

# DEANMORE PRIMARY

An Independent Public School

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School Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The great start to the school year has continued and it has been very pleasing to see a very high percentage of parents attend the general "Meet the class teacher" meetings this week and last. For many classes the number of parents attending has been 90% or higher. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's class teacher who will provide you with a document outlining what was covered.

Later this term there will be one-on-one **parent teacher meetings**. These will occur on Wednesday 10 April. The school will shut at 12:40pm and all children will need to head home or to OSHClub at that time. In the past these meetings were held in Term 3. With the School Board we looked at feedback from previous parent surveys and results indicated parent-teacher meetings are highly valued by our school community. A high percentage of parents indicated that they want these to continue but felt that Term 1 was a more suitable time than Term 3. In response to the parent surveys, we have moved the meetings to Term 1. The parent-teacher meetings are for all parent's/careers, Kindy to Year 6. For Year 4 to Year 6 classes students will also be in the meeting. With this newsletter is a note that requests parents to indicate a time block when they can attend a meeting. Please fill this note in and return it by Friday 15 March.

Late last year, Hon Sue Ellery Minister for Education and Training, released a 10 point plan to address **School Violence**. All staff at Deanmore PS have had the opportunity to go through this plan and what it means for our school behaviour management processes. This week I discussed the document with the School Board. As an organisation we know and understand that acts of violence within schools is very small and rarely occurs at Deanmore PS, however it is a serious issue that needs to be addressed by the whole community. The 10 Actions are very strongly worded and reflect the seriousness that the Government and the Department of Education places on this issue. For parents it is important to note that although there are actions Principals are required to follow, there are also processes that govern those actions and must be followed. It is important that parents take the time to read this document and it can be found on our website under the parent information section.

One new initiative that Deanmore P.S. has put in place this year is 'Team Deanmore'; **our new approach to behaviour management**. Many parents by now would have heard their child talk about Start and Stop behaviours; Tokens; Dojo points; Behaviour Matrix; Team Deanmore assemblies; and 1, 2, 3 Take A Break. Over the second half of 2018 the staff worked very hard in preparing our new positive approach to behaviour management. From day one of this year we have begun a soft launch. As it is new, and needs to be tailored for individual schools, we accept that we will have adaptations to our Behaviour Matrix and processes. While this is occurring, staff are explicitly teaching children our school values and the appropriate 'Start' and 'Stop' behaviours from Kindy to Year 6. At the beginning of Term 3 the school will conduct a community launch and parents will be invited to attend. In the meantime, parents can support their child by asking why they received a token and the school value they showed. It is important that parents understand that Dojo points are not a competition; they are a way for the school to collect data on the values the children are displaying, and the number of positive interactions shown in the classroom and playground.

This week I reviewed the school's **Dress Code Policy** with the school board, and it will come into effect straight away. There are very few adjustments to what is already commonly understood about our dress code policy. The main changes are as follows:

- ◆ Children are expected to wear broad-brimmed or bucket hats from Kindy to Year 6. Many children already have these and are wearing them. For Year 6 children I would not expect parents to rush out and buy a school hat. Year 6 children for 2019 can wear non-school versions if they are not offensive or have any inappropriate logos.
- ◆ When participating in Phys-ed or sporting events proper runner/joggers/sneakers are to be worn.

[Parents can access the updated policy on our website under School Info/Policies.](#)

This term I am putting together the school's response to the **2017 Expert Review Group visit** and findings. Over the last 18 months the school has been addressing the findings and implementing our school improvement plan. If all goes as expected I should hear during Term 2 whether the school has met all the findings and can move forward from the ERG report.

Currently some staff have expressed interest in accessing the use of a **School Therapy Dog**. Although not yet wide spread, the use of these types of animals are becoming more common. Therapy Dogs have proven to be very beneficial for students with additional needs such as anxiety, social and emotional difficulties and special needs. I am sure that people would understand that to make this happen there are several issues that must be addressed. The first and most significant issue is to identify if we have any child that have been identified as being allergic to dogs. If your child is allergic to dogs please let me know as soon as you can so I can discuss the process with you personally.

George Craig

Principal

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### School Farm

Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who helped weed the school farm. Many hands did make light work. If you are interested in joining our farm parent committee, please contact Narelle with your expression of interest at [narelle.morisey@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:narelle.morisey@education.wa.edu.au)

### Swimming Lessons

Year 2, 3 and Room M1 will be participating in swimming lessons from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Forms and money to be placed in the blue boxes outside the office.

**Narelle Morisey, Deputy Principal**

## TECHNOLOGIES UPDATE

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members.

After consultation with the school board, Deanmore teachers and the parent community are further investigating the introduction of a 1-1 BYOD iPad program for 2020. As a result, we are establishing a parent steering committee to ensure the parent voice is being heard in the decision making process.

As a committee we will be considering the impact of introducing this program to Deanmore's students and the benefits it will have on student learning.

As a member of the committee you will be required to attend committee meetings, that will be held each term and support and promote the committee's decisions in the community.

Our first meeting will be on Thursday the 21st of March 2019, time TBC with committee members.

If you would like to be a member of Deanmore's Technologies Parent Steering Committee in 2019, please email your interest to [lisa.sampey@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:lisa.sampey@education.wa.edu.au) and preferred day and time.

**Lisa Sampey**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE LABELLED COLLECTION BOX BY FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

### Parent/Carer-Teacher Interviews Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 1:20pm – 6:00pm

To enable the school to organise effective and meaningful parent/carers-teacher meetings, could you please fill in the information below. Interviews will be 7 minutes in length and will consist of providing you with information about your child/ren's progress and behaviour. **Please indicate a preferable time slot below and return the slip to the office collection box by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

**Please note:** The school will close at 12:40pm and all students are to either go home or OSHClub facilities are available. Years K-3 will be parents/carers interview only and Years 4-6 will be parents/carers and student interviews. Children are not to be left unsupervised during interview times. The school will provide supervised designated areas for the duration of your scheduled interviews ONLY.

Any queries, please contact Narelle Morisey.

**Parent/Carer name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child 1 Full name :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Room** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child 2 Full name :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Room** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child 3 Full name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Room** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child 4 Full name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Room** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child 5 Full name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Room** \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your **preferred** time slot (please circle one option):

**1:00pm – 3:00pm**

**3:15pm – 5:50pm**

**Either session**

**I am unable to attend a parent-teacher interview**



# 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!

## Deanmore Netball Club



If you are in Years 2-6  
and are interested in playing  
Netball this year,  
please contact the Netball Coordinators  
for registration information.

### **Registration Day**

Wednesday, 27 February 2019

### **Deanmore Club Co-ordinators**

Katherine – [drakeford.katherine@gmail.com](mailto:drakeford.katherine@gmail.com)

Wendy – [warubens@bigind.com](mailto:warubens@bigind.com)

## 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.