



Swimming lessons have started off very strong and very smoothly as a general rule for our Year 1 and 2 classes. We are finding that some children are having difficulty keeping track of their clothes day to day. It would be a great help if parents could keep an eye on this as the timelines when the children are going to and from lessons are very tight. Teachers do a sweep of where the children are changing to make sure that nothing is left behind. They show their classes any lost property but it is not always claimed. If your child misplaces any clothes could you come and check out the lost property at school if possible.

It has been a very interesting start to the year as far as the weather is concerned. It is swinging wildly, hot and sunny one day, cold and wet the next and a lot of very humid days in between. It has been great that hats and water bottles are being used. We are strongly encouraging all children to drink lots of water at the moment. We are finding that many are complaining of headaches and feeling unwell. We do not want to send anyone home if we can avoid it. Every single day, especially so early in the year is very important.

**Attendance** is a priority area for the Department of Education. Many people would be aware of the research conducted by the Telethon Institute titled '**Every Day Counts**'. One of the most basic findings is that every day counts and that there is **no "safe" number of days that can be missed**. Not only does absences effect the current year that a child is in, it also has a cumulative effect into the future. It found that **average academic achievement on NAPLAN tests declined with any absence** from school and continued to decline as absence rates increased. The study found that that **a child's onward attendance pattern is largely established in the first few years of school**. So don't wait until Year 5 or 6 or High School before you take it seriously. Each year we review attendance data and the number of children falling below 90% is actually quite large. A quick view of the first 2 weeks of this year unfortunately shows that we are already starting to see a trend of children with low attendance. As a school and as staff we have many processes in place to support children where possible. We are also happy to work with parents as long as it fits in with the education act and other legal requirements. However **we cannot do this alone. Parents have the greatest role to play** and most of what you can do is very simple. Don't leave early or return late from a weekend, especially a long week end or a term break. Going on holidays during the term, although convenient to miss crowds or get cheaper prices, can effect a whole term or a whole year of learning. Only let your child stay home if they are truly unwell. If they do not want to come to school discuss it with your child and meet with their class teacher. Mr Downes has the role of tracking attendance. Over the next couple of weeks he will be contacting the parents of children who have a significant gap in their attendance, both last year and this year. Only by working together can we make sure that every day counts. At the end of this newsletter you will find a table that explains why every day counts.

Extra-curricular activities are once again being organised by our teaching staff. These are activities that are not part of the school day or necessarily the curriculum. Teachers organise for these to occur before and after school. This is their personal time and I am very grateful that they are willing to do this. Over the next few weeks information will be sent home about the opportunities available so please keep an eye out for this. Also before agreeing to let your child participate please be aware that if they do they are expected to participate fully in every session, behave to the utmost highest standard and come every session unless there is a very good reason. There will be only one warning about effort and behaviour which will be discussed with parents. If problems continue after that the child will be removed from the activity which would be a great shame. At this stage the following activities are being organised: Garden Club (Mrs Batchelor); Drama Club (Ms Veal & Miss Boyd); Ms Motherway (Ukulele); Run Club (Mr Rodgers & Mrs Batchelor); Sporting Schools (Mr Rodgers); Code Club (Ms Ruddle & Mrs Carr); School Newspaper (Mrs Unwin & Miss Brydon); Maker Space (Mr Cavallaro); Choir (Mrs Plichta or Miss Pratley) and Chess (Mr Micevski).

Next week we will trial having the School Banking conducted in our Library. For this to operate successfully it is important that students/parents enter and exit the Library only from the Western end (the door closest to the undercover area). Children and their siblings cannot run around the library or grab books or any other resources. Hopefully the move to this area will help on those windy, cold or rainy days.

This week the P&C held their AGM. During this meeting new office bearers were elected or returned to their positions. A full list of the office bearers can be found in the P&C section of the newsletter. A significant change was the position of P&C President. Mr Troy Vukojevic has handed this role over to Mr Steve Schupp. Troy has very kindly offered to take on the Vice-President role this year to assist with the transition. I would like to personally thank Troy for his work as the P&C President. He has been a great supporter of the school and all the students and has been instrumental in many initiatives to make teaching and learning that much more enjoyable. I would also like to wish Steve all the very best in this very important role.

This week will see Mrs Trish Noack take up another position at Carine SHS. This is a promotion for Trish and is at this point in time for 6 months. This appointment is a great personal and professional opportunity for Trish and we wish her all the very best and thank her for the great work she has done at Deanmore over the last few years. While the school is conducting a selection process to fill our school officer position Kaz will join our front office team. Welcome Kaz.

