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Regular attendance has many benefits that include the development of strong positive relationships between staff and students, positive relationships between peers and increased learning and achievement. For the staff at Deanmore Primary School to make the greatest difference and impact on your children we need them to be at school every day possible. It is pleasing to see that during Term 1 there has been an observable improvement in nearly all areas across the school and for that I would like to thank our parents. Since the beginning of this year we have had a strong focus on student attendance. Helping your child develop positive attendance attitudes not only helps with their schooling but also sets foundations for positive habits in adult life.

The overall Term 1 attendance rate for Compulsory year groups (Pre-Primary to Year 6) was 96.1%. Kindy attendance for Term 1 was 94.9%. These figures so far are the best the school has had since Semester 1, 2012. A breakdown for each year group is below.

Breakdown	Attendance Rate %	Regular	At Risk Indicated	At Risk Moderate	At Risk Severe
KIN	94.9%	48	8	2	1
PPR	95.3%	53	7	3	
Y01	96.9%	72	5		
Y02	96.1%	61	4	2	
Y03	95.6%	49	6	4	
Y04	95.8%	55	10	1	
Y05	96.6%	66	5	2	
Y06	96.3%	52	5	1	

What is not shown in this graph is the decrease in lateness of students at the beginning of the school day. Since the beginning of the year the number of students coming late has significantly decreased. This is not just beneficial for the individual student; it is also beneficial for the whole class. When a student enters late, especially in the earlier years, it invariably takes the teacher away from their prime role – teaching.

Making sure that the school is notified when a student is absent or is going to be absent is another focus for this year. During 2016 notifying the school of absences only occurred about 55% of the time. During Term 1 of this year this occurred 79% of the time. Although we would like to be notified 100% of the time this is a significant improvement. Below is a graph outlining notification for each year group. Our Year 2 and Year 4 parents have been brilliant at supporting the school in this area.

	Authorised (Notified)	Unauthorised (Not Notified)
KIN	66%	34%
PPR	56%	44%
Y01	78%	22%
Y02	91%	9%
Y03	82%	18%
Y04	93%	7%
Y05	83%	17%
Y06	70%	30%

Over all there has been a great improvement in attendance, arriving on time and notifying the school. I would like to thank parents for helping the staff to make a difference to the learning of your child.

## **NAPLAN**

The annual NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) will be conducted with our Year 3 and 5 students during Week 3 of this term. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of

- Reading
- Writing
- Language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy

It is important to remember that NAPLAN assessments are not pass/fail tests. At the classroom and school level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress and identify focus areas for teaching.

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure that students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Excessive preparation is not useful and can lead to unnecessary anxiety. The best way that you can assist your child is to encourage them to try their best and communicate to them that these assessments are nothing more than to see how they are going as a student.

**George Craig**  
**Principal**

## **A WORD FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

### **National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy**

NAPLAN will occur on May 9th, 10th and 11th 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 completed after the 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Room 10 Assembly**

Next week's assembly will be conducted by Ms William's Year 1 class. All parents and friends are very welcome.

### **Educational Dance**

Edu-dance lessons began this week. Please read the note sent home previously and return it signed and with the correct money if you have not already done so.

### **Theatrical Production**

As part of the high school transition, the Year 6 children have been invited to Churchlands Senior High School on Wednesday 3rd May to watch the musical "The Sound of Music".

### **Carine Senior High School Open Day**

You are invited to CSHS open day on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May between 9:00am and 11:30am. Please RSVP on 92439100.

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

An ANZAC ceremony, to commemorate Australia's servicemen and women was held on Friday 7th April. It was a very moving event. Well done student councillors and faction captains.

### **Interschool Sport**

The children in Year 5 and 6 will be participating in the Eagles Cup this term. The sports being played are football, soccer and netball. Girls and boys are encouraged to participate in any of the activities. Parent helpers would be greatly appreciated

### **Mathletics**

Deanmore Primary School encourages all students and parents to take advantage of the school's subscription to Mathletics. Teachers can explain to you how you and your child can access this educational Maths program at school and at home. There is no cost to the students.

## Stranger Danger

Please remind your children to take care when going to and from school, and to report anything suspicious to their parents, the school and the police.

