

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal, Joanna Stanford

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

All students have settled in well to the 2017 school year. We have been getting to know our students as learners in their new communities.

We have been impressed with the added passion of some children as they return to school and their reading ability. Thank you for the parents who read to, and encouraged our students to read and participate in rich learning experiences and even do Athletics and Reading eggs. We know that these experiences increase the learning growth of our students.

It was exciting to see our young people take up a number of leadership roles for the year from School Captains, Sports Captains, Performing Arts Leaders and our JSC members will soon be elected by their peers in the coming weeks.

It is important for young people to have a voice to participate in the environment and learning that they operate within.

Our students have many opportunities to do this as outlined above.

Our students are also actively involved in the curriculum through developing ideas around what is important to 'know', what is important to 'be' and what is important to 'do' as well as actively setting and working towards achieving their learning goals.

MEET THE TEACHER

Parents are an important part of this partnership to learn and we look forward to seeing you at **Meet the Teacher from Year 1—Year 6 on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th of March** discuss your children's goals with you. Online booking information has been sent home and the closing date for Meet the Teacher bookings is Tuesday 28th February 2017.

FREE HEALTH CHECKS

Please remember our health checks at school for the next 2 Wednesdays. David and his team from Health Xpress will help you through a 10 minute health check. All parents and families are welcome to join in. These are available in the prep area, entry door 6.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council nominations have been sent home and are available through the office. School Council is a great way to learn more about Derrimut, schools, and be a part of your child's education. Meetings are twice a term on a Tuesday and are for about an hour. Please come and us if you have any questions.

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Curriculum Day

Monday 6th March 2017

No School for Students



DO YOU HAVE A HEALTH CARE

CARD???

Camp, Sports and Excursions Fund

2017 (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is: \$125 for primary school students.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form.

Due Date: Applications must be returned to the school by 30th June 2017, which is the closing date for applications.



Daily Timetable

9:00am	Class bell
11:00am ~ 11:30am	Morning recess
1:30pm ~ 1:40pm	Lunch eaten in the classroom
1:40pm ~ 2:15pm	Lunch break
3:15pm	<u>Students are dismissed</u>

Victoria University Secondary College

Open House

Monday 6th March 2017

Morning Campus Tours	6:00pm Welcome and Information
9:15 – 9:40am	6:15pm Presentation by College Principal
9:45 – 10:10am	6:30pm Interactive Tours
10:15 – 10:40am	7:30pm Questions & Supper

Held in C Block at Junior Campus, Deer Park

Junior Campus P 03 9363 1155
88 Billingham Rd, Deer Park VIC 3023

Senior Campus P 03 8312 0200
5A Jamieson St, St Albans VIC 3021

Trade Training Centre P 03 8312 0200
43 Ken Jordan Rd, Cairnlea VIC 3023
www.vusc.vic.edu.au



Create The Future

2017 Communities & Learning Advisors

Prep Blue: Ben, Erin, Betty

Prep Red: Alex, Sally, Steph H

1/2 Creekbed 1: Julia, Danielle, Casey

1/2 Creekbed 2: Rachael A, Marian, Katie T

1/2 Green: Courtney, Sarah, Ashleigh, Keo

3/4 Gallery 1: Rachael, Angeline, Olivia

3/4 Gallery 2: Josh, Helen, Peter

3/4 Purple: Michelle, Kaelynne, Grant, Claire

5/6 Yellow: Adrienne, Narelle, Tammy

5/6 Grasslands 1: Jess, Maisie, Chrissy

5/6 Grasslands 2: Kate B, Monica Krystal

Specialists Learning Advisors

P.E: Kim and Nathan

Performing Arts: Ben L

Visual Arts: Brendan

Kitchen/Garden: Braydan

LOTE: Mirillia

Philosophy: Andrew

School Crossings

The crossings associated with our school are signified by flags and road markings. Please ensure that your children know the correct way to use these crossings. Always obey the flags and make sure that you do not park near the crossings.

School Hats

We would like to remind parents and students that in term 1, students are expected to wear a school bucket or legionnaires hat as part of Derrimut's Sun Smart Policy.