*George Craig*  
Principal

## A WORD FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### Faction Captains

Faction captains for 2017 have been elected.

Congratulations to;

GOLD	Maya S and Evan M.
RED	Kirra P and Ethan B.
GREEN	Raylee M and Oliver L.
BLUE	Lani D and Sam G.

### Leadership Conference

Sixteen Year 6 students will be participating in a leadership program on Monday 20th February. We are endeavouring to develop the leadership skills of our Councillors and Faction Captains.

### Behaviour Management In Schools

Deanmore Primary School has a sound behaviour management policy. The BMIS policy can be viewed on the school website. Teachers assist the students to develop appropriate behaviours by;

- displaying clear rules for the classroom and playground;
- following a sequence of consequences when a student misbehaves;
- working with parents and outside agencies to develop individual behaviour plans to support the child's development.

Please read the policy and contact Greg Downes if you have any questions. Children learn from their mistakes and from adult guidance.

### School Assembly

The second whole school assembly for 2017 will be held on Friday 24th February. It will be hosted by Ms Wacker's Year 6 class. All parents and friends are very welcome.

### Cyber Safety

We believe cyber safety is important. Teachers will be addressing the issues associated with electronic communications throughout the year. Further details and tips for parents can be located at:

<http://cybersmart.gov.au/>

### Cyber Bullying

Deanmore Primary School has clear and precise policies on cyber bullying, the use of school computers and the use of mobile telephones. Copies of the policies are available on the school web site [www.deanmoreps.wa.edu.au](http://www.deanmoreps.wa.edu.au).

### Mobile Telephones

Mobile telephones and other electronic communication devices are permitted at Deanmore but must be switched off as the child enters the school grounds and stored in their school bags. Telephones may be turned back on as the child leaves the school grounds.

### SunSmart School

Deanmore is a SunSmart school. One of the suggestions listed at:

[www.cancerwa.asn.au/prevention/sunsmart/sunsmartschools/](http://www.cancerwa.asn.au/prevention/sunsmart/sunsmartschools/)

is that children do not play in the sunshine without a hat. Please encourage your child to wear a broad brimmed hat.

### Parent Information Sessions

The parent information sessions have been hugely successful with many parents coming along. Thank you to all the participants. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher to discuss any educational issues or if you wish to discuss your child's educational progress in greater detail, please contact the classroom teacher to organize a suitable meeting time. Teachers need time to prepare excellent lessons for your children. As a result they may not be available to discuss your child before school.

### Student Requirements

Please ensure that your child's stationery requirements are met. Children need pencils, rulers, etc. to help with their learning.

### Changes To Details

Please inform the school if you have changed address, telephone number, email address, family arrangements, etc.

### Dogs

Dogs are not permitted on school grounds. This is a government regulation.

### Smoking

Smoking is not permitted on school grounds. This is a government regulation.

### Wheeled Devices

Students are not to use wheeled devices e.g. Scooters, bikes, skateboards on school grounds. Bicycles, etc should be left in the bike racks. We suggest the children use a chain and padlock to secure their property.

### Sea Horse Sculpture

Children are not to climb on our beautiful sea horse sculpture near the office. This is because of safety concerns if they fall.

### Unwanted Visitors

Please report any suspicious behaviour or unwanted visitors on school grounds that you may observe after school hours to the Police on 131444 or to School security on 92644771.

*Greg Downes  
Deputy Principal*

## Contributions and Charges

Thank you to those parents who have paid their child's contributions and charges for 2017. Statements will be coming home soon if you have not made arrangements to pay these. Payments can be paid anytime by EFT.

### Our bank account details are:

**Account Name:** Deanmore Primary School

**BSB:** 306 073

**Account Number:** 1006385

Payments are also accepted by **cash or cheque** at the front office.



## Enrolment Information—Student Update Forms

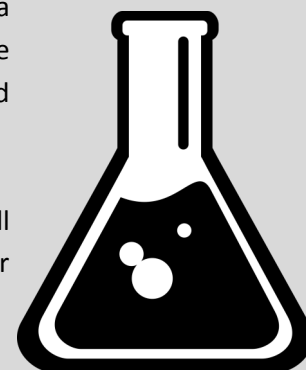
Student update forms were sent home on the 3rd February 2017. The form is of **utmost importance** as the school needs to keep its student and family databases current. Schools are now also funded on the extent of details provided on enrolment. **Forms are to be returned** even if the details listed have not changed. Please make corrections on the form itself and as clearly and specifically as possible. Signed forms are to be returned to their child's teacher by **20th February 2017**.

