DEANMORE PRIMARY

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is hard to believe that we are more than half-way through the first school term of the year. What has been so pleasing in the first 7 weeks of school is the effort the children have so willingly put in to their learning. This is reflected in the feedback they are receiving from their teachers on how they are meeting the learning programs being delivered. Making sure that children are being stretched with their learning is very important. This may mean that they don't get everything correct, however unless they are making mistakes they aren't learning. Making errors and learning why those errors occur is a very important and unavoidable part of developing. When your child talks to you about the errors they are making, discuss it with them. Do they understand why the error occurred and how not to make the same error in the future?

Pivot PL Surveys – Over the last couple of weeks children in **Years 3 – 6** have completed a survey (Pivot Student Survey) for their classroom teacher and Science teacher.

This survey is designed to give them an opportunity to:

- start a discussion in their classroom about what works for them
- offer feedback to their teacher about what could help or improve their learning experience
- help their teacher understand which teaching strategies work best for them and their classmates
- give them a bigger say in what matters to them in their classroom

These surveys only took a short period of time for each child to complete, however the information it provides teachers is very important. This information will be used by the teacher to look at their teaching practice and their class environment. Later in Term 4 the children will complete the survey again.

Sharon Faye Research – In 2017 I met with Sharon Faye (Corporate Psychologist) from Clear Perceptions. Sharon was looking to do a research project on Building Emotional Strength in Teachers. After 12 months the research project, which will be the first of its kind in Australia and the World, has been given final approval by the Department of Education. The project will be overseen by Dr Mandie Shean and Dr Matt Byrne from the School of Education at Edith Cowan University.

Sharon will be working directly with self-nominated teachers from across the school (Kindy to Year 6). Not all teachers will be involved in this project. She will not be working directly with students. The only time she will work with any students is when they complete a short survey at the beginning and end of the project. This will only be conducted with students in Year 3 - 6 whose teacher is involved in the research. All surveys will be anonymous and they are not required to provide any personal details. If your child is to be surveyed an information letter and consent form will be sent home for you to read and sign if you are happy for them to participate.

The aim of the project is to assess the impact of the Emotional Strength program on teacher well-being, classroom climate and student-teacher engagement. Teachers will become aware of their individual communication style and learn to be clear about the message they are intending to convey to students.

GEORGE CRAIG PRINCIPAL

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations

On behalf of all the students, staff and the community, I would like to congratulate Mr Dan Rodgers for recently being awarded the "Cricket School Ambassador of the Year 2017/2018" by the WACA. This is great acknowledgement, not only for the work that Mr Rodgers has put in to organising and running cricket programs, but for all the other valuable opportunities that he offers to all students at Deanmore Primary School.

iStar Parent Information Sessions

Parents are reminded that Parent Information Sessions will be held next Thursday, 22 March 2018, to explain the explicit teaching framework, 'iStar.' As communicated in last fortnight's newsletter, the new approach supports and challenges student learning. 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

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Is your child struggling with emotions or displaying concerning behaviour? *OnPsych* is a team of registered psychologists who provide interventions for children and adolescents. Bulk-billed to Medicare, each session is provided at NO COST to the school, student or parent. At Deanmore Primary School we are fortunate to have an *OnPsych* psychologist, Bethany Price.

Bethany is a caring and friendly psychologist who works with both children and adolescents experiencing a range of psychological issues, including, but not limited to:

adjustment difficulties (social or situational)

anxiety (social or school/test stress)

mood and emotional concerns

stress from family situations

behavioural concerns and self-harm

interpersonal challenges

Autism Spectrum

learning difficulties

Each child is supported respectfully and uniquely. To achieve positive and best outcomes, Bethany utilises psychological techniques such as Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Solution-Focused Therapy, along with psycho-education.

We are sincerely grateful to have this service available within our school community and if you believe that it might benefit your child, please contact me for further instructions.

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IN-TERM SWIMMING LESSONS

The students in Year one, two and room 17 are participating in swimming lessons at Beatty Park Aquatic Centre starting Monday 19 March and conclude Thursday 29 March. There will be 9 swimming lessons of 40 minutes duration each.

Your children will need:

- Bathers and towel (labelled) . Children can wear their bathers under their uniform and change at school.
- Goggles and "rashies" if you wish.
- Plastic bag for wet bathers and towel.
- Slip on shoes/thongs for ease of dressing at the pool. Children must wear lace up shoes or sandals with straps while at school.

Mr Greg Downes DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

CONGRATULATIONS MR RODGERS

WACA staff nominated Mr Rodgers as the Cricket School Ambassador of The Year 2017/18.

There are over 900 school ambassadors in WA so it is a real privilege to be chosen for the award.

Mr Rodgers would like to thank the school admin for supporting his programs and the Deanmore Community for their continued enthusiasm for all things cricket.



Merit Awards Congratulations!

Room	2	Lucinda Meers	
Room	3	Dillon McDonald	Lylah Hayward-McRobert
Room	4	Vienna Watt	Jack Bell
Room	5	Zara Lynch	Cameron Smith
Room	6	Adele Taylor	River Taylor
Room	7	Billy Whittaker	
Room	8	Mitchell Gernon	Abi Cory
Room	9	Grace McConaghy	Remy Van Kan
Room	10	Izzy Drakeford	Finn Petersen
Room	11	Levi Ord–Hume	Jenna Dunbar
Room	12	Sabian Maretti	Daisy Turner
Room	13	Tyler Rhodes	Tia Veale
Room	14	Samuel Hebiton	Caoimhe Yule
Room	15	Jaya Negus-Smith	
Room	18	Noah Keegan	
Room	20	Jett Masiello	Livinia Caddaye
Room	21	Rebecca Rubens	Lisa Jarosz
Science	;	Cameron Nicholls	
Sport		Ruby Thompson	

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. Please use your child's surname as the reference.

Our bank account details are:

Account Name:	Deanmore Primary School
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BSB: 306 073

Account Number: 1006385

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