Our Sun Smart Policy requires students to play in the shade if they do not have the correct school hat. We encourage parents to clearly label their child's hat on the inside, in the event the hat is misplaced. Please note that students are not permitted to wear baseball caps at school as this is not part of our school uniform. Parents wishing to purchase a school hat, can do so at the uniform shop between 8.30am—10.30am on Wednesdays.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniforms are compulsory for all students at

Derrimut P.S

Uniforms can be purchased here on

WEDNESDAYS ONLY 8.30 am-10.30am

CASH, VISA, MASTERCARD ALL ACCEPTED

CANTEEN OPEN EVERYDAY

From Monday 06th February 2017, our school canteen will open EVERYDAY!

MONDAY - FRIDAY for recess and lunch orders

Orders can be placed via the classroom baskets or by using QKR! ... a FREE easy-to-use app that you download to your mobile phone or iPad

Orders can be placed from anywhere, anytime without the hassle of having to find loose change.

Try it today!

New 2017 Canteen menu is available from the office!



Second Hand Uniform

If you have good quality school uniform items that no longer fit your child, please consider donating these school uniform items to our Second Hand Uniform. Items can be dropped off to the office any time.

If you would like to purchase Second Hand Uniform items, please fill in an order form at the office. Second Hand Uniform is sold for \$5.00 per item. Please be aware that the second hand uniform stock is very limited.

ASTHMA

Does your child have Asthma?

If so, have you provided the school with?

- **Student Health Support Plan**
- **Asthma Care Plan for Schools**
 - **Ventolin**

It is The Department of Education Policy, that the school and Parent/Guardian's update your child's plans annually.

WHOLE SCHOOL SHOWCASE

The Whole School Showcase aims to provide a forum for students and learning communities, to showcase to parents and our local community, work and learning that they have embarked on.

Listed below are Term 1 dates:

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Open Community Afternoons <i>(in the Community)</i> 2:45pm – 3:15pm	Whole School Showcase <i>(in the Gym)</i> 2:30pm – 3:15pm
Feb: 10th, 17th	Friday 24th Feb: School Captains Welcome P.E Performing Arts
March: 3rd, 10th, 17th	Friday 24th March: 3/4 Gallery 1 1/2 Green Visual Arts/Kitchen Garden

THE BREAKFAST CLUB

Come along to our Breakfast Club and have something to eat before school, every Wednesday at 8:15am to 8:45am in the Design Space and it's FREE! There's cereal, fruit, porridge or baked beans.

UPCOMING DATES: Wed 22nd Feb, 1st March

School Banking Upcoming Dates

22nd February 2017

1st March 2017



2017 TERM DATES

Term 1: Thursday 2nd February 2017—Friday 31st March 2017

Term 2: Tuesday 18th April 2017—Friday 30th June 2017

Term 3: Monday 17th July 2017—Friday 22nd September 2017


Term 4: Monday 9th October 2017—Friday 22nd December 2017

Upcoming Events

February 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 Uniform Shop Open—8:30am—12 (Noon)	2 First Day of Term 1 MEET THE TEACHER BOOKINGS BEGIN	3 Newsletter	4	5
6	7	8 No Preps	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 No Preps Breakfast Club Begins	16	17 Newsletter	18	19
20	21	22 No Preps	23	24 Parent Coffee Morning in the Staff Room—9am SHOWCASE 2:30pm	25	26
27	28 MEET THE TEACHER BOOKINGS CLOSE					

March 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 No Preps	2	3 Newsletter	4	5
6 CURRICULUM DAY—NO SCHOOL	7 MEET THE TEACHER 2pm—6:50pm	8 No Preps MEET THE TEACHER 2pm—6:50pm OUT OF UNIFORM DAY	9	10	11	12
13 PUBLIC HOLIDAY—LABOUR DAY	14	15	16	17 Newsletter	18	19
20	21 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY 	22	23	24 SHOWCASE 2:30pm EASTER HAMPERS DRAWN	25	26
27 Year3-6 HOUSE ATHLETICS	28	29	30 Newsletter	31 LAST DAY OF TERM 1—STUDENTS FINISH AT 2:15PM		