You can call **13 14 44** to report an incident to WA Police (only use 000 in an emergency) or **1800 333 000** to reach Crime Stoppers.

Here are some suggestions to help your children stay safe:

- always travel in a group
- walk on the right hand side of the road to face oncoming traffic
- wherever possible, leave space between you and the roadway
- stay in areas that are well lit
- stay in view – avoid going into areas that are hidden (such as parkland bush or behind shopping centres)
- be alert – earphones and headphones can reduce your awareness considerably
- if you have a mobile phone, have it turned on and ready to dial an emergency number
- if a passing car stops nearby, never get too close

## Cyber-Safety

Children can and have used social media to bully or harass others. Here are some tips to stop cyber-bullying;

- Do not reply to rude or nasty comments.
- Immediately tell an adult if you feel uncomfortable or worried online.
- If someone is being mean or nasty on MSN – block them.
- Let your parents know where you go online, just as you would in real life.
- Make sure that there are filters and other monitoring/blocking software to minimise dangers. .
- Never ever share PERSONAL INFORMATION such as your name, address, phone number or school!
- Social Networking profiles such as MySpace, Facebook and Bebo MUST BE SET TO PRIVATE.
- Passwords MUST NOT BE SHARED!!!! Choose passwords that others can't guess.
- Your parents should check your hotmail/msn/social networking lists..
- The internet and the various applications are a lot of fun .....surf safely.

## Chain Your Wheeled Vehicles

Children are reminded to chain and padlock their bikes, scooters, etc. to the bike racks.

## After School Care

Please remind your child that they must wait for their after school carers near Room 21 immediately after the 3:00pm siren is sounded.

Please inform the school and your child's teacher if there is a change in the after school arrangements for your child.

## Car Parks

Student safety is very important to the staff at Deanmore Primary School. Please drive very carefully in the school car parks. The car park in front of the office is for staff only. Please do not drive into the car park.

## DEANMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL EFTPOS PAYMENTS

**BSB Number: 306073**

**Account: 1006385**

Please ensure when you make a payment that you write your child's surname and payment details for our reference.

# P&C News



Like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/deanmorepandc](http://www.facebook.com/deanmorepandc)

The next **P&C Meeting** is on Monday the **1st of May @ 7.30pm** in the staff room. All are welcome.

As a new initiative the P&C will organize **parenting sessions** once a term. This new initiative will be kicked off with **Protective Behaviours WA** coming along for a Parent/Carer Session on Wednesday, 10th May 2017, 7-9pm. For tickets, please go to the link below. If any queries, please contact Event Coordinator, Lisa O'Callaghan on 0414 166 304.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/protective-behaviours-wa-deanmore-primary-school-tickets-33118866421>

## The canteen wants you..

See what is involved in making or preparing and delivering the children's lunches.

**A volunteer** is required each **Thursday and Friday morning**.

Come along for the whole morning or however long you can spare.

Put your name down on the roster by the canteen window in the undercover area, or contact Yvette on [pjmcbain@bigpond.com](mailto:pjmcbain@bigpond.com)

## Attention Team Deanmore community...

On Sunday 28th May the Deanmore Dads are getting behind the **HBF RUN FOR A REASON**, a great way to enjoy a family outing and support the community.

To register as part of the Team Deanmore team, please use the following registration link:

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/RegistrationType.aspx?E=23322&ReferralFrom=5383114>

We are planning to do the 4km run in Group E (prams and families) and would love to see as many Deanmore Families there as possible.

The Deanmore P&C presents the

## Bop till you Drop Disco!

Date: Friday 19th May

Where: In the Undercover area  
(access via Rainer St)

Times: Kindy to yr2 - 4 till 5.15pm  
Yr 3 to yr6 - 5.30 till 7pm

Price: \$5 on the door

Drinks & snacks available to purchase

Parental Supervision Required

Volunteer sign up at <http://signup.com/go/NER1xEv>

## Mother's Day stall

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The Deanmore Mother's Day stall 2017  
Held Lunch Time in the Undercover area

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

(Kindy and Pre Primary held independently)

A great opportunity to grab a cool gift or a sweet treat for Mum

Prices from \$5 to \$10

Something to suit every budget

The Mother's Day Stall is a P&C non-event, with all proceeds going to Deanmore P&C