



Dear Parents

Thank you for being here this evening to attend the premiere of the Deanmore Promotional DVD. As promised this red carpet event will be accompanied by high quality refreshments.

Deanmore DVD

This is the not the final version and Janet and Bear from Kick the Dog need parental permissions for images before they can proceed with this version. No child will be identified by name in the DVD and most of the images of Deanmore students are fairly fleeting glimpses. This DVD will be a huge plus for Deanmore. It will promote our school to the wider community via the P&C Website and be used to seek additional funds for the school from generous benefactors! The School Council will present the final version to the District Director when he visits the school for a School Review in Term 3.

In Touch with the Top!

Just another of Dan Rodger's initiatives in 2007 was to encourage his students to write to the Prime Minister of Australia with a meaningful request for information and policy directions about climate, the environment and other topical issues. The 2008 responses have been very worthwhile with each child receiving a personal reply that has addressed the issue in a thoughtful manner. Great work Dan!

School Uniform

In this week's newsletter, I will remind students that denim is not permitted for school attire. I know Claire has some excellent low price second hand uniform items and I shall give these some positive press in the newsletter.

Cyber Smart

Friday is the day and the Year 7 students are eagerly awaiting the challenge to show just how Cyber smart and savvy we are at Deanmore. It has taken a while to gain a booking but thanks to Sam Maddern for the suggestion following the WACSSO workshop.

Buildings & Grounds

Today we received news of the completion of the rooms in the Southern Block. The proposal is to let the rooms settle and determine if the odour is still present. There is also a new plan to address the issue of the white ants.

Until our accommodation expands to reflect our growing numbers, I will have to restrict the quota of pre service University teachers and aides we take at the school for practice blocks. The staff room, car park and female toilet cubicle cannot safely accommodate any more adults. You would be aware that we get many requests to take adult students due to our excellent record to promote beginning teaching and non teaching staff. In coming weeks Greg and I will canvass all options to provide some level of service to the universities. Please help us to keep our school site safe. We need to be vigilant for trespassers who linger and engage in mindless acts of vandalism

2008 Anzac Competition

The portfolio is nearing completion and will be ready by 30 May. It has been a long journey but we have made the ceremony far more worthwhile by reflecting on the many activities in the lead up to the actual ceremony. I sincerely thank the parents who have offered advice and suggestions. Of course we think we have the winning entry.

NSW Uni Testing

We need to continue the challenges for our high achievers and this Competition is an extremely worthwhile one. Most schools ask the parents to pay which on occasions excludes very talented children. Greg has done a lot of work to gather data to enter our top performers but it is an expensive exercise. He would like some P&C funding support.

Edudance

This will be held on the final Wednesday of term at 4.30pm. Staff have agreed to work late this afternoon to enable the needs of the community to be met and I thank them for their consideration.

School Council

Jo Wilkinson has advised me of her intention to resign due to work commitments. Jo has been a wonderful human resource on the group and last year helped Jo Marwick to offer the PPP to Deanmore parents. I urge people to nominate and offer their special skills to the Council. It is a hard working group and all members more than earn their cappacino! Gentlemen please note that at present we lack a gender balance. You would be most welcome to nominate through the P&C processes.

Active After School Communities

Again thanks to Dan for securing this long term Commonwealth funding for Deanmore students. These programs put a school on the map and it is wonderful that we have such magnificent grounds to offer a variety of activities.

Thankyou for your wonderful support.

Jeanette Metcalf
School Principal
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