

# DEANMORE PRIMARY

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School Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first humans landing on the moon. In fact, the exact date of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Apollo 11 touching down is July 20, 2019. For over a decade NASA launched 17 Apollo missions, with not all of these reaching or landing on the moon. While the names of Michael Collins, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Neil Armstrong will forever be linked to this significant achievement, there were many more people and much more work completed outside of the international gaze. There were many objectives for the Apollo missions besides just landing on the moon and the endeavours undertaken have advanced our knowledge and technology. However, all these achievements would not have been achievable without great vision and great daring. The spirit of the Apollo missions reflects our school's motto: **Aspire – Act – Achieve**. Although not every child or person can become an astronaut, just as not all of us will step onto the moon, everyone can dream big, aspire to something and work hard to achieve their goals. It is these attributes of our school motto that we look to instil in each child who comes to Deanmore Primary School. Together we look forward to help you child Aspire – Act – Achieve.

It is a pleasure to welcome back all the children and families to the new school year at Deanmore PS. We have 64 children starting in Kindergarten this year and I know their first year of formal education will be one of excitement, wonder and fun. In addition to these children joining our school community for the very first time, we welcome 25 new children. They are from a variety of places including other schools in Perth, country towns in Western Australia, interstate and from overseas. Currently we have 501 children enrolled which is a drop of about 15 children from 2018. On behalf of the school staff we look forward to a great year with you and your children.

This year we also have two new staff members joining our school community. **Mrs Megan Chestnut** will be sharing M4 – Year 2 with Ms Carol Griffiths. Mrs Chestnut will be working on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Chestnut has spent 4 years in the Kimberley at Bayulu Remote Community School. **Mrs Anh Naicker** will be teaching LOTE (Chinese) on Mondays and Tuesdays and also teaches at Millen Primary School. Welcome to you both and I know not only will you enjoy your time at Deanmore Primary School, you also bring with you great knowledge and experiences.

**Attendance is crucial** to ensuring that every child has a continuous and uninterrupted education. We want to see every child at school every day unless they are genuinely sick or due to an unavoidable reason. Research shows that unless a child is attending 95% of the time there is an impact on their learning. I have attached in this newsletter the document "Every Day Counts". This clearly outlines for parents the impact that missing days can have over the life-time of a child's schooling. Just as crucial is the impact that arriving late or leaving early can have on your child's learning. If your child does need to stay away from school, please let the school office or classroom teacher know. If your child arrives late (8:50am or later) they will need a late note before entering their classroom. If you need to take your child out during the day for an appointment they will need to be signed out through the front office. Teachers can't release a child without the appropriate paperwork from the front office.

**Dropping off and picking up children** at schools can be hectic and dangerous, if parents do not show patience and courtesy. To ensure the safety of your children it is important that you park in the appropriate places. Don't mount curbs, encourage your child not to run across roads and slow down. One of the biggest concerns is that parents use the staff carparks as a drop off zone or a place to park. This is not the case. Please stay out of these areas as I have seen parents try to race off when a staff member goes to speak to them, and it is very dangerous. Your assistance in this is greatly appreciated and these measures are put in place for the safety of your children.

It is a part of the school's uniform policy that children wear a **broad brimmed or bucket hat**. A cap does not cover eyes, necks and/or shoulders. Damage due to sun exposure is a known factor in developing types of skin cancer. All staff will be

This year Deanmore Primary School is adjusting its **behaviour management** processes. The foundation of our processes is Positive Behaviour Support which will come under the school's umbrella of "**Team Deanmore**". Teachers have been introducing their classes to our new behaviour management processes. This week you may have heard your child talking about Start and Stop behaviours; Behaviour Matrix; Tokens; 1, 2, 3 Take a Break and Dojo points. Your child's teacher will explain more at the upcoming teacher – parent class meetings in Week 2 and 3. In future school newsletter there will be regular information for parents. At the beginning of Term 3, we will do a full "Team Deanmore" launch for our whole school community. In the meantime, you can support the school and your child by asking them, what they received a token for and what they had to do to earn that token.

A quick reminder for returning families and information for new families regarding **when students can enter school and when they need to leave the grounds**. Students should not be at school before 8:30am unless they are here for a school activity. At 8:30am (8:40am for Kindy/Pre-primary) students go into their classroom to set-up for the day and be ready to start their first lesson at 8:50am. If a child comes to school before 8:30am, they are required to sit outside of Doolum with one of the school administration team; no child can be running around school grounds or playing on any equipment. After school the gates are closed at 3:30pm so all parents and children need to vacate the school grounds before then. Between 3:00pm and 3:30pm children can be in the junior play area (between Kwilena and Man-Yin-Ee) and the 'Red and Blue' only and under parent /carer supervision. Children are not to ride bikes or scooters on our grounds for safety reason.

