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# **DEANMORE PRIMARY**

**An Independent Public School** 

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Over the past week we have had two events that highlight how Deanmore Primary School comes together as a school and community.

The first was the 'Deanmore Dads Dash' that was held last Friday afternoon. It was great fun to see so many students and parents running around the oval through clouds of colourful dust. A very high percentage of our students were involved which easily shows the popularity of this event in just its second year. It was a great opportunity to catch-up with parents in a less formal situation. I would like to thank all of the Deanmore Dads who helped prepare the paint for the afternoon. Even though they doubled the amount of paint from last year the students still managed to run out rather quickly. I had a great 15 minutes of running around the oval with other teachers and parents getting pounded with colourful paint by the students. It is nice to be able to be involved in an event like this where the students were encouraged to throw paint at teachers and adults and although excited they were careful and respectful the whole time. Hopefully by next year I will have all of the paint washed out of my clothes ready for another 'Dash'.

The second was the 'Purple Haze Day' on Tuesday. The aim of the day was to raise funds for the Starlight Foundation. The mission of the foundation is to "Brighten the lives of seriously ill children and their families". As with many schools and families we have children and students who have needed the support of the foundation both in and out of hospital. "Purple Haze Day" is an initiative of the Fremantle Dockers Football club and they sent in three players to support our day and speak to our students. It was a great pleasure to listen to Lee Spur, Brad Hill and Griffin Logue at a short student assembly. It is important to remember that this event wasn't about the Fremantle Dockers; it is bigger than any one team or any single sport. It isn't about who you barrack for. It was about having a fun day, learning and having an impact on the lives of people who can do with some extra support in difficult circumstances. Our students were amazing in getting dressed in purple and remembering to bring their gold coin donation. During the day Deanmore PS raised just over \$600 for the foundation. I would like to thank Mr Rodgers for organising this day and the support from the

Fremantle Dockers Football Club. Very few schools had players visit, let alone three.

Next Wednesday and Thursday (March 22 & 23) the school is having a visit from members of the Department of Education Services. This is a part of the triennial review that all Independent Public School are required to be involved in. Over the two days the review team will speak to our Board, some parents, some students and our staff to ascertain how the school is progressing and how the students are achieving. Next term the school will receive a report outlining the findings and recommendations from the review. This will be made available to our school community through the school website.

George Craig

**Principal** 



# A WORD FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

# **National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy**

NAPLAN will occur on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> this year. All children in Years 3 and 5 throughout Australia will complete activities in numeracy and literacy. Please contact the school if you have any questions. Please do not book any holidays for your children during NAPLAN week as assessments can't be sat at other days or times.

# **Harmony Day**

Harmony Day activities will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March culminating in an international feast. Mr. Rodgers has sent home a note explaining the day's events.

# A.N.Z.A.C. Ceremony

An ANZAC ceremony to commemorate Australia's servicemen and women will be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April. You may wish to mark the date in your diary.

### **Tell A Teacher**

Please remind your child to tell a teacher if they feel ill, are injured or if someone has been mean to them. There seven or eight teachers on duty every recess and every lunch time.

# **School Assembly**

Room 17, Mrs Morisey and Ms Pratley's class will host the next assembly on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. All parents and friends are very welcome.

# **Swimming**

In-term swimming lessons for Year 3 to 6 commence on the 27<sup>th</sup> March. Please read and complete all notes. Please send the \$60 for the lessons to your child's teacher.

### **Mathletics**

Thank you to the parents who came to the Mathletics information session. Your child can access Mathletics at home by logging onto <a href="https://community.mathletics.com/signin#/student">https://community.mathletics.com/signin#/student</a>

# **Bikes and Scooters**

Please ensure your children's bikes/scooters are secured before leaving them for the day.

### Attendance At School

Student attendance at school is very important. Every day and every lesson is important to your child's education. Please ensure your child is on time and at school every day. Please notify the class teacher or the school if your child is going to be absent.

# **Dogs**

If you walk your dog to school in the morning, please be mindful that some of our younger students are quite frightened of animals. Please always have your dog on a leash near school grounds and tether your dog to the fence well away from entry gates.

# **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.

# Welfare of Children in Hospital

The Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital recently visited our Kindy with a fabulous hospital familiarisation program. The session was informative, interactive and lots of fun for the children. They were able to dress up as doctors, nurses and paramedics and learn through role play. The crutches and wheelchair were also put to good use during the morning! It was an excellent and very worthwhile educational visit.

Kim Foster

Kindy Teacher





# PURPLE HAZE DAY



A big thank you from myself and the School Councillors for your participation and support of the 2017 Purple Haze Day.

