



Deer Park North Primary School Newsletter

Learning for Life

Edition 1 - 3 February 2017

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Calendar of Events



Term 1

Friday 10 - 17 February

Life Education

Tuesday 14 February

Prep Parent transition in Hub

Thursday 16 March

Swimming Carnival/Picnic Years 3-6

2017 School Terms

Term 1

February 1 (Students) - March 31

Term 2

April 18 - June 30

Term 3

July 17 - September 22

Term 4

October 9 - December 22

Student Playground

Supervision

The school offers yard supervision from 8.45am & after school until 3.30pm.

Children should not be sent to school before 8.45am; and picked up by 3.30pm.



Let's Read! - 8:50am in classrooms

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the 2017 school year!

I trust that our students and their families enjoyed the holiday period and the time spent together whether at home or away.

There have been a number of projects completed over the holiday period at school which are sure to make a big difference - updating of Classrooms 1-4 (Foundation/Early Learning Centre) with paint, new carpet, lighting and blinds (still to come). It's amazing how much brighter and open the rooms look! Tree lopping, playground marking and maintenance to the synthetic grass was also carried out. Thank you to Joanne Garrard for watering the plants in the productive garden over the break. Much appreciated! Contractors completed a small building project creating a much needed team meeting space in the staff room - sure to be well used!

It has been an incredibly smooth start for our teachers and students. A BIG welcome to our new Foundation (Prep) students who began their primary years of schooling yesterday. They were very keen to meet their teachers and explore their classrooms and the playground and get to know their classmates!

On behalf of the DPN school community I warmly welcome new staff members, Lynne Ord-Oraniuk (Acting Assistant Principal), Marina Portelli (Prep Team Leader) and Siobhan McMahon (Prep Teacher) who are sure to be valuable assets to our school.

Student Resource "Starter Packs" are now available for all students once payment is made at the school office. All essential items will be provided to students throughout the year. This year each student from Prep - Year 6 will have a **Student Diary/Home Reading Record** which is an important learning resource used each day in class. (If parents choose to source the required items themselves, the DPN diary is available at the school office. For these parents, there is a charge for the consumable items supplied in Specialist areas - Visual Arts, Science, Technology.)

A reminder that students are supervised from 8:45am and 3:30pm. DPN does not provide before or after school care outside of these hours. The setting up of a before & after school care program was considered by School Council in recent times however it was not a viable option for the school. If parents would like further information on their options for before and after school care, please contact the school office.

Kind regards, *Liz Balharrie*

LET'S READ

8:50am
Every day in every
classroom!

Parents Welcome!

We have Fruit and Veggie break every day in your child's classroom at 10am.

Please send along fresh fruit or veggie pieces in a container Or piece of fruit that is easy to manage.

Thank you

Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform every day..



Students are required to wear School Hats for ALL outdoor activities...



Please remember CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund) applications are now due.

If you have a current Health Care card you receive \$125 per child!

Community Hub
Headlines!

HELPING YOUR KIDS
SETTLE INTO
PRIMARY SCHOOL

14 FEB - 9:15AM TO
11:15AM
FOR PREP PARENTS