



Dear Parents,

Only the bravest would risk the hazards of flying roofs and tree branches to be here tonight. Thank you! We have reached the end of a lively and challenging term. There is certainly much that happens on a daily basis to keep us from dwelling on the old structures we so shakily occupy. It is especially difficult in these stormy times to keep the students dry and safe.

### ***New Deanmore Buildings***

Janet, I am sure will have additional comments to make but we did enjoy the opportunity to meet with The Hon Minister for Education on Friday and express our views to her. Liz is a wonderful advocate for public schooling and is eagerly awaiting the commencement of the New Deanmore. She hopes to be here for the turning of the first sod – which will not be far away!

### ***Student Health***

We responded to the P&C request to install more hand towel dispensers and soap to the ablution blocks. Staff agreed to make hygiene a focus and from writing songs (Annie) to daily reminders we consider we have been successful in reducing infection. The Swine Flu updates continue and I urge parents to consult the DET website for further updates. Special thanks to Ross Parker for placing the Deanmore Swine Flu Policy on the website.

### ***Dogs***

I ask that parents restrict Fido's school visits to areas that are not occupied by children and parents. Many students and some adults are apprehensive about dogs of a boisterous nature. Perimeter fences can be used to tether Fido when dropping off children.

### ***Emailing School Newsletter***

We have not had a big response but will continue to offer the service to those who make the request.

### ***Edudance***

Another big success story. The students were amazing and all of them approach the program with such a highly professional attitude.

### ***Grief Counselling***

From time to time in any community we face the loss of loved ones. The school does what it can in times of loss but we are not qualified grief counsellors and apart from the usual support we offer in terms of care and compassion and referral to Student Services we expect that families will seek their own support.

*A special thank you from the Deanmore staff for your wonderful support during semester 1. The staff feel ever uplifted by your generosity. We sincerely hope all members of the Deanmore P&C have a safe and happy time with their families over the coming vacation. We look forward to seeing those of you who can attend at our final assembly on Friday 3 July.*

Jeanette Metcalf - School Principal - 29 June 2009