon as possible. Even if your child has not received any vaccinations, it is still expected that parents/carers/guardians provide a certificate.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! A reminder that applications for the CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund) must be filled in at the school office by Monday February 29.

Concession Card holders are eligible to receive $125 which will go towards payment for camps, sports and excursions for each child. Forms available at the school office.

THANK YOU to those parents/guardians who have paid for their child’s/children’s Essential Educational Items.

The Education and Training Reform Act 2006 provides that instruction in the standard curriculum program is delivered free to all students in Victorian Government schools; this is referred to as ‘free instruction’. Free instruction includes learning and teaching, instructional supports, materials and resources (owned by the school), administration and facilities associated with the provision of the standard curriculum program however parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that their children are provided with essential education items e.g. books, pens and pencils. The school purchases essential items in bulk and provides the students with these on payment of $120. Please contact the office if you have any queries or wish to discuss your circumstances and the options available to you.

It is pleasing that so many DPN students are taking pride in wearing our school uniform each day. During the months with high UV levels, students are required to wear a school hat for all outside activities. School Uniform information is attached to this newsletter. Please note that the wearing of school uniform is compulsory.

Parent/Teacher Chats will be held on Wednesday March 23. Shortly a notice will be sent home for parents/carers to make a suitable time to meet their child’s teacher on that day or some alternative days/times. This is an opportunity to talk about how teachers/parents/students can best work together for the best possible learning outcomes. Interpreters will be available on request.

Kind regards,

Liz Balharrie
BE A DPNPS H.E.R.O

Every parent wants what is best for their child. We all want them to have every opportunity to lead happy and successful lives.
One of the best things that you can do to support this is by encouraging your child to be a DPNPS H.E.R.O.

Here
Every day
Ready
On Time

Being at school every day gives children the opportunity to learn and connect with their teachers and their peers. Every minute that a child is late and every day that they are absent from school mean an opportunity for learning is lost. Please help us to support your child’s education by having them at school on every possible opportunity.

DPNPS Celebrated the Lunar New Year 2016

DPNPS students, teachers and parents celebrated the Lunar New Year by taking part in cooking lessons. The rice paper rolls were enjoyed by all!

Special thanks to Carolyn (Community Hub), Mrs Bay Nguyen & Tina Nguyen for their assistance in our cooking sessions.

What are the Year One & Two students up to??
The Year 1 and 2 students have been inquiring about Celebrations. We are exploring these ideas:
* Cultural beliefs are reflected through celebrations and way of life.
* There are many celebrations across cultures. These can be celebrated in different ways.

We had a great time tuning into our inquiry. The Year 1 and 2 teachers set up 5 different activities for us to choose from to help us understand that there are many celebrations and they can be celebrated in different ways.

Some students made masks and crowns and others made Halloween arts and crafts.

Some students chose to make Chinese Lanterns and others designed cakes.

Some students danced up a storm listening to and making different cultural group’s music and how music is an important part of celebrations!

Students in JES have been learning to retell familiar stories.....
Here is a retell of ‘Little Red Riding Hood’ written by Bailey, Jaiy, Peliasi, Jasmine, Cheyenne, Sarah & Luka.

At the beginning, Little Red Riding Hood went to see her Grandma.

In the middle, Grandma saw the wolf and hid under the bed. The wolf pretended to be Grandma. Little Red Riding Hood asked Grandma some questions because she looked really different. All of a sudden, Little Red Riding Hood discovered Grandma was really the wolf and wanted to eat her!

Little Red Riding Hood screamed, ‘Help!’ and her Father scared the wolf off.

Alana Stathoulis

More on our Website...
Welcome back to term 1 and what’s on at the Hub

Welcome back parents and friends to the

Community Hub—Term 1

Erums’ Interview:
How did you find the hub?
Erum: “When I was at Brimbank Shopping Centre I met Monica, a childcare teacher and Monica recommended me to the hub for playgroup and English adult courses.”
What do you enjoy most about the hub?
Erum: “I enjoy the hub very much, I am very happy to see Noor and Mariyam learn in playgroup. I am very thankful for the great work the hub brings. I am very happy for Trudy’s help in EAL.”
How long have you been living in Australia for?
Erum: “I have been in Australia for 5 years.”
How has the hub helped your daughter’s Noor and Mariyam?
Erum: “Noor and Mariyam have made lots of new friends.”
Do you feel more connected to your community since you found the hub?
Erum: “Yes I do, now I am closer to the hub I can do more activities.”

Learn, Cook, Eat!
Free, Fun, Yum!

On Friday the 12th of Feb, The Community Hub at Deer Park North Primary School ran a delicious new Hub Program “Learn, Cook, Eat”. Parents, friends, families and community member’s gathered around and learnt how to make Vietnamese rice paper rolls with Phuong (Multi - Cultural Aide)!”
“Learn, Cook, Eat” went down a treat and here at The Hub we are thrilled to have had such a popular turnout!
We will be running more sessions throughout the year. Please come along and join in on the fun!