



Debney Meadows
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Debney Meadows Newsletter

Term 1 Volume 2

16 February 2009

Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to announce we had a highly successful cake stall on Friday, run by our year 6 student leaders and raised \$260. Thank you to all parents for donating cakes. We plan to conduct more fund raising events in the next few weeks to donate to the Bush Fire Relief including all the funds raised at our Market Day Stalls on Clean Up Australia Day, 1st March. If you wish to set up a stall or want to donate any unwanted items for the school to sell please let us know. Please let others know about the market day event.

It has been wonderful to see almost every student in full school uniform this week. In fact the only students not yet in full school uniform are those waiting for the suppliers to fill their orders. All students are now sun smart and wearing their school hat out in the yard at recess and lunch.

Today is the start of the Preps full-time school program. They will be sharing the same play times as the rest of the school and will finish at 3:15pm. Erica from the Songroom has commenced the music/ drama program with classes. Literacy and Numeracy groups have been set up and teachers have finalised plans for the term's work. After School Care has commenced its Active After School Care Activities.

We will be meeting with volunteers from U3A to discuss the volunteer reading program. I understand volunteers are keen to start soon.

Everything is falling into place and everyone is busy.

Christine Nash

Principal

Swimming Program

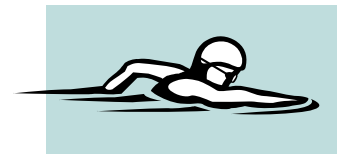
Swimming starts this Friday the 20th February at Kensington Community Recreation Centre. The program will run for seven weeks ending on Friday 3rd April. Students will have a thirty minute lesson provided by qualified aquatic education teachers. A bus will transport students to and from the pool.

The program focuses on 3 components

Water Safety

Stroke Development

Personal Development



It is expected that all students participate as water safety is important.



SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Information Sessions

Positive Behaviour Support Program (Behaviour Management)

Friday 20 February

Cultural Diversity

Friday 6 March

Integrated Inquiry Based Learning

Friday 20 March

All sessions from 9.30 - 11am

EMA Reminder

Reminder for all families eligible to apply for Educational Maintenance Allowance. Please apply at the office before 27th February.

EMA is paid in 2 instalments \$77.35 for the 1st half of the year and \$33.15 for the 2nd half of the year. Families have the option of collecting a cheque at the school or having the funds transferred into a bank account.

We strongly encourage families to use part of their 1st EMA instalment to pay for the swimming fees.

Dates to Remember

Swimming Program Begins

Friday 20 February

Lunchtime Sausage Sizzle

Friday 27 February

Clean Up Australia Day and Market Day

Sunday 1 March

School Council Meeting

Monday 2 March

Labour Day Holiday

Monday 9 March

Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 17 March

Wednesday 18 March

School Council Annual General Meeting

Monday 30 March

Last Day of Term

Friday 3 April

StArs Homework Club

Need help with homework or quiet space to get it done?

StArs Homework Club in Melrose St North Melbourne is back for 2009, on a NEW day. We are now meeting on **Mondays**, from 3:45-6pm. The club is free for all students in Grade 3 to 6. Trained tutors can help with all school subjects, with English, and with getting more organised.

For more information, or if you are interested in joining, contact Fiona on 9326 1347 or homework_stars@hotmail.com, or call in to St Albans Anglican Church Hall, corner of Melrose and Mark St, North Melbourne, on Mondays between 3:30 and 6.





Debney Meadows Market Day and Flemington Clean Up Day Sunday 1st March

On Sunday 1st March Debney Meadows will be hosting the Flemington Clean Up Australia Day event coordinated by the Moonee Ponds Creek Co-ordination Committee, Citylink Creek Connections Program as well as holding our Term 1 Market Day. The Clean Up Event has received funding to provide food. Bronwyn Riddell is asking if we have any parent volunteers who would be willing to cook and serve some of their cultural food for the event. The funding will cover all costs of ingredients. Please let Khadra, Helen or Jo know if you are interested.

We have attached a flyer asking for people interested in running a stall on the day. We are expecting about 200 people and many from outside the area so plenty of opportunity to make a lot of sales. The school is asking for a donation of 10% of sales. The money raised will be donated to the Bushfire Appeal Fund.

Please keep Sunday 1st March free

School Council Election

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

Nominations are now being sought for three parent representatives on the Debney Meadows Primary School Council.

Nomination forms are available from the office from Tuesday February 17th and will close on Tuesday 24th February.

If an election is necessary it will be conducted from Monday 2nd March until Monday 9th March.

If you are interested in School Council and wish to know more of the role of a School Councillor please feel free to talk to me or Louise.

Christine Nash

Flemington Community Centre Child Care Now Open

Childcare is now available at the Flemington Community Centre from 9.30 to 2.30 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. 5 hours will cost \$15, although you can book for less time.

For more information please contact the Centre on 8325 1808 or drop by and talk to the staff at 25 Mt Alexander Road, Flemington.

Valuables

Reminder to families that students are not to bring valuable items to school. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Education does not provide insurance to cover the replacement of lost or broken equipment or items that students or teachers bring to school.

Cake Stall



Big thank- you to everyone for their support of our cake stall. We have raised over \$260 which will be donated to the Bushfire Relief Fund. Fantastic work by our grade six leaders. We hope to have more fundraising events soon.



SWIMMING 2009

Swimming starts this Friday at the Kensington Community Centre Pool in Altona Street Kensington. Parents are welcome to come along to assist with changing our younger students.

Lessons are:

456A and 456C	11:00 – 11:30
34C	11:30 – 12:00
P1L	12:00 – 12:30
12J	12:30 – 1:00

Students not attending will be studying water safety during these times at school.

DEBNEY MEADOWS SENIOR CHOIR

Debney Meadows Primary School Senior Choir have been invited to perform at the Flemington Festival on Sunday March 22nd. Duncan Foster will assist the choir on the day and rehearsals will be at school every Friday at 2:15pm.



**JOIN US TO CREATE A CLEAN CREEK COMMUNITY
ON CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY!!!**

Sunday March 1st 2009.

Moonee Ponds Creek Co-ordination Committee, CityLink Creek Connections program will be coordinating this event at Debney Meadows Primary School, and working with other agencies to encourage all people who live or work along the creek to focus on an annual clean up and then to all come together to celebrate the diverse community by sharing knowledge of the creek, food and music

This event will bring together many different groups with the aim of creating a better, cleaner and more harmonious place to live and play. It is a wonderful way of encouraging the various communities to come together to participate in a positive activity that has an immediate impact on the way their local environment looks, which contributes to changing the way they feel about their neighbourhood.

Volunteers are invited to attend a free lunch at the Debney Meadows Primary School after the morning's Clean Up

Date: Sunday 1st March 2009

Where: Debney Meadows Primary School
Melway Map 29 A12

Time: 10:00 Clean up registration
12:30 Lunch
2:30 Finish

For further information contact Bronwyn on 0438 355 953

Citylink Creek Connections.