



Good Evening P&C Members,

Thank you for your attendance at our final meeting for 2007. Every year has its challenges and in 2007 there have been many occasions when we have had to cling together as a school community. I consider it is testimony to the enduring strength of Deanmore that we are here this evening planning great things for 2008. We want our children to be resilient and prepared for an uncertain future. This year as Deanmore parents, teachers and school supporters we have modelled those values and qualities.

School Buildings

We are at an interesting stage of buildings development with the Hon Minister and the Director General both taking a very personal interest in what is happening at Deanmore PS. Much needs to be done to bring the ageing structures of this school to acceptable standards. Daily I work with DET on maintenance issues and plans for repairs. The Admin has a strict policy that workers may not conduct repairs during school time. We personally implement this policy and staff have been instructed to refer any maintenance person who appears at their door back to Admin. Brendon Piesse is doing a wonderful job as OH&S Officer and has met with the Work Safe Inspector to discuss Deanmore issues.

Buddy Class Program

This was re introduced this year due to parent feedback. Special thanks to Dan, Jo Jenny and ECU students for embracing this initiative and producing outstanding learning outcomes. We are hearing lots of stories about the strength of this program and the kindness buddies are bringing to their mentoring roles. Today the buddies set off to get close to some furry creatures. Photos here this evening seem to say it all!

Deanmore Twilight Fete

This event promises to be an occasion that will bind the community together as we very publicly demonstrate that Deanmore will continue to grow in strength supported by both present and past families. Thanks to Sharon Dixon for her legendary determination to stage this very important event. It is not just an opportunity to fundraise but a chance to show the wider community how we work in harmony to get a better deal for our kids.

Staffing 2008

We have had our staffing finalised and again we will experience excellent staffing stability. Dina has been successful in her transfer to Karrinyup and I would like to thank her for her wonderful support as a faithful attendee at P&C meetings. Dina has played a significant part in the quality education of many Deanmore families and her contribution will always be remembered with great affection and respect. Mrs Scholte has been offered another position at Poynter PS and she will also take with her the grateful thanks of the community. In 2008 some staff members will take periods of Long Service Leave.

SIS Electronic Reporting

As agreed these reports will be distributed on 11 December 2007. Individual staff make their own judgements as to how they report beyond the mandated learning areas.

Year 3, 5 and 7 students will also take home WALNA results. I have already met with many parents to discuss results and we have many reasons to celebrate. Our Above the Benchmark results are tabled below.

	Numeracy	Reading	Spelling	Writing
Year 3	100%	100%	89%	98%
Year 5	93%	100%	93%	100%
Year 7	100%	100%	87%	92%

Awards Morning

This will commence at 9.00am and although it will be a long assembly it is well planned and I think participants appreciate that these events are very important to many people. Lucy Evans is to be congratulated for her magnificent co ordination of the book awards and certificates. This task is enormous and Lucy does it all with a smile! Thank you to the P&C for their generous support of this annual event. May we gain ask that the Year 6 parents cater for the morning tea for the graduating class.

Excursions and Class Events

Many end of term outings have been planned and I thank staff and ECU Teachers for taking the time to plan these special events for our children.

In conclusion may I pay tribute to the wonderful members of the Deanmore P&C. In particular to our President Michelle who with enormous energy, vision and jaw dropping style led our school community to the brink of better things. I know Michelle intends to stand down from this position in 2008 but I feel sure Deanmore has woven itself into her heart and she will forever be a willing and gracious ambassador. To the remainder of her committee we hope you will stay on and perhaps seek same or new roles. Whatever the composition of the Deanmore P&C in 2008 rest assured your massive contribution this year has made a significant difference to the students and staff of Deanmore.

Enjoy your vacation with your precious families. A sincere thank you for the support you give my staff in their delivery of a quality curriculum at this school.

Jeanette Metcalf
School Principal
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