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Newsletter

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Calendar for Term 2

MAY

Mon 16 - Fri 20 May

- Education Week

Tue 17 May

- School Photo Day 

Wed 18 May

- **Open Morning - 11.30am - 1pm**
- **Foundation Information Evening - 6.30pm**
- Lunchtime Chess - L3 & L4
- StartSMART Incursion - L5 & L6

Fri 20 May

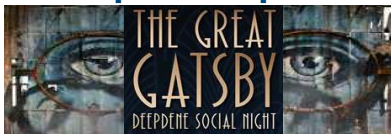
- PA Meeting - 9.00am
- Open Classroom Morning - from 8.15am
- * Second-hand Uniform Shop - **Change of date**

Wed 25 - Fri 27 May

- L5 Camp - Phillip Island

Sat 28 May

**The Great Gatsby
Deepdene Social Night
8pm - 11.30pm**



JUNE

Mon 6 - Fri 17 Jun

- Foundation 2017 Meetings

Mon 6 - Fri 10 Jun

- Planning Week

Wed 8 - Fri 10 Jun

- Book Fair

Wed 8

- School Council - 7pm

Mon 13 Jun

- **Queen's Birthday Holiday**

Wed 15 Jun

- DPS Chess Competition - F - L3 Girls Only

From the Principal...

Dear Families,

The Great Gatsby Night - Deepdene Social Night

Dress to impress and enjoy a fabulous evening of entertainment and conviviality! This parent social night will be held in the Centenary Hall on Saturday, May 28th. Support this important community event - tickets now on sale.

Congratulations to the forty nine runners who participated in the District Cross Country at Hayes Paddock last Thursday. Thank you to Tristan Schwaiger for his organisation, to other staff and parents who supported and to Simon Upchurch who again led all runners as 'the hare' on his bike. Well done and good luck to the following students who now qualify for Division Cross Country; Jess H, Ben B, Max H-W, Will L, Jayden S, Samuel S and Isabella C.

There is lots happening around the school as usual and having checked the diary for this week I see some of the highlights have included the Level 6 Canberra Tour; Level 1 and 2 Technology Club; Level 3 and 4 Chess Club; Level 5 and 6 Interschool Sport; Cross Country and Athletics training; and the NAPLAN testing with our Level 3 & 5 children. These activities and programs support and enhance our integrated units of work which are the focus for each learning area in the school.

Put on a happy smile, brush your hair, and tuck in your shirt! A reminder that our school photo day is next Tuesday, May 17th. Information and order packs have gone home to all families. A reminder that these photo envelopes are to be returned by the children **ON PHOTO DAY**.

Canberra Tour

The Level 6 children had an exciting departure on Monday for their tour to Canberra. The children are having a wonderful time visiting the many and varied places of interest. *The War Memorial* is a highlight and is often referred to as the most memorable feature of the trip. Other places of interest include the *High Court of Australia*, *Film and Sound Archives*, *Parliament House Education Centre*, *Questacon*, *Electoral Education Centre* and the *CISAC Swimming Centre*. The Level 6 Canberra Tour provides the children with the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of experiences that can be outside their normal 'comfort zone' and regular school and home routines.

I would sincerely like to thank and congratulate our staff; Simon Upchurch, Chris Vlahos, Alexis Savvas, Ed Schaeppman, Sue Evangelakos and Kim Shipley who are doing a fantastic job ensuring that all children have a memorable Canberra experience. These opportunities are only possible with the support of our enthusiastic and dedicated staff.

The Tour Group is due to arrive back Friday afternoon at **approximately 3.30pm**.

Education Week

Every week is 'Education Week' at Deepdene Primary School! One only needs to be around the school or look at our term planner to appreciate the variety of classroom programs and learning and teaching opportunities that we provide for our children every week of the school year.

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SCHOOL NEWS



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

Start entering the books you have read this year into the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge website!!

All Deepdene students from grades 1 to 6 are registered to participate in the Reading Challenge. Students should have started recording their book

s online using their username and password (as shown below). All class teachers have been given a list of the usernames and passwords.

Recording books online

Go to <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/>

Click on Student log in

Username: Child's first and last name in lowercase with no spaces

Password: deepdene1

For the children in the junior school, we encourage parents to get involved in the Challenge by helping them with the data entry.

The books on the Reading Challenge list in our Library have the following coloured labels :

Red K-2

Green 3-4

Purple 5-6

If the book read is not on the Reading Challenge list, you can still enter the title and author by clicking on

If you have any problem logging in, please tell your class teacher or come and see me in the Library on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Happy Reading!

Tina



DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 4th of May, some Deepdene students caught a bus to Hays Paddock to compete in the Kew District Cross Country running competition. Congratulations to all the competitors for cheering on their team mates and doing their best in their races. A special mention to those lucky students who made it through to the next round, Division Cross Country: Isabella C, Jess H, Ben B, Max H-W, Will L, Jayden S and Samuel S. Thank you to



all the parents who helped out and supported us on the day. Also another big thank you to Mr. Gross for entertaining us and keeping us behind the white line, as well as Mr. Upchurch who won every race while riding his bike! Deepdene wouldn't have been able to compete if Mr. Schwaiger didn't coordinate this. Good luck to those students who made it to the next round.

