



Debney Meadows
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Debney Meadows Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

Parent Information and Consultation Session

We are hoping to invite all parents to attend a parent information and consultation meeting about the implementation of the Positive Behaviour Support Program. We plan to hold 2 meetings and parents have the choice of either: Thursday 19th March 7:30 to 9:00pm (evening) or Friday 20th March 9:30 to 11:00am (morning). In order for the Positive Behaviour Support Program to be successful the school needs to work in close partnership with parents. We plan to give an outline of the program and to seek advice from parents as to behaviours they see as a problem and therefore what positive behaviours you want the school to focus on. We also want to discuss ideas we have for our Acknowledgement program and seek suggestions and advice from parents. We will be seeking an indication about the meeting you are able to attend at the parent teacher interviews on Tuesday and Wednesday.

I also want to draw parent's attention to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of School Council we are holding on Monday 30th March 3:30 to 5:00pm. It is very important that parents are informed and participate in decisions about the school. Attendance at this year's AGM is a good way to achieve this.

We hope to see you there and really appreciate your support and input.

Christine Nash

Principal

School Uniform

Student uniforms are looking fantastic from the waist up. Parents have requested that we locate a different style of black pants which is inexpensive and can be ordered through the office. We have done this. Parents will be able to view samples and place orders for these pants at the office during school hours or during parent teacher interview times. We also now have white hijabs available for sale. (maroon hijabs have sold out)

Please remember, as well as the school polo shirt and maroon windcheater or bomber jacket, students are required to wear **plain black** dress pants, tracksuit pants, leggings, skirt, shorts or **black** jeans. Grey, striped, khaki jungle print, blue denim or any colour other than black shorts, pants, jeans, skirt or leggings are NOT ACCEPTABLE and not part of the school uniform. Different coloured Tshirts or long sleeved shirts (other than maroon) which can be seen under the school polo shirt or jacket are NOT ACCEPTABLE. Students will be asked to remove these items or parents contacted to bring a suitable change of clothes.

We would appreciate any donations of unwanted uniform items for this purpose.

SWIMMING PROGRAM 2009

Reminder notes have been sent home to families who still need to pay for their swimming program. **Please pay THIS WEEK.** If you would like the money to come out of your EMA payment please see Jo at the office.



SCHOOL NEWS

Dates to Remember

Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 17 March

Wednesday 18 March

School Council Annual General Meeting

Monday 30 March

Last Day of Term

Friday 3 April

First Day Term 2

Monday 20 April

Year 5 & 6 Transition Expo

Moonee Ponds West Primary School

Wednesday 29 April

4pm to 7.30pm

Parent Information Sessions

Positive Behaviour Support

Thursday 19 March

7.30 to 9pm (evening)

Friday 20 March

9.30 to 11am (morning)



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

Debney Park Secondary College Information Evening

Parents of primary school children are invited to attend an information evening which will introduce you to many of the great things that Debney Park Secondary College is doing with respect to innovation in schooling and community capacity-building.

Please join us in exploring the possibilities that await you and your son or daughter at Debney Park.

Wednesday 13 May 2009

7:00 to 8:30pm, followed by light refreshments

Debney Park Secondary College Library

167-175 Mt. Alexander Road, Flemington (enter via Wellington Street)

RSVP by Monday 11 May to debney.park.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au

or contact the General Office on 9376 1622



Cultural Diversity Week

Cultural Diversity Week is celebrated in Victoria between 15-21 March. The Victorian Government is committed to promoting harmony and creating a society free of racism and intolerance. Many events are planned for Victorians of all ages, from all walks of life, to come together to contribute to community harmony and to promote mutual understanding and respect. The Week also marks the United Nations Day for the Elimination of Racism on 21 March and affirms our belief in the right for all Victorians to live without fear of racial and religious discrimination.

Diversity Rocks at Debney - FREE Concert

Sunday 22nd March 11:00am – 4:00pm

Come and celebrate Moonee Valley's rich cultural diversity at the inaugural Diversity Concert at Debney Park. Soak up the rhythms, move to the drum beat, clap your hands and get up and dance to the funkier music in the Valley. Delicious multicultural food, activities, stalls to browse and neighbours to meet.

Debney Meadows Primary School Choir will be performing at the Concert at 1:00pm. Duncan Foster has been working with the students teaching them songs from around the world.

Grade 1/2J will be attending a performance on Thursday the 19th March at BMW Edge in the city. If parents would like to attend please see Louise.

**Kids Go For
Your Life**

Debney Meadows has just been awarded a Kids Go For Your Life School. As a newly awarded school we will receive a "practical food education" kit to acknowledge this great achievement. We will also get a certificate and outdoor sign.

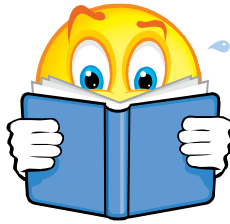
The Healthy Lunchbox Program will be back next term. Kemi will run the program on a Thursday from 10:00 – 11:30 am starting April 23rd.

The program will run for eight weeks.

1/2J CLASSROOM LIBRARY RULES

- Take care of all the books.
- Put the books back where they belong.
- Read one book at a time.
- Read quietly.

By Asma



1/2J

Funda Ismilli and Milita Jap
Year Six Student Leaders
Journalism

AMPHIBIANS



Where do amphibians live?
Land and water.

What do their eggs hatch into?
Larvae

What do they eat?
Insects, spiders and other small animals.

What are the three types of amphibians?
Frogs, Salamanders and caecilians.

Where do frogs lay their eggs? Water of damp places.

Why do fire salamanders have bright colours?
Salamanders have bright colours, which warn other animals that they taste bad.

Why aren't caecilians worms?
Because they have backbones.



BY
SELOMON