

DEANMORE PRIMARY

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On Monday 26 February 2018, Cheryl Parkin Director Expert Review Group and Paul Meacock Assistant Regional Executive Director North Metro, visited the school to determine if we have met the **ERG 6 month requirements**. This included the required school improvement plan that clearly outlines what the school and staff will be doing to address the findings from the 2017 report. I am very pleased to say that the staff and the school have well and truly met what was required of us at this stage of the process. The next step from here is the continued and full implementation of the improvement plans and monitoring their success until Sharyn O'Neill is satisfied that Deanmore PS is performing as expected. The whole teaching staff at Deanmore PS must be congratulated on their efforts to make this first step a reality. In particular I would like to acknowledge Ms Wacker, Mrs Joanne Hassan-Raiyat, Ms Williams, Ms Griffiths, Ms Jerrat and Mrs Unwin for the leadership they have shown in making sure that these plans became a reality, that they are meaningful documents that will improve the school's performance and that all staff were involved in the development.

Positive Behaviour Strategies – A new initiative that the school will be introducing this year is the use of Positive Behaviour Strategies (PBS). At the heart of PBS is that if we want our children to behave appropriately and in a positive manner we need to explicitly teach them the skills and behaviours that we are looking for. This is no different to how we approach other learning in the school such as Math, English or Science. PBS doesn't just focus on positive and negative behaviours exhibit by children. It also looks at their engagement in their learning and how they interact with each other. PBS will eventually replace the existing behaviour management system the school has, however it will be far more holistic in its approach to behaviour and learning. Although our staff does a great job at managing the children in their care, there is always ways we can improve. The first step on this journey for the school is to identify our PBS team and provide them with the training they require to make it successful. This week Chloe Liebeck (Team Leader), Narelle Morisey (Internal Coach) and Tracy Wacker (Internal Coach) completed their first day of training with the School of Special Educational Needs, Behaviour and Engagement. The rest of the committee which consists of myself, Greg Downes, Ralmo Dias, Dan Rodgers, and Virginia Prescott will participate in two days training during week 7 of this term. Parents will be kept updated with our progress as community involvement is a significant part of the implementation of PBS.

LOTE (Chinese) in the upper school – Towards the end of last year I placed in a school newsletter that LOTE would be delivered to different classes in 2018. This is due to a change in the requirements of the delivery of Languages Other Than English to primary school students as well as the content being delivered. In 2018 schools are required to deliver LOTE to Year 3 children, in 2019 to Year 4 children, in 2020 to Year 5 children and in 2021 to Year 6 children. We only have Mrs Gao at school one day per week and to make sure that we meet the requirements for 2018, Mrs Gao must be delivering her lessons to our Year 3 classes. As there was still time in her timetable she was also able to deliver lessons to our Year 4 class. As this change does not come with any additional funding we are not in a position to continue the delivery of LOTE to our senior classes. Mrs Gao also works at two other schools which is going to present a problem in 2019 as we need to identify a teacher who will be able to deliver LOTE to an extra 3 or 4 classes.

Monday 5 March is a public holiday and there is no school on this day. I hope everyone enjoys the little break in the middle of the term and come back ready to continue the great learning that has already started this year.

**GEORGE CRAIG
PRINCIPAL**

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

IN-TERM SWIMMING LESSONS

The students in Year one, two and room 17 are participating in swimming lessons at Beatty Park Aquatic Centre in Week 8 and 9. Notes have been sent home. Year 5 and 6 children will be offered in-term swimming lessons in Term 2.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM IN LITERACY AND NUMERACY

NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and 5 students will occur between 15th and 17th May 2018. Information for parents brochures have been distributed today. Please read them and contact me if you have any questions. Please do not book any holidays in Week 3 of Term 2.

ATTENDANCE

The schools community targets and milestones, as detailed in the 2018-2020 Deanmore Primary School Business Plan, which will be published this term, states that we will have an overall attendance rate of above 95%. Those students within the "At risk indicated" category will decrease to less than 10%. Those students within the "At risk moderate" category will decrease to less than 2% and the students within the "At risk severe" category will decrease to 0%.

