



Debney Meadows
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Debney Meadows Newsletter

Term 2 Volume 8

15 June 2009

Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday 16th 456A and 456K will be performing at BMW Edge as part of the SongRoom program. We wish them luck and hope they have a very successful performance and enjoyable day.

The school has purchased a stove for the After School Care kitchen. We are currently obtaining quotes for its installation and hope to have it fully functional for the start of term 3. The Kiwanis and Women's Peace Group are each planning to donate kitchen equipment and utensils. Dousta Gala Community Health plan to run another Healthy Foods Program next term. I am sure teachers will also plan to conduct some cooking sessions with classes in the downstairs kitchen. We would like to explore some other food options for fund raising such as soup or pizzas. If any parents are interested in helping us plan and prepare healthy foods we could sell as a Friday lunch fund raiser please leave your name with Khadra, Helen or Jo.

I imagine parents are aware of the difficulties we have had heating the school building this term. Our 35 year old heating system has stopped working and there are very few people in Victoria who have experience with this old system. Students, teachers and parents found it very difficult to keep warm last week. We have finally located someone who is familiar with this type of system. He completed most of the repairs on Thursday. We hope he will complete the work and have the heater running in the next couple of days. It will be a great relief to all when we can learn and work in warmth again.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) Sausage Sizzle fund raising activity on Wednesday was very successful. \$175.00 was raised. The SRC plan to put this money towards the purchase of an additional computer for the computer laboratory. Thank you very much to the parents who helped with the BBQ and food preparation. The SRC plan to have these fund raising activities on a regular basis. They are planning to hold a cake stall this Friday.

We greatly appreciate your support.

Christine Nash

Principal



Cake Stall

Friday 19 June



We are asking each family to donate a large cake or equivalent on Friday morning (19th June) so we can sell them to students at lunchtime. The SRC mentioned that at our last Cake Stall we ran out of cakes and some students missed out. We will send a reminder and plastic plates home on Wednesday afternoon.



SCHOOL NEWS

After School Care

Active After School Communities Coaches.

Tuesday - Games

Wednesday - Arts & Crafts

Thursday - Skateboarding

Come and join in the fun!

Dates to Remember

Cake Stall

Friday 19 June

Family Life Program

Year 5 & 6

22 June

BMW Edge Excursion - SongRoom

456A & K

Tuesday 16 June

Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 23 & Wednesday 24 June

3.30 - 6.30

Last Day of Term

Free Dress Day

Friday 26 June 1.30pm finish

Term 4 Begins

Monday 13 July

H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) – Update as at 15 June 2009

At the present time Debney Meadows Primary School has not had any reported cases of H1N1 influenza.

We encourage families to continue with standard good hygiene practices and the Department of Human Services recommends the following measures to reduce the risk of the spread of influenza virus:

- Keep your child at home if they are unwell. This is particularly important in relation to coughs, colds and flu which spread through both droplet infection and direct contact. Students should also be kept at home if they have a fever or gastro intestinal symptoms as these can also be signs of influenza.
- Use tissues and dispose of them properly.
- Wash hands often and thoroughly.
- Visit your doctor if unwell or hospital if very ill.
- If unwell avoid public places and close contact with others.

If parents have any concerns please refer to:

www.health.vic.gov

www.education.vic.gov.au

Swine Influenza Hotline Phone: 180 2007

Nurse-On –Call Phone: 1300 606 024

Students' Work

This week's contribution is a narrative written by Kim-My 4/5/6K. Her inspiration came from two short stories she read on the internet. Kim-My then adapted these using her own ideas to write *My Eye*.

Please see Milita if you would like your work to be published in the newsletter.

My Eye

My mum only had one eye. I hated her... She was such an embarrassment. She cooked for the students and teachers to support the family.

There was this one day during primary school where my mum came to say hello to me. I was so embarrassed. How could she do this to me? I ignored her. Threw her a hateful look and ran out.

The next day at school one of my classmate said "EEEEEE! Your mum only has one eye." I wanted to bury myself. I also wanted my mum to disappear. I confronted her that day and said "If you're going to make me a laughing stock why don't you just die?!" My mum did not respond... I didn't even stop to think for a second about what I had said because I was full of anger. I was oblivious to her feelings. I wanted out of that house and have nothing to do with her. So I studied real hard. And I got a chance to go abroad to study. Then, I got married and bought a house of my own. I had kids of my own. I was happy with my life my kids and the comforts. Then one day my mother came to visit me. She hadn't seen me in years and she didn't even meet her grandchildren. When she stood by the door my children laughed at her. And I yelled at her for coming over uninvited. And I said "How dare you come to my house and scare my children! GET OUT OF HERE NOW!" And to this my mother quietly answered "Oh I'm sorry I may have gotten the wrong address." And she disappeared out of sight. One day a letter regarding a school reunion came to my house and it said...

"You have been invited to attend ELM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL'S 20 YEAR REUNION!" So I lied to my wife that I was going on a business trip. After the reunion I went to the old shack just out of curiosity. My neighbours said that my mother died. I did not shed a single tear. They handed me a letter that she wanted me to have.

MY DEAREST SON,

I THINK OF YOU ALL THE TIME. I'M SO SORRY THAT I CAME TO YOUR HOUSE AND SCARED YOUR CHILDREN. I WAS SO GLAD WHEN I HEARD YOU WERE COMING FOR THE REUNION. BUT I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO EVEN GET OUT OF BED TO SEE YOU. I'M SORRY THAT I WAS A CONSTANT EMBARRASSMENT TO YOU WHEN YOU WERE GROWING UP. YOU SEE... WHEN YOU WERE VERY LITTLE YOU GOT INTO AN ACCIDENT AND LOST YOUR EYE. AS A MOTHER, COULDN'T STAND AND WATCH YOU HAVING TO GROW UP WITH ONE EYE. SO I GAVE YOU MINE. I WAS SO PROUD OF MY SON WHO WAS SEEING A WHOLE NEW WORLD FOR ME, IN MY PLACE WITH AN EYE.

WITH ALL MY LOVE TO YOU.

YOUR MOTHER

By Kim-My