



Debney Meadows
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Debney Meadows Newsletter

Term 2 Volume 3

11 May 2009

Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much to parents and students for supporting the Cake Stall funding activity. Our year 6 Fundraising Leaders have worked hard and managed to raise \$126.15. There will be another fund raising activity soon.

Year 3 and year 5 students have spent the last couple of weeks preparing for the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) which will be held this week.

Tuesday 12th May- Language Conventions and Writing,

Wednesday 13th May- Reading,

Thursday 14th May- Numeracy.

Students will be moving to the test areas at 9am so it is very important students have an early night, a good breakfast and arrive at school on time on each of these days.

Please remember our School Council today, Monday 11th May at 3:30pm. We will be looking at ways we can increase the number of students enrolled at the school so we can increase the number of teachers employed, the number of programs offered and increase the educational opportunities for all students. School Council meetings are open to parents to participate in discussions. We would greatly appreciate your attendance and ideas at this meeting.

We hope to see you there.

Christine Nash

Principal

After School Care

Active After School Communities Coaches.

Tuesday- Games, Wednesday- Soccer, Thursday- Skateboarding.





Parenting Program for Parents of Adolescents

Based on ABCD program.

Tips for dealing with issues parents face raising adolescents in Australia e.g. drugs, setting limits, cross-cultural issues etc.

Starts Friday May 8th for 5 weeks 9:30-12:00

(includes morning tea)

Please let Claire or Jo know if you are interested.

Dates to Remember

School Council Meeting

Monday 11 May 3.30 - 5pm

NAPLAN

Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13, Thursday 14 May

Healthy Lunch & Dinner Program

Flemington Community Centre

Thursday 14 May 10 - 11.30am

“Adolescent Parenting Program”

Friday 15 May 9.30 - 12noon

(includes morning tea)

Queen’s Birthday Holiday

Monday 8th June

School Council Meeting

Monday 15 June 3.30 - 5pm

Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 23 & Wednesday 24 June 3.30 - 6.30

Last Day of Term

Friday 26 June 1.30pm finish

This newsletter item features an article that highlights some of the activities that are taking place at the school. Please contact Michael O’Brien on 9376 1622 or email obrien.michael.b@edumail.vic.gov.au



Debney Park Secondary College Information Evening

Primary school students and their parents are invited to attend an information evening which will provide an opportunity to learn more about our programs and to tour the school. Primary students will be able to work with some of our teachers and students by participating in some fun activities. Parents will be able to meet current parents of young people at Debney and discuss all of the issues surrounding the selection of a secondary school.

Wednesday 13 May 2009

7:00 to 9:00pm, followed by light refreshments

Debney Park Secondary College Library

167-175 Mt. Alexander Road, Flemington 3031

RSVP to Hue Borzini on 9376 1622 or Borzini.hue.v@edumail.vic.gov.au

Student Representative Council



Hi! I'm Hellen ,
I am the Fundraising leader and Kim-My too. I helped at the cake stall with Kim-My, Omar, Maya, Anh, Jennifer, Liban and Majak. It was very tiring. But it was fun. Thanks to all the parents that brought in cakes and thanks to whoever bought cakes. We raised \$126.15, which was a lot of money because one cake was 50c but all together we raised \$126.15. And that's all I want to say now, goodbye.



Healthy Lunches & Dinners

Come together to learn, share ideas and make some healthy family foods for packed lunches and delicious dinners. **FREE!**

This Thursday is dinner at
Flemington Community Centre

Interpreters and Childcare available.



SCHOOL TOURS AND INFORMATION SESSIONS

We are offering school tours and information sessions on the following dates:

Wednesday 13th May 9:30 – 10:30am

Wednesday 20th May 9:30 – 10:30am

KINDERGARTEN TO SCHOOL TRANSITION

Children from our local kindergartens will attend school transition visits on the following dates:

St Brendans (Dianne)

Thursday 28th May 10:00 – 10:50am Library and prep classroom

Friday 29th May 10:00 – 10:50am Library and prep classroom

Hopetoun (Sarah)

Monday 11th May 9:15 – 10:00am Library and outside playground

Wednesday 27th May 9:15 – 10:00am

Thursday 4th June 9:15 – 10:00am Computer Lab and sandpit

Tuesday 9th June 9:15 – 10:00am

Students' Work

Our student contribution this week is a narrative by Megan Le from 4/5/6K. Please see Milita if you would like your work to published in the newsletter.

FRIENDS 4 EVER

It is 2 more weeks before school ends for Natalie, Rosalie and Lina. They have been best friends since kindergarten and they have pledged that they would be best friends forever.

"I'm going to throw a party at my place tomorrow! Do you want to come Natalie and Rosalie?" said Lina. "Sure! I'd love to come!" replied Natalie. Rosalie thought about it for a while. Then she said "I don't have anything to do tomorrow so sure!" Lina was happy with joy and jumped around the classroom. After school had ended Lina ran all the way home excited about the party. She found her home all decorated and saw her parents setting up the food. "Can you help with the food Lina?" asked her mother. "Sure!" replied Lina. And so Lina stayed up late to finish up the decoration.

The next day at school Lina kept looking at the time just waiting for school to end. When the bell went Lina ran up to Natalie and Rosalie and said "I'll meet you at my place today!" Natalie smiled at her and said "Sure! It's going to be a blast!" Rosalie hugged Natalie and Lina.