Together we raised \$613.35 for the Starlight Children's Foundation, and experienced some valuable insight into the value of 'Social Responsibility'.

**Dan Rodgers** 

# **P&C News**

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The next P&C Meeting is on Monday the 27th of March @ 7.30pm, in the staff room. The key topic for this meeting is to "Discuss the projects that the P&C will support in 2017" so if you have any ideas about the activities that P&C should undertake and where the proceeds should go to, this is the meeting to attend!

All are welcome.



Thank you to all involved with the Deanmore Dad's Dash last Friday.

It was a HUGE success.

All Deanmore Dad's are welcome to join us for an end of term catch up on **Friday** evening the **31st March**. We are thinking it will be held at the Scarborough Sportsmen's Club for lawn bowls and beverages.

More details to be provided in due course. Please RSVP to:deanmoredadsrsvp@gmail.com

The next artMarket meeting will be held at the Scarborough



Sportsmen's Club on **Wednesday the 22nd of March at 7.30pm**. If you have any ideas or can contribute any skills eg graphic design, or would like to help in any way, we would love to see you there.

The **secondhand uniform shop** 

is open every Friday morning before school from 8.30am.

# School banking

is on Thursday mornings before school from 8.30am, in the library.

# The canteen needs one person each Thursday and Friday morning

to spend some time helping prepare snacks and lunches, and serve the children, from 8.50am to at the latest 1pm (the end of lunch). Any help is very much appreciated. An hour or two after school drop is better than no help at all.

Thank you very much to all who have volunteered their time or have put their name down for helping out this term in the canteen.

There are still a couple mornings left towards the end of term. The roster is in the under cover area next to the canteen window where you can add your name to your preferred date. If you have missed out and would like to grab a spot next term, contact Yvette at pjmcbain@bigpond.com

or 0409 618 759.

# We're fundraising with entertainment

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Parents, teachers and school staff have a crucial role to play in the education of young people to reduce their risk of harm from alcohol and other drugs including methamphetamine.

SDERA has been supporting school communities for over 19 years through successful, evidence-based alcohol and other drugs and road safety education programs.

This *FREE Talking Drugs* information session is for parents of students in all year levels. Come along and find out about:

- The 'real' picture of illicit drug use from the latest data.
- The role parents play in school drug education.
- Tips on how to start a conversation with children of all ages.
- Where to go for help with a drug-related problem.

# Date:

Thursday 23rd March

# Time:

6.45pm-8.30pm

# Where:

St Stephen's School Duncraig Theatre, 100 Doveridge Drive, Duncraig

# To book:

<u>Visit SDERA's website</u> and register by Monday 20th March

# For more information:

Catriona Coe 9402 6256 <a href="mailto:catriona.coe@education.">catriona.coe@education.</a> <a href="mailto:wa.edu.au">wa.edu.au</a>

# **OSHClub News**

# Before School / After School Care Program



# **Program Update**

Thank you families for another wonderful fortnight at OSHClub.

Please be advised the entry/exit gate has now changed. Please enter and exit through the double gate to the rear of the school off Rainer Street.

Numbers of enrolments are now picking up and as such it is imperative that you make your bookings prior to turning up. As we have a strict educator to child ratio we may need to book casual staff. Making your bookings at least several days in advance greatly assists us in that process to ensure we have enough staff and do not have to turn you away. If you do require emergency care please call Danni as soon as possible so we can ensure our numbers are within limit.

We are calling on all families to give us feedback and suggestions for the program. We have a suggestion box located on the sign in table. Please feel free to drop a note in there at any time.

# **Program Reminders**

**Hats** – If your child usually leaves their hat in their classroom, please remember to pack a spare wide-brimmed hat on the days they attend OSHClub. Children without hats will not be permitted to play outside.

**Entry/exit** – After school hours please use ONLY the double gate off Rainer Street (near the Early Childhood building). The other gates do remain locked in the morning until close to school time, and are locked promptly after school has ended for the day. If you are unsure where this is please call Danni on 0417 075 347.

# **Next Week's Activities**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	Detailed Col- ouring	Make a game (construction)	Balloon Tennis	Origami	Pipe Cleaner Creatures
After Care Activities	Dance Party (musical games)	Treasure Map Hunt	Chess Tourna- ment	Tail Tag	Science Experiments

# **Parent Information**

OSHC program phone: 0417 075 347

Coordinator: Danni Beaton
Assistant: Kinial Patel

OSHClub Head Office: 08 9261 3200

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember enrolling is Free!! Please create account online at <a href="www.oshclub.com.au">www.oshclub.com.au</a> 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.