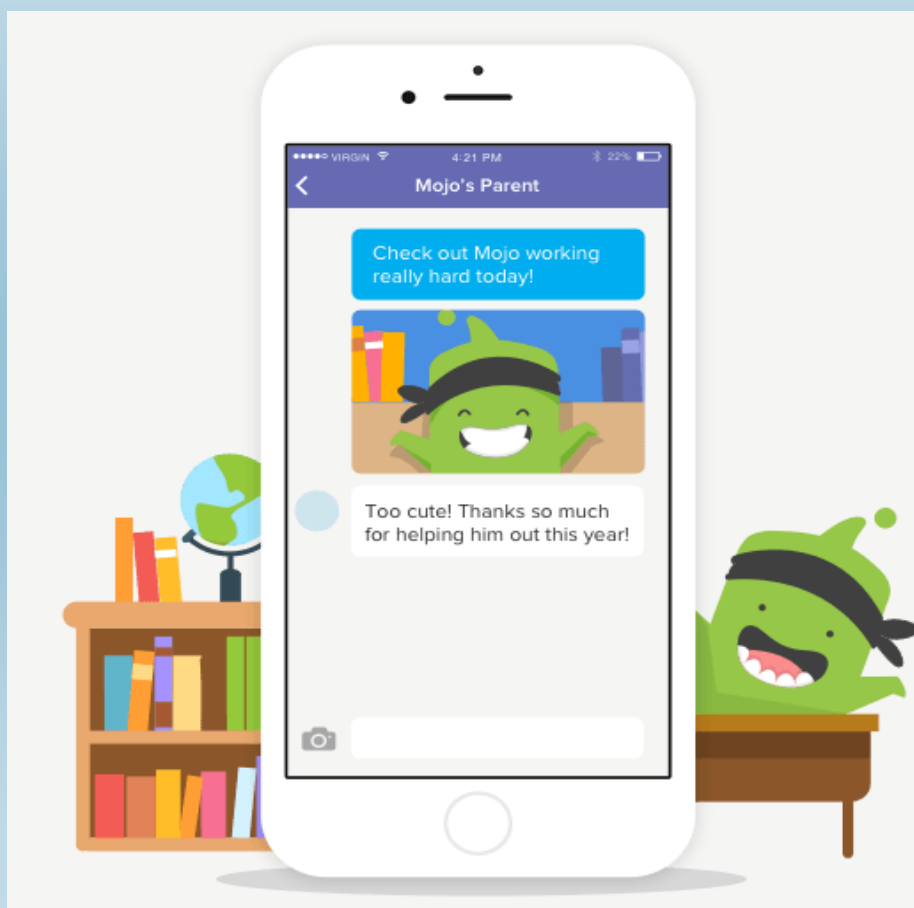
It is important that the school and parents work together to assist every child to get the best education they can while at school. Parents supporting school initiatives is very important and it makes it straight forward for your child. If consistent messages are being provided and followed it does not put a child in a difficult position. Children like to do the right thing and please adults and by working together we can help them do this.

I look forward to having a wonderful year and I thank parents in advance for their support and assistance.

**GEORGE CRAIG**

**PRINCIPAL**

**Have you joined your class Dojo yet?  
See your class teacher for login details.**





# 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.....

1 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!



# P&C News



Welcome and welcome back to all students, parents and carers. We hope you have all had a great break and are ready and raring to go for the 2019 school year!



The P&C are holding their **Annual General Meeting on Monday the 25th at 7.30pm** in the school staff room (enter through the front doors of the office and you'll find your way there). Everyone is welcome. There are a number of roles to fill (Treasurer, 2nd Hand Uniform Shop, Canteen Volunteer Coordinator), so we are looking for participation from the school community. Come along, see what goes on, and get involved!

## Contributions and Charges 2019

Voluntary Contributions are due to be paid.

When paying into the Deamore Primary School account please write your child's surname and what you are paying for.

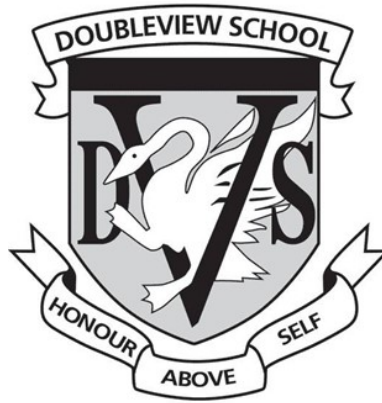
### Our bank account details are:

**Account Name:** Deanmore Primary School

**BSB:** 306 073

**Account Number:** 1006385

Payments of **cash or cheque** in envelopes are to be placed in the Blue boxes outside the front office.



- Please buy tickets in advance on Eventbrite.com website (Type in 'Doubleview' into event title to bring up event) so we know how many people are coming in advance.
- If you can't buy tickets using Eventbrite there will be 2 opportunities to buy tickets at the school prior to the event. We will be in the undercover area on:
  - Monday February 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 8:50am
  - Monday February 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 8:50am
- WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE EVENT!!!!
  - Please go to <http://signup.com/go/UifTHu> to sign up to be a volunteer to help out on the night.
  - Most shifts are only 1 hour
- Just a quick note that all children must have an adult at the event, they cannot come to the event on their own.
- There is a farm petting zoo from 6 to 7pm which we will be taking gold coin donations for to help fund.
- Please note we are opening the event up to the local community so please feel free to invite friends and family who may not have kids at the school.



# BABE™

A Little Pig  
Goes A Long Way

DVD  
VIDEO

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