By Jess H. and Emily T.

SCHOOL NEWS

Thur 16 Jun

- DPS Chess Competition - Open
- Chamber Concert-7-8pm
All Instrumental Music Ensembles & Festival Singers

Mon 20 Jun

- Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wed 22 Jun

- Aladdin (Musical) - Whole School

Thur 23 Jun

- StartSMART Incursion - L5 & L6
- Disco

Fri 24 Jun

- Last Day of Term 2 - 2.30pm Finish



Calendar for Term 3

Mon 11 Jul

- First Day of Term 3

Deepdene Primary School

Second-Hand

Uniform Shop

3.00 pm – 3.30 pm

In Multi-purpose Room

It's not open 13th May



Opening Dates Term 2

Friday 20th May

Friday 27th May

Friday 10th June

Friday 24th June

Last day of Term 2
-opening 2-2.30pm

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This year Education Week will be celebrated in the week commencing May 16th. All parents are invited to visit the school to see normal classes and specialists' programs operating between 11.30am and 1.00pm on Wednesday, May 18th. Parents are also welcome to visit their children's classrooms from 8.15am on Friday, May 20th.

It would be fantastic to see some Dads doing the morning drop off during Education Week and visiting the classrooms.

A Foundation (Prep) 2017 Information Evening will be held on Wednesday, May 18th commencing at 6.30pm. Enrolment weeks for our 2017 Foundation (Prep) children will be from Monday, June 6th until Friday, June 17th, excluding Monday 13th (the Queen's Birthday Holiday).

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

The NAPLAN tests for Levels 3 and 5 have been conducted this week. The NAPLAN test results provide diagnostic information for parents about a child's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement.

If you have any questions about the NAPLAN testing program please speak to your child's classroom teacher or visit the NAPLAN website where you will find answers to frequently asked questions and information regarding past tests and sample questions. www.naplan.edu.au

Foundation 2017 Enrolment

If you are currently a member of the school community and have a child ready to commence school next year please call into the office to book a Foundation Enrolment Meeting time.

Stephen Rees

Principal

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

say cheese

Tuesday
17 May

THE GREAT GATSBY
DEEPDENE SOCIAL NIGHT

MAY 28 2016
8PM - 11.30PM

TICKETS \$30 PER PERSON

INCLUDES SIZEABLE CHEESE AND ANTIPASTO PLATE AND A SMALL DESSERT
B.Y.O. WINE WITH GLASSES SUPPLIED ON ALL TABLES
EXTRA PLATTERS MAY BE BOUGHT ON THE NIGHT

"IN HIS BLUE GARDENS MEN AND GIRLS CAME AND WENT LIKE MOTHS
AMONG THE WHISPERINGS AND THE CHAMPAGNE AND THE STARS."
F. SCOTT FITZGERALD, THE GREAT GATSBY

DRESS: GLAMOROUS 1920'S PARTY ATTIRE
DEEPDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
NO STILETTOS ALLOWED

SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parents and Families:

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: *encouraging kids to open a world of possible.*

Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – **Monster Book Fair** – surrounds students in the celebration of reading with hundreds of fun, engaging, affordable books for them to discover. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more, and like most acquired skills, the more children practice reading, the better they'll achieve.

Reading is vital to every child's success, and raising children as readers means getting involved while they're young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent's direct involvement in his/her child's education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair. Hope to see you there!

Book Fair Dates: Wednesday 8th June to Friday 10th June 2016

Shopping Hours: 3.00 to 4.00 p.m.

Venue: Centenary Hall

Help needed urgently! In order to run a successful Book Fair, we will need parent volunteers to help with the selling of books. It is fine if you can only stay for half an hour. Any help is greatly appreciated! If you are able to help, please complete the section below and return it to the Library or you can email deepdene.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au, attention to Tina.

Yes! I will be able to help at the Scholastic Book Fair.

Name: _____

Child: _____ Class: _____

Phone: _____

Date and times available: _____

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OSHCLUB NEWS

Term 2 Photos

I hope we have all settled into Term 2 nicely and that we have made some new friends.

It is starting to get cold in the mornings so jumpers are a good idea as sometimes we go have a kick of the footy or tiggy in the playground before we head off to class.

I just would like to remind parents that we stop serving breakfast at 8.15am as we need time to pack up and get organised before we head to school.

It has been absolutely wonderful to see the personalities of the Preps develop. We will be phasing out the walking of the preps to class and picking them up, as they are now capable of walking the short distance from their classrooms. If you have any issues with this, please don't hesitate to call or pop into the program.

ALSO! BEC IS BACK FROM PLACEMENT!

So make sure you welcome her back!
Have a great week!

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(Jodie Baker, Rebecca Lockett, Marsali Newman, Lynne Thornton, Sophie Cohen and Rebecca Bode) Congratulations to a group of school Mums - the Deepdene Divas - crowned Division B Runners Up in the Futsal HQ Burwood Women's League Monday night competition. After years of watching their children play futsal, they decided to give it a go themselves. With 18 children between them and playing teams half their age, they have come a long way since their debut almost a year ago, going down a very respectable 3:1 in the Grand Final on Monday night. A big thank you to their wonderful family cheer squad, and various other Mums from the Deepdene community who have filled in along the way!

Go Divas!

