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# NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal, Joanna Stanford

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

### Welcome Back

Welcome to all of our new students and families and those returning to Derrimut Primary school. We extend a warm welcome to new staff, parents and students and look forward to developing strong partnerships with you for your child's learning.

Our school has always lived up to our values of Teamwork, Respect, Academic Rigour and Leadership with many of our students and teachers all stepping up to take on leadership roles within our community and in other communities.

As such, I want to share with you my news for 2017. I have been seconded for 2017 by the department to work with the Bastow Leadership Institute on developing communities of practice and leadership programs for aspirant leaders. I will return as Principal of Derrimut in 2018.

It is with great pride and pleasure that hand over the leadership to Joanna Stanford.

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Joanna has worked closely with myself and the community over the past 6 years to make Derrimut the amazing place it is today and I know you will join me in congratulating and supporting her in this exciting year. To support Joanna, Jen Briggs and Lina Stephens will step up to Acting Assistant Principals.

I look forward to re-joining you in 2018 knowing that the school is held in capable, visionary hands with all children's learning growth at heart.

Kind Regards, Teresa

Joanna Stanford

I am looking forward to a wonderful year at Derrimut Primary School. I will continue to build with you, a learning community where your children will grow and thrive. "It takes a village to raise a child" and I hope you feel connected with us, your child's home group learning advisor and other learning advisors at the school. It is my goal to have every child in the school be engaged in their learning so they can be the best they can be. Our staff are also keen to begin a rigorous and engaging year of learning with every child.

It was lovely to see so many excited faces on our first day for our all our students. Thanks to all the parents and carers who passed on the positive feedback about how well the students settled in on the first day. Hopefully you have all logged into the parent portal to receive updates and newsletters from your child's learning community.

<https://sentral.derrimutps.vic.edu.au/portal/login>

As we move through 2017, we will be introducing "maker spaces" to the school. This is where students and the community can explore science and technology, both inside and outside the classroom. We experimented with this last year with Passion Projects in robotics, makey makey technology and construction zones. If you are involved in maker spaces, you also might like to support ideas and help students explore.

We also have 20 students and their teachers currently visiting from Changqing Primary School, Hangzhou province. We have some very exciting programs for them to experience school life in Australia. Thank you for our wonderful host families for having them in their homes and giving them rich family life experiences.

### ***What are we learning?***

We will be exploring the Victorian curriculum content, and developing deep learning and capabilities of Personal Interpersonal Learning, Ethics, Intercultural understanding, Critical and Creative Thinking and also through developing the 6C's of Citizenship, Character, Collaboration, Creativity, Critical thinking and Communication.

To support this, all students will be developing their skills, knowledge and understandings about **"Learning to Learn"**. Learning to learn involves thinking skills, such as how to organise and get ready for learning, how to show your thinking through writing and speaking with thinking tools and being able to set goals and give and receive feedback.

### ***How do we learn it?***

We learn through using an **Inquiry Process**. Deeply exploring ideas in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) and Global perspective (history, geography, economics, inclusion)

An Inquiry process allows students to learn about the world and ask questions and learn ways of collecting, analysing and using the data they have collected. Through this process of learning and thinking, they develop their skills in literacy and numeracy.

It is also developed in conjunction with students through our Know, Do, BE process. Students have amazing questions they want to explore and we have developed a process that helps them become action researchers into their world, while also extending and developing their learning horizons.

## **Parents Partner With Us**

### **Helping kids become independent learners—Let's get organised to learn!**

All students will receive a learning newsletter and their communities timetable. The learning newsletter explains what deep knowledge will be covered this term and examples of what children will be achieving in their year levels in the disciplines.

What can you do as a parent to help?

- Discuss your child's timetable with them and discuss what they have to pack for school.
- Develop a check list so your child can pack their own bag.

- Ensure you are on time, ready for learning at the start of each day.
- Have a quiet time, a space set aside for your child to read or you and your child to read together everyday.

