



# Deer Park North Primary School Newsletter

Learning for Life

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**Be... Respectful**

**Your Best**

**Empathetic**

**Resilient**

Principal - Liz Balharrie

Assistant Principal - Lynne Ord-Oraniuk

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## Calendar of Events

### Dates for diaries...

#### Friday 26 June

End of Term - 2:30pm dismissal

#### Monday 13 July

Curriculum Day

Students do not attend school.

#### Tuesday 14 July

Student return to school after school holidays.



### 2020 School Terms

#### Term 2

April 14 - June 26

#### Term 3

July 13 - September 18

#### Term 4

October 5 - December 18

[DPNPS COVID - 19  
Return to School Policy will  
continue in Term 3](#)

- All unwell staff and students **must** stay home.
- We ask staff and parents/carers to observe physical distancing measures by not congregating in areas inside or around the school.
- Students will have access to the school via gates in Hovell St, Amelia Ave and Gould St from 8:45am on school days.
- Students will be dismissed at 3:15pm.
- Parents/carers are to wait outside the school gates and encouraged not to congregate and to adhere to 1.5m distancing.
- Parents only enter the school grounds when essential to do so. Parents should contact the school office as needed either by phone or email.  
(Please refer to policy on Compass.)

## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now coming to the end of a school term that none of us could have anticipated.

From transitioning to remote and flexible learning and then returning to on-site schooling, our school community has continued to show resilience and compliance with the COVID-19 health and safety restrictions and procedures.

The events over the past week have been particularly confronting with the tragic loss of a secondary school student's life due to violent, bullying behaviour. It sends a strong message to us all about how we need to treat others in our community. We all need to model respectful behaviours, at all times, in all environments. It highlights the importance of initiatives such as Relationship Based Education with John Hendry that our school will continue in Term 4, depending on the COVID-19 restrictions.

Parents and carers, students and staff all share responsibility for ensuring that Deer Park North P.S. is a positive, respectful and safe school environment. Adults have a particular responsibility to be mindful of the way in which we conduct ourselves in and around the school, noting that we are the role models that impressionable students look to.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who contribute to the positivity of our school community each and every week. Though I cannot thank each of you individually, I wish to assure you that your efforts do not go unnoticed.

This is also an opportune time for me to emphasise that my door is always open to respectfully discuss any concerns you may have, simply contact the front office to schedule an appointment. There is an appropriate avenue to raise any grievances, concerns or constructive criticism.

It saddens me when I hear of efforts to undermine our positive school culture by way of inaccurate or disparaging comments on social media or gossip, rather than addressing concerns with school staff directly. Thankfully, such instances are very rare.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the cooperation and effort put forth by the parents and carers of Deer Park North P.S.

I trust that you will all enjoy a happy and safe term break ready for a return to school for our students on Tuesday, July 14.

Kind regards, *Liz Balharrie*

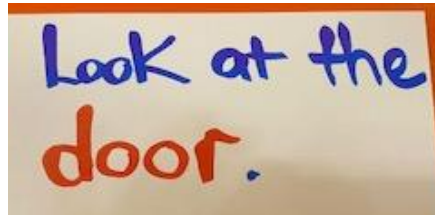
**CURRICULUM DAY**  
**A REMINDER THAT A PUPIL-FREE DAY WILL BE HELD ON**  
**MONDAY 13 JULY. THEREFORE, STUDENTS WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER THE**  
**TERM BREAK ON TUESDAY 14 JULY.**



## Deer Park North Primary School

### Have you noticed the new signs around the school?

Our Foundation students have been busy labelling things around the school using words they are learning.



## Deer Park North Community Hub

Many of our community members would be aware that Carolyn Black resigned as DPNPS Community Hub Leader this term. On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank Carolyn for the valuable contribution she made to the Hub and wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

Melanie Henkel has been appointed to the position of DPN Community Hub and Sustainability Leader. She is well placed to continue to build the profile of our Community Hub and support our community members in connecting and engaging with our school and support services.



*Hello, my name is Melanie. You may have seen me in the edible garden tending the garden beds and working with the students. My background is in sustainability and horticulture. I have been involved in many community organisations to help support connection and learning in the community. I look forward to meeting you.*

### What's happening in the CHOOK NOOK?

It's a very popular space!

Students are getting to know the 'girls' as they grow and become even more inquisitive! Soon they will be laying eggs...



## 2021 Prep Enrolments

We are currently taking Prep enrolments for 2021.  
Please contact the office on 9363 4600.