We need your help to achieve these targets. Please send your children to school.

MATHLETICS

I am currently organizing an information session for parents and carers on using Mathletics at home. I will announce the times soon. In the meantime, please encourage your children to investigate this excellent program. It is free for Students to use due to the generosity of the schools P & C who fund the registration cost.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

As part of the Year 5 and 6 Health curriculum, teachers discuss puberty and the physical, mental and emotional changes that occur during puberty. I am currently arranging for the community health nurse to discuss these changes with the Year 5 and 6 girls this term and then all the Year 6 students in Term 4. Further information will follow when a date has been organized.

ASSEMBLY

The next whole school assembly will be conducted by the students in Room 18 on Friday 9th March. All parents and friends are welcome.

CYBER SAFETY

Cyber safety is important. Teachers at Deanmore conduct lessons on cyber safety. Here are some tips for you that may help you address the issue at home.

1. Encourage your child to come to you if anything disturbs or frightens them online. Take the time to listen and reassure them that they won't get into trouble or have the device or Internet access removed.
2. Monitor online activity and know what sites your child may visit. Ask them to be your guide and show you what apps or websites they love and why.
3. Teach children how to keep information private online and make them aware that what goes online stays there forever.
4. Develop trust between yourself and your child and encourage them to tell you about any concerns they have. Take the time to listen and reassure them that they won't get into trouble or have the device or Internet access removed.
5. Keep an eye out for changes in your child's behaviour.
6. Check ratings. Choose age-appropriate, high-quality media and tech for your kids. Common Sense Media rates and reviews all types of media for children, teens and families. <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/reviews>
7. Familiarise yourself with school policies that protect against cyber bullying.
8. If you feel your child is being cyber bullied, contact the school to report the problem.

GREG DOWNES
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

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iStar Parent Information Sessions

The school will be hosting Parent Information Sessions on **Thursday, 22 March 2018**, to help parents become familiar with the new explicit teaching framework, "iStar," teachers are implementing in their classrooms to scaffold and support student learning. The new approach encourages students to be more cognisant on what they are learning in class and for what purpose, and are clear of what is expected from them. The various session times available are: **9.00am, 2.15pm** and **7.00pm**.

Please contact me at school to book in a session that you would like to attend.

Thank you.

Birthday Invites

The school understands that students have the right to invite who they like to their birthday parties due to number limits imposed by their parents. However, at the same time, we are also aware of the impact of not being invited can have on children. For this reason, parents are asked to tell their children to hand out their invites in a discreet manner to avoid other student becoming upset. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation on this matter.



Is your child displaying emotional or behavioural issues? OnPsych are a team of fully qualified and registered psychologists who specialise in child and adolescent services. Services are performed at NO COST to the school, student or parent as sessions are bulk billed to Medicare. We are now lucky to have an OnPsych staff member at Deanmore Primary School, Bethany Price.

Bethany is a caring and friendly psychologist who works with both children and adolescents who are experiencing a range of psychological issues such as anxiety and mood disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorders, interpersonal and behavioural concerns, learning disorders, school and test stress, self-harming and adjustment difficulties (social & situational). Bethany utilises psychological techniques such as Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, client-centred and solution-focused therapy with psycho-education.

If you believe that this might benefit your child, please do not hesitate contacting me for further instructions.

Ralmo Dias
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Contributions and Charges

Thank you to those parents who have paid their child's contributions and charges for 2018. If you have not made arrangements to pay them your 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.

Board News

In 2017, Deanmore Primary School was reviewed by the Department of Educational Services (DES) and the Expert Review Group (ERG). This week saw the 6 month follow up review by the Expert Review Group assessing how, as a school, we are progressing in addressing the recommendations from 2017. Preliminary feedback was very positive and is a credit to the leadership group and senior teaching staff. On behalf of the Board, congratulations and thanks must go to all staff involved in, not only the review but, the ongoing work on the School Improvement Plan. Victoria Unwin, in particular, has put in an incredible effort in driving improvement strategies and it is rewarding to see such encouraging progress through the school community.