Difficulties quite often occur when attempting to contact parents/carers if details/information has changed such as telephone numbers and medical conditions.

**Hi my name is Melinda Carr** and I will be responsible for igniting your child's interest in the area of science this year at Deanmore! To make it easier to share all the wonderful things we will be doing in the science room, I have created a blog and will update it regularly with news, facts and challenges for your child to complete and have the chance to win some great prizes.

The first issue also includes a newsletter for each class that explains exactly what your child will be learning this term along with some ideas for activities you might like to do at home with your child. So get reading, get your child involved and remember....Science Rocks!!

Check out <http://deanmorescience.weebly.com/>



### OSHClub News

#### Before School / After School Care Program



### Program Update

We have had a brilliant start to Deanmore OSHClub and would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the families who have trusted us with the care of their children, their most precious possessions. We are steadily growing, and welcome all enquiries and enrolments from families who are not yet enrolled.

The children have been enjoying getting to know the OSHClub teachers and equipment, and participating in team games and activities that are building our OSHClub Community. The children's suggestions and interests are guiding our program as we are learning more about the things they enjoy and want to do.

Thank you to parents for staying outside of the yellow cones unless your child is in our care, it is much appreciated as it allows us to ensure proper supervision and duty of care requirements. Thank you also for entering and exiting through the Kindy gate off Rainer St after school hours.

### Parent Information

**OSHC program phone: 0417 075 347**

**Coordinator: Danni Beaton**

**Assistants: Kinjal Patel and Sarabjeet Kaur**

**OSHClub Head Office: 08 9261 3200**

*All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.*



# P&C News

The next **P&C Meeting** is on  
Monday the **27th of February @ 7.30pm**,  
in the staff room. All are welcome.

If you would like to receive a copy of the P&C meetings minutes (even if you are unable to attend), please email the P&C secretary Michelle at [secretary@deanmorepandc.org.au](mailto:secretary@deanmorepandc.org.au)

The **Fundraising coordinator position is up for grabs**. If you are good at delegating and are organised, a very skilled and dedicated team of fundraisers would love you to join the team. You will be responsible for making sure that the School and P&C are fully informed of any fundraising events, and that all fundraising committee members are aware of their responsibilities. You will also give regular updates to the Class Rep's of whats happening to pass on to their class lists. This role is important to the school, and the person who takes it on will be a great asset to the Deanmore community.

## School banking

School banking is relocating to the library, Thursday mornings before school. Denise from the Commonwealth bank will be coming in on the 2nd March for an account opening session. Please bring drivers licence and Childs birth certificate. \$5 for every account opened will go to the school. Or follow the link to open one on-line  
<http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking>

Contact [kayechapman@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kayechapman@yahoo.co.uk) for more info.

## The Canteen

is open each Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

**One volunteer on each Thursday and Friday is required** to help the canteen run smoothly on those busier days.

Please add your name to the roster by the canteen window in the undercover area, or contact Yvette (0409 618 759 or [pjmcbain@bigpond.com](mailto:pjmcbain@bigpond.com)) with your preferred dates.

If the whole morning it too long, the busy times are between 9 and 10.30am and again from noon til 12.30pm.

An hour or two is better than nothing.

## School Farm Busy Bee

**Saturday 18 Feb 9am ~ 12 pm.**

Please help us on Saturday to put the love back into the school farm.

We will be weeding, preparing garden beds, mulching and cleaning chicken coop in preparation for a year of fun in the farm - *Including our newly formed after school Garden Club, details to follow!*

Please byo wheel barrows, rakes, gloves & spades if you have any.

No experience or green thumbs necessary! All welcome.

The Deanmore Dads are busy organising the '**Dads Dash version 2017**' - check out the P+C Facebook page if you missed it last year! This event is open to all members of the school community to come down to the school oval and participate.

**Date: Fri 10th March 2017 Time: from 1.20 pm Place: School Oval**

Keep your eyes out for further details through Facebook, class reps, posters, etc. Additionally, if you have any queries you can always catch Mr Rodgers at school.

**We've have created a sign-up page for volunteers to help on the day**

**<http://signup.com/go/UTptMC>**

All offers of help with sausage sizzle, setup activities, throwing paint (at the kids and other parents/participants) and running face wash/cleaning station would be most welcome to make this a fun and successful afternoon and one that you and the kids will remember in years to come.



# EVERY DAY COUNTS

## 1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

If you miss...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
4 days per week	160 days per year	32 weeks per year	Nearly 10 years

## How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my attendance.....

I only miss...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 mins per day	1 hr 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per month	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 ½ years

**If you want to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!**