



Debney Meadows
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Debney Meadows Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

Everyone, especially the Preps were very excited about swimming on Friday. The swimming program got off to a very good start. Everyone in the school has chosen to participate in this year's program. Student behaviour was excellent and we look forward to this continuing for the whole program. Swimming will run until Friday 3rd April which is the last day of term. Parents are welcome to attend and assist with changing.

After swimming on Friday 27th February we are holding a sausage sizzle to celebrate Clean Up Australia School's Day and to raise further funds for the Bushfire Appeal. Sausages will be cooked and served under the sail covers in the yard after 1:30pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

In terms of **Cleaning Up Our School**, the senior grades have been looking at the problems of litter around our school. A major problem students (and parents) have identified is around the play equipment and mosaic in the shared parkland area. I have contacted the City of Moonee Valley about this problem and will do so every day this week if there continues to be lots of litter. I am told that several workers have been assigned to check on the area each morning so I plan to follow it up to ensure this happens. The other problem we can all see is the constant leaf litter which falls from the trees and blows around the yard, especially the basketball court and front of the school. We have employed two young men, Justin and Matt, who completed their year 12 and a VET course in Horticulture and Occupational Health and Safety at a local secondary school last year, each Monday to clean the leaf litter in the yard. We plan to continue the weekly leaf litter clean up until the end of Autumn.

Congratulations to the girls. All girls were wearing their uniform last week and almost all the girls in the school were in full school uniform, except for different coloured hijabs. I am only aware of 3 boys who are still waiting on uniform items still on order. However, most boys are only wearing their tops or jackets, often with street T-shirts underneath and different coloured pants. Come on boys. I thought you could do better than the girls. A number of students tell us their uniforms are in the wash. As students are expected to wear their uniforms every day of the school year it is advisable to purchase 2 or 3 of each item to allow for laundering. In fact it is a very inexpensive way of dressing your child as it saves the wear and tear on their good clothes.

We look forward to seeing you at Swimming, the Sausage Sizzle and Market Day.

Christine Nash

Principal

EMA Reminder

Reminder to all families eligible to apply for Educational Maintenance Allowance. Please apply at the office before this Friday 27th February. We will not be able to accept applications after this date. 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. It can also be used to pay for school uniforms or other costs parents are asked to pay.



SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Information Sessions

Cultural Diversity

Friday 6 March

Integrated Inquiry Based Learning

Friday 20 March

All sessions from 9.30 - 11am

Girls' Soccer 2009



Come and Try &
Registration Day

Sunday 1 March 2009

10.30am - 12 noon

Princes Park, Royal Parade, Carlton

U12, U13 & U15

Players from Melbourne Uni Women's
Soccer Club and Melbourne Victory
Women will be there to help run some
activities.

Dates to Remember

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

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.

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

This Sunday, 1st March 10am to 2pm is our much awaited Market Day and the Flemington Clean Up Australia Day event coordinated by the Moonee Ponds Creek Co-ordination Committee, Citylink Creek Connections Program. Food will be provided at 12:30pm. There will be a number of important invited guests including Minister Bronwyn Pike who will give a brief speech at 12 noon.

We have attached a flyer promoting our market and are seeking parent volunteers to do a letterbox drop on Wednesday 25th February to houses on the estate and in the local streets. The school is asking for a donation of 10% of sales for booked tables. We still have many more spaces for tables. If you would like to donate second hand items for the school to sell please let us know. The money raised will be donated to the Bushfire Appeal Fund. We are hoping to exceed last year's Market Day proceeds of \$825.

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
Principal

School Uniform

The school uniform consists of

short or long sleeved **maroon** polo top with the school logo (Prep to year 5)

light grey leadership polo shirt with the school leadership logo (year 6)

a maroon windcheater or bomber jacket

plain black tracksuit pants, leggings, skirt, shorts or **black** jeans.

lightweight red and white checked dress (with white or black leggings for those who prefer)

a white (in summer) or maroon hijab for the Muslim girls.

closed black school shoes with either Velcro, laces or buckles

runners are acceptable but they look much better if they are black.

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 also appreciate any donations of unwanted uniform items for this purpose.

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



It's that time of the year again — [Clean Up Australia Day](#) is fast approaching!

This year Clean Up Day is on Sunday 1st March.

There are seven sites along the creek where you can get involved (see pages 4 & 5 for maps, site descriptions and times).

Be part of **Creating Creek Communities** — join us after Clean Up for a **Multicultural Lunch**.

At the Debney Meadows Primary School, Flemington, there will be a special celebration — a multicultural lunch — African and Asian food, and an Aussie barbeque — to say 'thank you' to all the Clean Up Day volunteers along the creek and celebrate the achievements at the culmination of the CityLink Creek Connections Program.

There will be other activities too — if you have come in previous years you will know how much fun it is! There will be a market, henna painting, Waterwatch will be there, and there will be entertainment from the school children and a local community choir.

The celebration starts at 12.30pm, so you will have plenty of time to get down there when you have finished at your chosen site.

For further information contact MPCCC on
03 9333 2406.

Come prepared:

Please wear sturdy shoes and long pants; bring a hat, gloves and a bottle of water and don't forget to register on arrival!



Sites along the Creek

There are 7 sites along the creek registered for the Clean Up:

- *Gunung Willam Bulluk Learning Centre
- *Westmeadows
- *Gowanbrae
- *Strathnaver and John Pascoe Fawcner Reserves
- *Cross Keys Reserve
- *CityLink Creek Connections Flemington
- *North Melbourne