



Debney Meadows
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Debney Meadows Newsletter

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Principal's Report

H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) – Update as at 9 June 2009

As you would be aware, Victoria is now in a modified 'sustain' phase of its plan to manage the impact of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in our community. This means that only children confirmed by a doctor as having the virus will be quarantined. Those sharing a house with a confirmed case will not be required to enter quarantine, unless they too are confirmed as having the virus.

Classes who may have been in contact with a confirmed case will no longer be quarantined, and schools will no longer be partially or fully closed.

Students who are feeling unwell should remain at home and not attend school. Students and families with flu-like symptoms are advised to seek medical attention and limit their contact with others.

If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you immediately and ask you to arrange to collect your child. Please make sure that we have your up-to-date contact details.

It should be remembered, however, that the virus has so far been mild and can be compared to our normal winter flu.

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.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is also asking parents of children returning from USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama to voluntarily keep their children home for seven (7) days from arrival back in Australia. If the student becomes unwell during this time it will minimize the spread of the illness to other students.

If we are told of any cases of H1N1 influenza (Human Swine Flu) by DHS the school community will be informed.

If students have come into contact with people proven to be H1N1 positive we would appreciate families informing the school immediately.

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

We greatly appreciate your support.

Christine Nash

Principal



SCHOOL NEWS

After School Care

PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 12th JUNE

Reminder that there is a Pupil Free Day on FRIDAY 12th June. We are offering all day After School Care 9am to 6:00pm but you will need to book in by 3:30pm on Wednesday 10th June so we can organise staff. We only have 30 places available. Cost will be \$30 for the day and will be subsidised by Child Care Benefits depending on the amount of child care hours you have available.

Dates to Remember

Sausage Sizzle

Wednesday 10 June

Healthy Lunch & Dinner Program

Flemington Community Centre

Thursday 11 June 10 - 11.30am

Family Life Program

Year 5 & 6

Mondays 15 and 22 June

Pupil Free Day (state-wide) Report Writing

Friday 12 June

School Council Meeting

Monday 15 June 3.30 - 5pm

BMW Edge Excursion - SongRoom

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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



Sausage Sizzle Tomorrow

Don't forget our sausage sizzle is on tomorrow, Wednesday 10 May at lunch time. Sausages will cost \$2.00 each. All money will go towards Debney Meadows Primary School fundraising.