With thanks,
Jodee Eaves
Deanmore Primary School Board Chairperson

Merit Awards Congratulations!

Room	1	Riley Lawson	Bronte Pittaway
Room	2	Felicity Jones	Brandon Devellerez
Room	3	Thomas Wilson-Brown	Georgina Coates
Room	4	Skye Connelly	Charlie Anderson-Nicholls
Room	5	Jack Jones	Trigg Mardon
Room	6	Isabel Vaughan	Kristian O'Shea
Room	7	Jack Whitaker	Sophie Van Kan
Room	8	Conor Taaffe	Lulu Smith-Hayes
Room	9	Sophie Curral	Kaige Taylor-Harvey
Room	10	Aimee Lucas	Alexa Hicks
Room	11	Oliver Hogarth	Helena Drescher
Room	12	Brax Vaughan	Austin Gasteovski
Room	13	Micah Mitchell	Abbie Ross
Room	14	Ivy Connell	Harry King
Room	15	Kobe Choo	
Room	17	Markus Edwards	Luna McGovern
Room	18	Ella Rhodes	Abby Vanderheeg
Room	20	Jacob Hempstead	Beth Caldwell
Room	21	Holly Taylor	Ned Lawson
Chinese		Lulu Smith-Hayes	Joshua O'Neill



P&C News

The P&C will be hosting a meet and greet coffee morning at running club and before the next assembly **Friday March 9th 7.30-9am**. Grab a coffee and have a chat with P&C member and tell us how we can help you!

The next **P&C Meeting** is on Monday the **26th of March @ 7.30pm** in the staff room. All are welcome.

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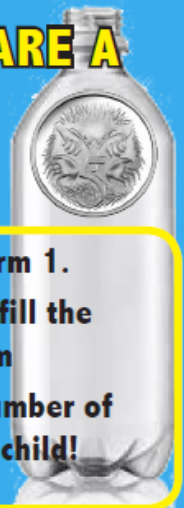
The **Deanmore Dads** are having a catch-up on **Wednesday 7th March, 7.30pm** at the Scarborough Sportsmen's Club. All welcome.

Hold the Date:

the **'Deanmore Dads Dash v2018'** will be held on the afternoon of **Friday 6th April** (from approx. 1.20pm) on the school oval. The event is open to all members of the school community. More details to follow soon.

If you would like to join the Deanmore Dads email list please send an email to: deanmoredadsrsvp@gmail.com

1, 2, 3, 4 WE DECLARE A COIN WAR



WHEN? Week 6 until the end of term 1.

WHAT? Bring in your 5c coins and fill the container in your classroom

WIN? The class with the most number of coins wins an icy-pole per child!



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING



Vouchers can be placed in the box in the school office

We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.

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Donations of small sized chocolate eggs needed for our Easter competition! 🐣 🐰

Please leave at the front office.



School banking is on every Thursday morning before school from 8.30am to 8.50am in the library.

The **secondhand uniform shop** is open every Friday morning before school from 8.30am in the undercover area.

If you order from the canteen, please check that you have the correct details on your order (child's name, classroom number and teacher name), along with the current prices.

The canteen menu can be found online on the school website www.deanmoreps.wa.edu.au (in the canteen page under the parent info tab) or pick one up from the canteen window.

The canteen is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and is always looking for volunteers to help out (mostly on Fridays - the busiest morning). You can stay the whole morning or just pop in and help out for an hour. Any amount is appreciated, and your kids will love to see you there. The roster is by the canteen window in the undercover area, or contact Yvette with your preferred dates on canteenvolunteers@deanmorepandc.org.au

The canteen is run by the P&C as a service and is not for profit, so get your orders in to help support it. It's regulated by WACSSO (Western Australian Council of State School Organisations) to make sure your child is being offered healthy choices.