



DEANMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Principal's Pen,

Dear Parents,

I must be the envy of every Principal in the State! How many of my colleagues would be hard at work writing reports only to have two wonderful "city farmers" deliver the freshest produce to my office for my dinner. A huge thank you to Mrs Taylor and her Pre Primary and Year One agronomists on their wonderful harvest. The organically grown lettuce and parsley were most appreciated!

The Cubby Suites

Our new classrooms all seem to have taken on grand names to make them feel "home" for the next year. Mrs Smallwood and Mrs Marwick report- The Pre-Primary children and staff are now very settled into the new transportable classroom and are enjoying their new environment after a lot of hard work. A big thankyou to Kim Woolford, Catharina Putzar, Lisa Dunstan and Maria Arto for their assistance in moving lots of equipment and cleaning.

Constitutional Centre Visit

On the 19th of October Mr Downes co ordinated a visit to Constitutional Centre for school leaders. Thanks to Student Councillor Sean Woolford for recording the event with his camera and sharing the wonderful activities with me. I hope you enjoy the photo Sean took of the didgeridoo player. Several photographs and recounts of the excursion are included in this newsletter.



Waterwise Assembly 30th of October

I look forward to welcoming the community to Ms Wacker's Class assembly tomorrow. Ms Wacker and her students have led the school in some wonderful initiatives to gain recognition as a Waterwise School in 2009. Staff at Deanmore are committed to implementing educational activities that equip students to make informed decisions about water related issues. The assembly tomorrow will have a strong water theme and will be a celebration of the year's activities. We will have special merit award guest presenters from the Water Corporation.

P& C Meeting

Monday evening's P&C Meeting resulted in the sharing of excellent home school information and funding allocations for school resources. Additional funds were allocated to the Interactive Whiteboard purchase for the Pre Primary as the cost has risen from \$6800 to \$8000 whilst we have been waiting for room relocation. Thanks Deanmore P&C! Both the Deanmore Quiz Night and the Tea Towel fundraiser were outstanding successes. Special thanks to Rachael Smith who will be leaving the Deanmore community with her family in 2010. Rachael's school tea towels will make wonderful Christmas presents and will be a lasting memento of the lovely contribution Rachael made to Deanmore.

SIMS

This term our Music Specialist Mrs O'Donoghue will be testing students for possible inclusion in The School of Instrumental Music (SIMS) programs for 2010. Deanmore offers piano and guitar to identified students and in 2010 we have applied to have flute added to the tuition on offer. The process for SIMS selection is clearly defined and not only considers musical aptitude but attitude, commitment and ability to manage the extra learning activity in addition to the class program. Class teachers are consulted and the Principal reviews the selections and submits student names for consideration to SIMS. Please see Mrs O'Donoghue for clarification of any elements of the process but parents need to be clear that Mrs O'Donoghue does not make the final decision on Deanmore students offered SIMS placements.

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Telephone: 9341 1610
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Start 8:45am
Recess 10:30 - 10:50
Lunch 12:15 - 1:00

Finish 3:10 (2:30 Tuesdays)

Canteen 9341 2952
(Monday, Thursday & Friday)

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1 Blair Street
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Lisa Dunstan 0422 975 907

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Term Dates

4th Term 2009
Tues 13th Oct to Thurs 17th Dec

Celebration Walk

The Walk planned for Friday 13 November will be a wonderful community event. Please try to join us and celebrate the wonderful news that the building of our new school will soon commence. A contractor has already commenced work on the perimeter fencing that was funded with Federal Building the Education Revolution grants. Mr Downes will be sending a note home tomorrow with details of the Walk and times for departure and return.

Year 7 Camp

The Year 7 students are off to Pemberton on Monday and we wish them well on their educational journey. Camp is an important part of the final primary year at Deanmore and I thank Mr Holland and Mr Downes for the enormous degree of organisation they undertake to ensure the graduation class has a memorable experience. The cost this year has been considerable and students need to thank their parents for finding the money in the family budget for the experience. The Deanmore P&C recognised the additional costs incurred in 2009 due to the small number of participants and made a generous donation to support the camp activities.

Congratulations to Ella Italiano-Schmidt and Sean Woolford who designed the Camp Book cover.

Swine Flu Vaccine

Please note the following information about the availability of H1N1 Swine Flu vaccine.

It is not too late to gain immunity

The human swine flu vaccine (Panvax) is now available to all Western Australians aged 10 years and over.

Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza infection may continue to circulate in Australia in the warmer months as it is producing major outbreaks in the northern hemisphere, which may flow back to Australia.

Vaccination affords the best protection against a resurgence of this pandemic influenza.

While pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza is mild in most cases, it has been severe in some people and has led to around 4900 hospitalisations, more than 700 intensive care unit admissions and has been associated with 185 deaths in Australians in the six-month period from May to October 2009. Most of the deaths have been in people with other underlying health conditions, but Australia has recorded 13 deaths in previously healthy people who have contracted pandemic influenza. Unlike seasonal influenza, which mainly kills the elderly, the current pandemic influenza strain has affected younger people, including pregnant women. The median age of Australian deaths from pandemic influenza is 56 years. Ten deaths have been recorded in children. This new virus has spread quickly around the world since it was first detected in late April in Mexico. Vaccination affords the best possible protection and our best defence to limit the spread of this new disease. The Australian Government is making Panvax, an Australian-developed vaccine, available to protect all Australians. Vaccinations are available from a range of locations, including GP offices, vaccination clinics, hospitals and health centres. If your workplace ordinarily organises an annual influenza vaccination program, then you are encouraged to organise one now for the Pandemic (H1N1) vaccine.

As there is enough vaccine for all adults, I encourage all staff to protect themselves and their families against the pandemic flu by getting vaccinated.

It is hoped that the vaccine will become available to children aged between 6 months and 9 years later in the year, once information on the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine in younger children is available.

Jeanette Metcalf

School Principal

Battery Recycling

Thanks to your wonderful efforts Deanmore Primary School recently won \$200 for coming third in the Dry Cell Battery Recycling Competition. Please continue to deposit your old batteries in the container outside my office.

Mobile Telephones

Please deposit any unwanted telephones and attachments in the receptacle outside my office.

2010 Enrolments

We are beginning to formulate classes for 2010. Please inform the school in writing if you and your children will be leaving Deanmore Primary School in 2009 or 2010.

2010 Student Personal Use Items (Booklists)

2010 Booklists will be distributed to the students on Monday the 2nd of November. It is not compulsory for booklists to be purchased from Wooldridges. Completed forms will need to be returned to school by Friday the 20th of November 2009.

Greg Downes

Deputy Principal

Girls Rec Footy Carnival

Last Friday Deanmore Girls in Yrs 5 - 7 played in the first ever Girls Only Rec Footy Carnival.

All three teams performed brilliantly all day, but Deanmore 1 really impressed scoring more goals than anyone else, winning 4 of their 5 games, and went home unbeaten. No team from the other competing schools could match that record!

Well done to all the girls who courageously battled away all day!



YEAR SEVEN POLO SHIRT ORDERS:

The date for orders has been extended to the 9th of November. All orders for polo shirts must be returned with payment by this date

Dates for the Diary

28 th Oct	Sausage Sizzle
30 th Oct	Room 11 Assembly World Teachers Day
2 nd Nov	Yr 7 Camp
11 th Nov	Remembrance Day Yr 7 Girls Immunization
13 th Nov	Big Walk
19 th Nov	Song Fest



WA Week Celebrations

As we arrived the WA week celebration we were handed WA flags by the scouts. We had a look at some of the things eg. Information tents, Scitech activities, balloon artists, face painters, sausage sizzle, snakes, giant bubble ball thing and so much more. The Governor and other special guests came and gave us a speech about WA. Afterwards we looked around again and although when we had to leave we were sad. We were all also exhausted after the big day.

By Emily K and Fionn Room 18

On Monday, all the year 5's went to a WA week celebration. The minister couldn't come, but his representative did and thanked us for coming. We got a special welcome. They provided a yummy sausage sizzle for lunch. There were lots of fun activities to do and try. Including a Constable Care tent, Animal Ark, Scitech and face painting. Animal Ark had some adorable frogs!!!

I enjoyed WA week and I can't wait until next year.

Isabel Room 19

West Australia Week on Monday the 19th of October was held in West Perth. It was a great function and well worth it. The governor of WA couldn't come but I don't think he needed to, there were so many representatives, spokes people and ministers, I couldn't keep track of. There were tents everywhere with things like Scitech, Animal Ark, Constable Care and face painting. There were also some activities like bouncy castle, giant balls that you went inside of. There was a giant fusbball set and you were the players! As I said it was well worth it and I had great fun.

By Harry Room 19

Community Notices

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

AFS is the largest student exchange program in the world. This program was initiated by the USA ambulance drivers in France during WW2, when they set up an exchange program to promote world peace and intercultural understanding. In WA we host up to 40 students each year and they come from many different countries around the world on a student visa. AFS is now seeking new host families for students arriving in February 2010.

VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Overseas students will be arriving in February 2010 and we require Host Families. We have students coming for 5 months to 11 months, arriving from countries including Chile, Austria, Argentina, German and many more.

Gain friendships that can last a lifetime? So whether you have cattle or a poodle, six children or none, you have the perfect family. For more information please call Joyce on 9534 5823 or visit

www.afs.org.au

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*Private and small Group Tuition
Pre-schoolers, school-age children & adults
Summer 2009/10*

**ST MARY'S ANGLICAN GIRLS' SCHOOL
KARRINYUP**



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*Information:
your school reception
ian dickson 933 5 1115*

www.swimstruct.com.au

Parents – please note that any advertisements of a community nature are only placed in our newsletter if there is space.
The school takes no responsibility for the quality or value of any goods or services offered.



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Waterwise School



**How you can save water
in the kitchen**

Dishwashers

Dishwashers can be thirsty. Even a dishwasher with a lower water use rating can use the equivalent of two sinks of water per wash. The way to save water is to operate your dishwasher only when it's full. This way you will also save on your power bills, as well as water.

