



# Deer Park North Primary School Newsletter

Learning for Life

5 February 2025

**Be... respectful**

Principal - Liz Balharrie

**empathetic**

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## Calendar of Events

### Events and Activities

#### Term One

January 29 (students) - April 4

#### From January 29

Parent Payments at the school office

#### Friday February 7

Foundation Parents Information Session  
56 Interschool Sport - Derrimut PS

#### Friday February 14

5/6 Interschool Sport - Resurrection PS

#### Friday February 21

5/6 Interschool Sport - Burnside PS

#### Wednesday February 14

Meet your child's teacher

#### Wednesday February 26

Afterschool Sports Start

#### Monday March 10

Labour Day Holiday



## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

### WELCOME TO THE 2025 SCHOOL YEAR!

A special welcome to our new students and staff members!

It's been a very smooth start to the school year with students happy to get back to see their teachers and friends. It was exciting to welcome our Foundation students to their first day of school yesterday!

We are fortunate to have a very stable teaching staff again in 2025. Welcome to Dejan Zekir, teaching in the Year 1 team, and support staff members, Lien Khuu and Nikky Kalitsis. We have appointed an additional teacher at each level of the school to provide targeted support for student learning.

Some reminders:

- \* You are invited to join your child in their classroom for Let's Read every day between 8:45am and 9:00am. It's a great opportunity to read with and to your child!
- \* All students must have a school hat for all outdoor activities from September to April.
- \* Canteen lunch orders need to be made at the office on Fridays for the following week.
- \* Students have a fresh fruit/veg break at 10am each day.
- \* Please note that school policies are available on the school website for your information e.g. School Uniform Policy, Mobile Phone Policy

We can all look forward to a wonderful year of learning ahead!

*Liz Balharrie*  
Principal

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## Meet the Teacher



**Friday, 14th February**  
**2:15PM - 3:15PM**

We are excited to invite all families to **Meet the Teacher** on **Friday, 14th February!** This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with your child's **classroom teacher** at **2:15 PM** in their classroom.

We encourage all parents to attend, as this event plays an important role in building strong partnerships to support your child's learning at **Deer Park North Primary School**.

We can't wait to see you there!

## Year 5/6 Parent Information Session



Parents and carers, we invite you to join us for an important information session about **2025 Living and Growing Program**. This will be held before our Meet the Teacher session.

- ✓ **Date:** Friday, 14th February 2025
- ✓ **Time:** 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM
- ✓ **Location:** Community Hub

This session is designed to help parents and caregivers feel more confident in having important conversations with their children about growing up, change, and reproduction.

A SEA presenter will join us **live online via Zoom** in the Community Hub, providing insights into the **Living and Growing** classroom program before it begins. This is a great opportunity to:

- Learn what topics will (and won't) be covered in class
- Understand how the program is delivered
- Ask any questions you may have

We encourage all **Year 5/6 parents and carers** to attend this session to gain a clear understanding of how we support students in this important learning journey.

For more details, including an outline and session dates for the **Living and Growing** classroom program, a brochure will be uploaded to Compass.

Refreshments will be provided, so come along and enjoy a relaxed and informative session! We look forward to seeing you there!

