

Deepdene Primary School

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Newsletter

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Calendar for Term 2 MAY 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 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

From the Principal...

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe we are half way through the term and we have had yet another busy week with a variety of classroom programs and extra curricula activities. The Level 5 children are experiencing camp at Phillip Island; Level 3 and Level 4 Chess Club is continuing; Level 1 and Level 2 Technology Club continues; Levels 1 and 2 have completed their StartSMART workshops and our Parents' Association have the 'Great Gatsby' social evening this Saturday.

It was great to see so many Deepdene families and new families visiting our school during our open sessions last week. We had a large number of prospective school families complete a tour of the school as part of the Education Week session. Many of our Level 6 children presented as confident, informative and capable tour leaders. Well done to those children who are fine ambassadors for our school!

A Foundation (Prep) 2017 Information Session was held last Wednesday evening as part of our Education Week program. Enrolment weeks for our 2017 Foundation children will be from Monday, June 6th until Friday, June 17th. Current school families who may have a Foundation child commencing school next year can book an Enrolment Meeting time through the school office.

Phillip Island Camp

With our Level 5 children being away on their Philip Island camp this week it is a timely reminder of one of the real positives that school camps offer. That is, the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of experiences that can be outside the normal 'comfort zone'. It was pleasing to be informed of the positive comments from the Resort staff pertaining to the manners, positive attitude, enthusiasm and cooperation displayed by our children. Thank you to our staff who accompanied the children. These opportunities are only possible with the support of our dedicated and enthusiastic teaching staff.

Caring For Sick Children

Every endeavour is made to care for children who are feeling unwell or injured at school. We always have staff members timetabled for yard duty and for First Aid duty during morning recess and lunchtime. Our staff are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all children and we are indeed fortunate in that ALL staff are at least Level 2 First Aid gualified.

We also require the support and cooperation of ALL families in keeping children at home when they are ill or injured and ensuring they have recovered fully before returning to school. We have had a number of children being sent to school still suffering the ill effects of illness and thus needing to contact parents first thing in the morning to take these children home to be properly cared for. We are not equipped to care for children who arrive at school still obviously suffering from illness and require parent support in ensuring these children remain at home until they have recovered. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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Storytime@Library

I would like to organise **Storytime@Library** again this year as part of our Book Week celebrations next term. If you would like to come in to the Library during one of our Library lunchtime sessions to talk about books you have read while growing up or any other children's book that has made an impression on you. You can also select a short one to read to the children.

If you are able to do so, please send an email to **deepdene.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au** and attention it to Tina Yap. It will either be on a Monday or Wednesday in the month of August from 1.25 p.m. – 1.50 p.m. Please let me know which day in August you will be able to come.

Tína Librarian

Get involved in the School Banking program

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they've collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.



- The rewards available during 2016 are:
 - Flying Snake Tail
 - Wildlife Writer Set
 - Mud Splat Handball
 - Outback Pat Bag Tag
 - Backtrack Eraser Pen
 - Jump and Skip Rope
 - Bush Fly Fan
 - Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit). Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child's birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

Congratulations



Jayden came 3rd for the U12 boys and Isaac came 1st for the U10 boys in the 3km event at the Mt Beauty Marathon last Saturday.



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 books online using their username and password (as shown below). All class teachers have been given a list of the usernames and passwords. Go to <u>http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/</u> Click on <u>Student log in</u>

Username: <u>Child's first and last name</u> in lowercase with no spaces Password: <u>deepdene1</u>

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Calendar for <u>Term 3</u> JULY Mon 11 Jul First Day of Term 3 Money Smart Incursion L3 & L4 TechKids - L3 & L4 Mon 18 Jul TechKids - L3 & L4 Fri 22 Jul House Athletics Carnival L3 - L6 Hagenauer Reserve 9.30am - 3.00pm Mon 25 Jul TechKids - L3 & L4 AUGUST Mon 1 Aug Book Week Author Visit -F - L2 - Leigh Hobbs TechKids - L3 & L4 Tue 2 Aua **ICAS English** Wed 3 Aug La Fête de la Musique Deepdene Primary School Second-Hand Uniform Shop $3.00 \ pm - 3.30 \ pm$ In Multi-purpose Room **Opening Dates Term 2**

Opening Dates Term 2 Friday 27th May Friday 10th June

Friday 24th June Last day of Term 2 -opening 2-2.30pm ..continued from page 1.

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.

THE GREAT

Stephen Rees

Principal





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 fitzcerald. The great gatsby

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

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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 2016Shopping 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 <u>deepdene.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au</u>, attention to Tina.

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

Name:		 	
Child:		 	Class:
Phone:		 	_
Date and tin	nes available:	 	