



DEANMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No. 2

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The Principal's Pen,

Dear Parents,

On Friday 5th of February it was wonderful to welcome the Hon Minister for Education Dr Elizabeth Constable to a sod turning ceremony at the new Deanmore site. We cheerfully toggged up in hard hats and safety vests to watch with eager anticipation as the Hon. Minister led a small shovel wielding group who ceremoniously commenced the building of the new Deanmore.

Our tireless campaigner, P&C President Janet Pettigrew, represented the Deanmore community and Student Councillors, Emily Kirton, Kara Plummer, Rory Bradshaw and Joe Taylor performed their hosting duties in a most professional manner. Due to our increased enrolments we have chosen two additional Student Councillors to assist with student leadership in 2010.

I congratulate Madeleine Baxter and Bill Tap and feel sure they will bring a

wonderful measure of vision and energy to their new roles. Former Head Boy Fraser Kirton called into the school this week and shared with me some of his learning journey since leaving Deanmore. As we would expect, he has grasped all learning challenges and gone on to excel in many fields. I wish him every success as he prepares for his senior years at Perth Modern School.



We are recording the progress of the building on a daily basis and parents are welcome to inspect the photos displayed in the school foyer. I am seeking a parent to assist with the compilation of a book recording the stages of construction and significant milestones. Please call in and see me if you have any of that precious commodity – time.

New Deanmore

It is indeed most exciting to hear the sound of machines as they reshape the site in preparation for the building to commence. We have experienced the expected dusty conditions and staff are working diligently to minimise disruption to learning programs. This phase should pass quickly and we will begin to see some exciting structures rise from the dust.

The student councillors are surveying senior students to compile a list of games and activities that can be used in the more confined playing areas they now use. The area by the 'Oval Suites' does not lend itself to ball games and we are seeking other activities that will enable the children to relax and have fun with their friends.

Pre Primary Grass

Parent Shane Attwell brought us the welcome news this morning that Superior Lawns Australia will be donating the new lawn to be laid in the Pre-Primary area. Many thanks to Jerome Flugge who can be contacted on 1800 MY LAWN (1800 695 296) or enquiry@superiorlawns.com.au.

Arty Pants Scholarship

Congratulations to Rosie Sawyer who had received the Arty Pants Scholarship for Semester 1, 2010. Rosie is a talented artist and will further develop her skills through involvement in this wonderful program.

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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)

Deanmore Kindergarten

(All enrolment enquires to Primary School)
1 Blair Street
Karrinyup WA 6018
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School Council 2010

Jeanette Metcalf	Sharon Dixon
Jo Marwick	Kirsty Parin
Wanda Coad	Janet Pettigrew
	Katrina Tap

P & C Committee

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Second-hand Uniforms

Fridays 8:15am - 8:45am
Lisa Dunstan 0422 975 907

Building & Grounds Committee

Sharon Dixon
Janet Pettigrew
Ross Parker
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Term Dates

1st Term
1st Feb 2010 - 1st Apr 2010
2nd Term
20th April 2010 - 2nd July 2010
3rd Term
20th July 2010 - 24th Sept 2010
4th Term
12th Oct 2010 - 16th Dec 2010

School Review

Today West Coast District Director, Mr Kim Dullard, conducted a review of school operations and I thank Greg Downes, Jo Marwick and Clint Holland for their assistance with the review process. Mr Dullard was keen to discuss the growth of Deanmore and explore ways to manage the increased enrolment and staff workload especially with the increase of attention that must be given to the building program. Mr Dullard continues to be a highly involved and supportive Director and has given our school a generous amount of his time as we contend with conditions that at times have been challenging.

Deanmore Anti Bullying Policy: Tell a Teacher

If your child is having any difficulties in the playground or in the classroom please instil into them they must tell a teacher. It is difficult to investigate 'comments' made by other students when there is a big lapse of time. Deanmore Primary has a clearly stated Anti-Bullying policy which is in the information booklet. It is vital that parents assist the school to address issues of bullying behaviour by monitoring the type of games and media children access. Many so called 'games' promote violence and aggression and desensitize children to the feelings of others. We have an excellent team of Student Councillors and I have spoken to them about the subtle bullying that can make a child withdrawn and unhappy. The Councillors are a vital cog in our Anti-Bully Team. Please support our school endeavours by talking to your children and understanding that at times children can be a bully or a victim.

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C Meeting for 2010 will be held in the Staffroom at 7.30pm on Monday 22 February. I look forward to outlining our plans for 2010, welcoming new staff members and discussing the progress we are making with the new Deanmore buildings.

Deanmore School Council

Under the *School Education Act 1999* government schools are required to have a Council, with parent/community members being in the majority. Both in spirit and in its detail, the legislation relating to Councils reinforces the importance of the partnership between schools, parents and the wider community in ensuring that students achieve the highest standards possible.

The Council does not have a role in school management. This is the responsibility of the principal and involves educational leadership and the effective day-to-day administration, supervision and control of the school and its staff.

There continues to be an important role for Parent and Citizens' Associations in schools. However the election of members and the functions of the School Council should remain separate from those of the Parent and Citizens' Association since the establishment and objects of the two bodies are quite different under the School Education Act.

In 2010 we have a vacancy for a Parent School Council Member. This membership will be for two years concluding in March 2012. Nomination forms are available from the front office and will be available at the P&C Meeting on Monday 22 February 2010. Nominations close on 26 February and if there is more than one nomination an election will be held.

