



Deanmore P&C Meeting
28 July, 2008-07-28

Dear Deanmore Parents and Citizens,

Term 3, 2008 began with a great deal of hope that our vision for a new school would sooner rather than later become a reality. As a community we have worked in a most united manner to achieve improved accommodation for the students of today and the many thousands who will come after them. It was always a long term vision as these projects can never happen overnight. As I look back on the journey thus far I pay tribute to some amazing travelling companions. Bruce Johnson, Ivan Dixon, Michelle Proudlove, Sharon Dixon and Janet Pettigrew have all led the community in an incredibly enthusiastic, accountable and well informed manner. I hope they still have some energy reserves! These people were and still are the drivers behind our quest for improved conditions. Brendon Piesse Principal of Darkan continues to take a huge interest in the outcome. I am sure most people are aware of the massive input Brendon had into the management of Southern block issues.

The Hon Minister for Education & Training and Dr Scott Blackwell visited the school on 22 July and was extremely sympathetic to our plight. At this point we await the news of funding to drive the vision to the next stage.

P&C Wishlist

Mrs Stene was the grateful recipient of the Interactive Whiteboard. She is delighted with this amazing technology which has already added a huge dimension to her curriculum delivery. Parents are welcome to call in and see the board in operation. All staff will be offered professional learning to explore the full scope of the Whiteboard. Another Whiteboard would be a Wishlist item of choice for Deanmore staff. (\$5500) SPELL- Resources- \$500, Choir Costs \$2000, Excursions \$ 1000, Dictionaries \$1000 , Atlases \$500, Digital Cameras 10, video camera \$500, Upgrade silk screening and printing equipment (now degraded to unusable). \$300 - \$500 would make a big difference. Shelley.

Cleaning Staff

We are indeed fortunate that we have been able to fill the vacant position at Deanmore. Staff have been doing a lot of the tasks in recent weeks and Greg has purchased brooms and dust pans for all classes to help with the daily cleaning of floors and surfaces.

CAR Policy (Revised) and BMIS Policy Website (Revised) I shall ask Ross Parker to place both revisions on the P&C website.

Enrolments- Numbers continue to grow with new students entering at various levels. We are delighted to welcome all students who choose to make Deanmore their new school.

Athletics Carnival

The forthcoming Beijing Olympics are certainly providing a lot of athletic inspiration this year. Staff had done extensive professional learning and spent Society & Environment funds on resources to support student learning. Dan has a very keen crew of staff and students eager for the run up to the Olympics and our Athletics Carnival. Thanks to the P&C we will have our excellent shade structures and the teamwork necessary to erect them playing a vital element in the program. Training for Faction Team games is already in full flight!

Deanmore Walk – Early next term we plan a Deanmore Community Walk. This will offer all students from P-7 the opportunity to do a meaningful fitness exercise by following pre set paths through local bushland. All parents are invited to come on the walk and promote the value of walking to destinations whenever appropriate. We plan to walk enough steps to reach an Eastern States city. Dan and Robyn have both offered to assist with the planning. Great ideas can be accessed at:

<http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/walking/713.asp>

Walk Week - 3-9 November 2008

Walk Week is an annual event that encourages Western Australians of all ages to be active by walking for transport, health, recreation and the environment. It is a week of state-wide walking events, ranging from 'walk to school/work' breakfasts, to local neighbourhood walks and other community events.

Walking sponsorship The Department promotes and supports walking for transport, health and recreation through its Walk There Today **Sponsorship Program**.

This program helps different community groups and organisations, including local government, with planning, promoting, implementing and evaluating community based walking events and programs.

Deanmore Staff

Carole Griffiths will be taking LSL later in the term and Dan Rodgers will be returning to the UK later this week for family reasons. Carol and Dan have met and planned with the excellent teachers who will be covering the absences. I am sure you join me in wishing both staff members safe journeys.

Dockers Visit

On Thursday Harry Clape and Isi Higgins will welcome AFL players to the school. Harry and Isabelle will wear the formal Deanmore blazers purchased with 2008 P&C funds.

Graduation 2008

Friday 12 December is the date for Graduation and Awards. We will also endeavour to have student reports distributed on this day.

Thank you for leaving the warmth of your hearth and families to be here this evening.

Jeanette Metcalf
School Principal