"I wonder what I should wear..." said Natalie as she looked through her wardrobe. She kept trying on different types of clothes but kept throwing them. Finally she found a black and grey checkered dress that had a black belt around it. Natalie heard the doorbell ring and she knew it was Rosalie. She ran down the stairs and opened the door. Rosalie was wearing a plain red dress. "Shall we go?" "Okay!" replied Natalie. Natalie waved goodbye to her mother and headed off to the party.

Natalie and Rosalie both heard loud pop music and ran towards Lina's home. They both saw the front door open and saw Lina standing there. "Come in!" yelled Lina. When they went in, the party was crowded with people. It was an amazing sight. They had never been to a party this crowded. Natalie, Rosalie and Lina sat down on a couch. "So what secondary school are you going to?" asked Lina. "Not sure. I haven't really thought about it yet." replied Natalie. Rosalie just nodded her head in agreement. "Same with me." replied Lina. They sat there in silence for a moment. "Well whatever happens we will still be best friends right?" "Of course we will!" replied Lina. They put their hands together and yelled "FRIENDS FOREVER!!!" After they ate Natalie started to dance to the music. Lina and Rosalie joined in with her and soon all the guests danced together. Then they all went home exhausted from the party.

The next day at school the teacher had given extra homework. Rosalie groaned and sighed. She wasn't good at returning her homework on time. Rosalie thought that she would get someone to help her. Before school had ended Rosalie walked up to Lina and said "If you have time today, could you help me with my homework?" "Sure! I might need some help too!" replied Lina. Rosalie invited Natalie as well. She said that she would be a few minute late.

Rosalie and Lina were sitting together in the lounge room. It was a bit awkward not talking while they were working. "Your party was really fun! I had a great time!" said Rosalie. "Yeah it was fun although it was crowded! Haha!" said Lina. They smiled at each other and continued to work. Rosalie thought about the party for a while then said "Natalie looked really pretty at the party don't you think?" Lina looked really timid and had stopped writing. She looked at Rosalie and said "But deep down, she's not as pretty..." Rosalie was quite shocked to hear that from Lina. "She thinks she's pretty but from my point of view she's just plain ugly." Then all of a sudden Natalie was standing there with a blank face.

It was dead silent in the living room. There was an aura that was deadly. Rosalie looked at Lina and Natalie. They were looking down at their homework with blank faces. Rosalie tried to brighten up the mood. "Do any of you need any help?" she said. "No" said Natalie and Lina in a monotone voice. Rosalie laughed nervously then went back to her homework. She decided to try again. "Hey Natalie, could you show me this part?" said Rosalie. "Oh for this part you do this" said Natalie. Rosalie looked at Lina and saw her face being really blank. After a while Lina started to glare at Natalie in a deadly way. Natalie then started to glare as well. "Why are you glaring at me?!" yelled Lina. Natalie yelled back "You were doing it first!!" Rosalie looked at them and she was speechless. "Why are you making those sneaky remarks anyway?! Talking behind my back. I thought we were best friends!" yelled Natalie with fury. Lina spluttered out "T-that's-" "I've had enough of you! I'M LEAVING! GOODBYE!!!" screamed Natalie as she left. Natalie and Lina then stopped talking to each other for a few days. They wouldn't even look at each other. Rosalie wanted to help but didn't know what to do.

The next day Rosalie decided to talk with Natalie. "Hey, are you okay?" said Rosalie concerned voice. "Yeah I was just thinking about graduation. I was thinking... maybe I should apologize to Lina by going to the school party with her" said Natalie. Rosalie agreed with her and smiled.

So the next day Natalie was searching for Lina at the party. It took her only a few minutes before she found Lina. Lina was looking for something too. Then Natalie ran up to Lina and said "Hey Lina! I wanted to apologize for what I said the other day. I'm really sorry!" Lina looked speechless for a moment then smiled. "I'm sorry too. I thought about what I said and realized it was wrong." Said Lina. Rosalie walked up to them and hugged them tightly. They all went to the dance floor and danced as much as they could. Then came graduation. The principal made some speeches then said to the graduates "Thank you for being such great students. We will miss you all deeply but I hope you've enjoyed being here. Thank you and GOOD LUCK!" Everyone clapped and yelled in joy. "Well I guess it's over now" said Natalie. Lina smiled and said "Oh no. It's only the beginning!".

"Oh shoot! I'm late!" yelled Lina as she ran out the front door. Then she saw two figures. It was Natalie and Rosalie! "Hey!! Wait up!" yelled Lina. She ran up to them and was tired from running. "You're late!" said Rosalie. Lina just smiled at them. Then they walked off to their new school. "I guess we're together again huh?" said Rosalie. Natalie saw their new secondary school up ahead. Lina smiled and pointed at the school. "Look there it is!" said Lina. It felt like their life was just beginning. "No matter what happens, we will be best friends forever" said Lina. The three of them put their hands together. They looked at each other. "All together now!" said Rosalie. They threw their hands up and yelled "FRIENDS FOREVER!!!".

The End

By Megan Le



Free Come and Try Pass

Designed to get your child active and in a friendly and fun environment. This free come and try pass entitles you to one free lesson in either the soccer or basketball program.

Junior Basketball
Ages 7-12 year olds
Thursday 4.30pm-5.30pm

Junior Soccer
Ages 7-12 year olds
Monday 4.30pm-5.30pm

49-53 Buncle Street, North Melbourne VIC 3051
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KINDERGARTEN TO SCHOOL TRANSITION

Children from Hopetoun Kindergarten visited Debney Meadows today. Our student leaders Ikhra and Imam helped the children in the library and at the playground. We look forward to more kindergarten visits.