Jeanette Metcalf
School Principal

Millennium Kids

Congratulations to Anya Celik and Joshua Snook who have been selected to join the Millennium Kids in 2010. Josh wrote, *"I care about the environment and would like to learn more about recycling."*

Anya wrote, *"I have a great interest in the environment and if ever there is something wrong in the environment I will participate in any events that try to make it right."*

Clean Up Australia Day

Deanmore Primary School students will participate in the School Clean Up Day, which is part of the Clean Up Australia Day campaign on Friday 5th March. Further details will follow.

Medication

We are currently reviewing student medical needs and ensuring that we have current action plans to address children's health needs. Please notify the school of any changes in your child's health. Teachers can not administer any medication without a Medical Plan. If you have any questions please contact the school.

Swimming

In-Term swimming lessons have concluded. The children's behaviour during the lessons was excellent. There will be a Faction Swimming Carnival on Friday 19th March. The carnival will have an emphasis on participation and fun. There will be no championship events. Further details will follow.

Assembly

Mr Holland's Year 7 class will conduct the next assembly on Friday 26th February. All parents and friends are very welcome. Assemblies commence at 8:55am.

Parent Meetings

It was very pleasing to see the large number of parents attending the Parent Meetings held this week. Remember, if you wish to discuss your child's educational progress in more detail, you are welcome to ring and arrange a meeting with your child's teacher(s).

PEAC

Congratulation to the 24 students who have been offered places in the PEAC program.

Faction Captains 2010

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as Faction Captains and Vice Captains.

Faction	Captain	Vice Captain
Blue (Sea Dragons)	Jordan Clair	Bill Tap
Green (Sea Eagles)	Antony Mircev	Jarrad Hooper
Red (Sea Lions)	Georgia Gibbons Madeleine Baxter	Kaiden Snook

Crunch and Sip

Deanmore Primary School is a certified Crunch and Sip school. This means that children can eat fruit and vegetables that "crunch" e.g. carrots and sip on water during the school day as directed by the class teacher.

Class Money Books

Just a reminder that all monies need to be collected by the teacher and recorded in the class money book and not via the office. Please ask your child to hand any money or notes to the class teacher.

Wheeled Objects

For safety reasons, wheeled objects such as bikes, scooters, etc are not to be ridden in school grounds.

Sports Equipment

Sports equipment is not to be used before school. Teachers are not available to supervise games. Children should sit on the benches provided if they arrive at school before 8:15am and then socialise until the siren is sounded at 8:45am.

Battery Recycling

Due to the wonderful efforts of yourselves and the students in recycling batteries, Deanmore Primary School has won first prize for collecting the most batteries in the City of Stirling. Batteries can be deposited in the bin outside the Deputy's office.

Greg Downes

Dates for the Diary

Mon 22nd Feb 7:30pm P&C AGM
 Tue 23rd Feb 2:30pm Early Close
 Fri 26th Feb 8:55am Assembly hosted by Yr 7 Rm 18
 Mon 1st Mar Labour Day Holiday
 Tue 2nd Mar 2:30pm Early Close

**Week 1**

Deanmore Primary School
Our Friendly School

Parents Role

Last year we reviewed our school bullying policy and other activities to prevent or reduce bullying. Further activities to help students to cope with bullying will be used this year.

What can be done by parents to support activities in the school to reduce bullying?

- Talk regularly with your child about bullying;
- Encourage your child to 'ask for help' if they are being bullied at school;
- If your children are fighting at home, help them discuss their problem and come to a mutual solution to the problem;
- Encourage your child to be assertive by helping them practice speaking in a firm but friendly way, making eye contact, looking calm and smiling and feeling good about themselves;
- Encourage your child to play with other children at school, at home and in the neighbourhood; and
- Help your child improve their self-esteem by discussing the things they are good at, encouraging your child to 'have-a-go' at new activities, and encouraging your child to develop their own independence by allowing he/she to care for his/her own belongings, or managing their own pocket money.

Community Notices

Have-a-go Triathlon for 7-15 yrs at Cragie Leisure Centre Sun 7/3. Cost: \$10 + pool entry. Registration 7:15am, race briefing 7:45am, start 8:00am. Contact: Ann triathlon@northcoasttriclub.org.au

UWA Junior Rugby Union Club invites boys and girls 5-16 years to join our team. Training is on Thursdays 5.00-6.15pm (with a free sausage sizzle for players). Matches are played Saturday mornings. Registration Day is Saturday 20th February 10am -1pm at McGillivray Oval (behind Challenge Stadium). Enquiries to Maria Kinsela – Registrar (or Andy – Year 6) 0401-485-968.

Scarborough Junior Basketball Club is holding a registration day for new basketball players on Thurs 18/2 5:30-6:30pm Karrinyup Sports Centre, Newborough St Karrinyup. For more info visit www.scarboroughsharks.asn.au or call 9244 8158.

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.

SURFS UP!!

Ms Griffiths' Year 1/2 class have completed some descriptive writing to go with their art work.
Below are some samples of the student's work which is on display in Room 14.

Angus rode his cool boogie board through the rough waves.
The water felt cold and gloomy.
Angus could hear fish swimming.
He could see a school of fish. They were silver.
It was a big, big, day!

Angus Yr 1

Grace rode her sparkling new boogie board
through the splashing waves.
The water felt as warm as a sun.
Grace could hear whooshes, crashes and
splashing.
She could see the shore and the horizon.
It was an exhausting day!

Grace Yr 2



Luke rode his old boogie board
through the big waves.
The water felt as warm as a shower.
Luke could hear crashing waves.
He could see seagulls.
It was a sunny day!

Luke Yr 1

Cintia rode her new boogie board
through the fast waves.
The water felt as warm as a bath.
Cintia could hear the ocean splashing
She could see fish and crabs in the sea.
It was a beautiful day!

Cintia Yr 2