## **WE NEED YOU**

We need our kids to read every day and love getting lost in a book. Last year, we improved every child's reading! We intend to support our kids in learning to read so that they can "read to learn", At home it's not just listening to your kids read, but also reading to them and discussing ideas and events and characters in books.

### **In school:**

If you have time before school or during school, and would be able to listen to reading or read stories in the resource centre, please let your child's homeroom teacher know or leave your name at the office. (We really need to have a community effort behind improving every child's reading!).

## **Arrive on time "Its not ok to be away"**

One valuable way to enhance children's success in school is to ensure that **children arrive on time** to prepare for the day ahead. It is a fact that lateness and low attendance affects your child's literacy and numeracy learning directly.

Last year, we reached our target of 95% attendance WELL DONE! To me, this means we are working together to ensure that children have the best possible chances of succeeding. Every moment in learning counts.

## **Year 3 and new students Parents iPad Induction**

1:1 iPad training and cyber safety sessions are being held on:

- Session 1 – Wednesday 8th February 2017 8:15-8:45am
- Session 2 – Thursday 9th February 2015 8:15-8:45am
- Session 3 – Monday 13th February 2017 3:30-4:00pm
- Session 4 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 5:30-6:00pm
- Session 5 - Wednesday 15th February 2017 8:15-8:45am

All parents of new Derrimut students in year 4-6 or all year 3 students, must attend one of these sessions to enable their child to use the iPad at home.

## Derrimut Makeover

The school has been scrubbed top to bottom, repainted and had carpets replaced over the Summer holidays. It is looking beautiful, thanks to Ben and Cushman and Wakefield. We are also receiving replacement furniture over the next couple of weeks to replace old or damaged pieces.

## Getting Involved in School Life

Included is a semester calendar for you to plan ahead and in all newsletters is a 2 monthly calendar to keep you informed of upcoming events and to support families in planning their times and educational conversations with their children .

This is a great way to see what showcases and expos students have organised to share their learning. Don't forget that our Showcase Spectaculars are run by our amazing school captains.

We are continually trying to improve the newsletter and our advertising of events and hope that this will help families to plan ahead for school events. Our parent portal is open so that parents can access copies of newsletters, notes ect. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the website, please let us know and we will try to include them.

[www.derrimutps.vic.edu.au](http://www.derrimutps.vic.edu.au)

Another way you can be involved in your child's education is to join the Parents forum or School Council. Please look out for School Council election information that will come home shortly.

## LET'S MEET

I look forward to talking with you over the coming weeks, and would like to welcome you to our first coffee morning in the staff room. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 9:00am-10:00am. This will be a meet and greet for old and new parents/

### BOOK PACKS

Please note: student book packs need to be purchased by:

**Friday 10th February 2017**

The cost of book packs are:

**Prep to Grade 2—\$130.00**

**Grade 3 to Grade 6—\$220.00**

Each book pack is designed to support the learning needs of students in their year level.

### School Banking Upcoming Dates

TBC



## 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!**

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

**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 15th Feb, Wed 22nd Feb.**

## 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 <i>Newsletter</i>	4	5
6	7	8 No Preps	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 No Preps  Breakfast Club Beings	16	17 <i>Newsletter</i>	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 <i>Newsletter</i>	4	5
6 CURRICULUM DAY—NO SCHOOL <small>iPad induction:3:30pm— 4:15pm &amp; 4:30pm— 5:15pm</small>	7 MEET THE TEACHER 2pm— 6:50pm	8 No Preps  MEET THE TEACHER 2pm— 6:50pm	9	10	11	12
13 PUBLIC HOLIDAY— LABOUR DAY	14	15	16	17 <i>Newsletter</i>	18	19
20	21 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY  	22	23	24 SHOWCASE 2:30pm	25	26
27 Year3-6 HOUSE ATHLETICS	28	29	30 <i>Newsletter</i>	31 LAST DAY OF TERM 1— STUDENTS FINISH AT 2:15PM		