



Debney Meadows  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Debney Meadows Newsletter

Term 2 Volume 1

20 April 2009

## Principal's Report

Welcome back. I hope everyone enjoyed the two week break from the daily routine of school and are rested and ready for the busy term ahead. Our parent information and parent programs are commencing this term and we hope parents are able to participate in what we have scheduled. We have the first of our Parent Information Sessions starting on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. (9:30 to 11:00am) on Diabetes and Vitamin D deficiency. I apologise to any men who may be interested in attending but we have been asked to keep it strictly to women. There will be a number of bilingual health educators (Somali, Arabic and Vietnamese) from Diabetes Australia to talk about the health risks and symptoms of Diabetes. The bilingual health educators will be available after the session to answer questions and discuss any concerns with individuals. There will also be a 30 minute presentation about Vitamin D deficiency. We have booked interpreters for all the various languages within the school. We would like to have as many women as possible attend so please feel free to invite friends and neighbours.

### **Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DDECD) Proposal**

School Council is wanting to consult further with parents about the proposal from DEECD to consider and investigate the possibility (identify advantages and disadvantages) of a merger with Flemington Primary School. This meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon (Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April) 3:30 to 5:00pm and is very important that parents are informed and participate in decisions about the school. Again we have booked interpreters for all the various languages within the school.

Doutta Gala is starting their Healthy Lunch and Dinner Program this Thursday (23<sup>rd</sup> April) at Debney Meadows at 10:00am. The lunch cooking will be held at Debney Meadows and the dinner cooking at Flemington Community Health Centre until we have our oven and stove installed, which I hope will happen by early May.

Claire and Munira will be running another "Tuning in to Kids" Program starting Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. We hope to see you on Tuesday and hope you are able to participate in one of the other programs.

Christine Nash  
Principal

Congratulations to the two students for receiving the Kiwanis Awards for Term 1. Keep up the good work!





# SCHOOL NEWS

## School Uniform

Student uniforms are looking terrific. Feedback from parents is that it helps the school look very professional. We hope students continue to respect our uniform policy and we look forward to the day when all Debney Meadows Primary School students are in full uniform.

Reminder that we have black pants and white hijabs available to be ordered at the office.

## Dates to Remember

### Healthy Lunch and Dinner Program

Thursday 23 April

10 - 11.30am

### Parent Information Session

Diabetes and Vitamin D Deficiency

Friday 23 April

9.30 - 11am

### Year 5 & 6 Transition Expo

Moonee Ponds West Primary School

Wednesday 29 April

4pm to 7.30pm

### School Council Meeting

Monday 11 May 3.30 - 5pm

### Parent Meeting for School Council

Tuesday 21 May 3.30 - 5pm

### Market Day

Sunday 24 May 10am - 2pm

*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](mailto: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](mailto:debney.park.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au)

# Healthy Lunches & Dinners

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

“Lunches” at Debney Meadows Primary School  
Victoria St. Flemington

“Dinners” at Flemington Community Centre Kitchen every second week.

Thursdays

23 April – 11 June

10 – 11.30 am

More information or to enrol contact Anne on 9377 7143 or Jo on 9376 1570. Interpreters and Childcare available.



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