

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,
Play is the Way

Last Friday, Derrimut PS welcomed Wilson McCaskill to work with staff on teaching social and emotional learning using guided play, classroom activities and empowering students with language. Play is a universal past time of children, empowering them to understand their own behaviours and that of others.

Parents may find the practical parenting videos link helpful <https://playistheway.com.au/content/55-practical-parenting-videos>.

NAPLAN: All students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia will undertake the same tests on the same days. Students have their skills assessed in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and numeracy.

National tests results provide information on how students are progressing and support improvements in teaching and learning. Parents are carers can best assist students by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests.

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Prep Enrolments for 2017

Prep enrolments for 2017 have commenced. If you have a child who will be coming to our school for the first time in 2017, please complete an enrolment form, (available from the office), at your earliest convenience. If you know of anyone transferring to Derrimut in other year levels, please alert them to enrol early.

2017 Prep Information Evenings:

Tuesday 24th May 2016 at 6:30pm—7:30pm

Covering general information about the school and students starting prep.

Tuesday 22nd November at 6:30pm—7:30pm

This is more specific to enrolled children and families to answer any questions and assist with a smooth transition into school.

2017 Prep School Tours:

Wednesday 11th May 2016 at 9:00am, 9:45am and 10:30am

Wednesday 15th June 2016 at 9:00am

Wednesday 27th June 2016 at 9:00am



Mothers Day Stall

D.P.S will be holding a **Mother's Day Stall** on Thursday 5th May and Friday 6th May, giving students the opportunity to purchase small gifts for Mum, Grandma etc. All children will be able to purchase 2 gifts only. Prices range from 50c to \$5.00.

If you would like your child to purchase a gift, please place the money in an envelope with their name written on the front and a carry bag to take their gifts home in.



Grade 3—6 HOUSE ATHLETICS

On Monday 18th April we had our House Athletics Carnival at Victoria University Athletics Track in Hoppers Crossing. It was great to see so many of our grade 3-6 students dressed up in their house colours, cheering for their team. Well done to all of the students who participated in the day as you showed lots of determination, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Thank you very much to all of the teachers for their hard work as well as the many parents who came to support their children.



Final results were:

Windsor 177 pts

Lennon 176 pts

Balmoral 140 pts

Stirling 127 pts



School Banking at Derrimut Primary School

Derrimut Primary School has participated in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program since 2012. It's a great way to give your child a financial head start by helping them to learn about good money management and the importance of saving.

What is School Banking?

School Banking is a program designed to help your child develop strong financial literacy skills for the future. With the help of the School Banking Co-ordinators, children can start saving regularly through the school. Best of all, the School Banking program makes saving fun with an exciting Rewards Program that encourages regular participation.

Encouraging Good Saving Habits

School Banking gives children a hands-on experience at handling money and seeing it grow. The program helps them develop the knowledge, independence and confidence they need to manage their finances successfully as they get older.

Earning Fun Rewards

Every time your child makes a deposit through the School Banking program, regardless of how much, they will receive a cool Dollarmite token. Once they have saved 10 tokens they can swap them for fun Dollarmites rewards.

How Does Your Child Get Involved?

In order to participate in the School Banking program, your child will need a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account which can be opened at ANY branch of the Commonwealth Bank. You will need to have your child's birth certificate and your driver's licence for identification. If you are an existing customer with NetBank access, you can open an account online. Simply logon as usual, click the 'offers and apply' tab, then select 'accounts' and 'Youthsaver'. If your child already has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they are ready to participate in school banking!

Benefits to Our School

When your child completes their first deposit at school on Banking Day, our school receives \$5.00 commission. A further 5% commission will be paid on all deposits made at the school. It is a great way for our school to raise funds while your child learns all the important lessons of saving money on a regular basis.

Tips for School Banking

School Banking is every **Wednesday**.

Please complete the deposit slip including the date, name, Account Number and amount to be deposited – don't detach the slip. The Student Identification Number will be issued on the first banking day. Remember to send the whole deposit book with the yellow Dollarmite wallet, so the receipt can be stamped and you have a record of the deposit. The amount being deposited can be placed inside the pocket of the wallet with the Velcro seal. Dollarmite tokens can also be kept in the Velcro seal.

When your child has 10 tokens, a coupon displaying the Reward Item will be inside the wallet and you can redeem the reward.

How to Redeem Rewards

Please use the following steps to redeem your reward:

- Select the reward item. (Please check which term the rewards are available in).
- Using the Rewards Card, record your name and class on the coupon which corresponds with the selected item.
- Tear off the coupon and place it inside the pouch of the Deposit Wallet with the 10 tokens.
- Bring the wallet to school with your banking on Wednesday and the reward item will be ordered for you (delivery will take 1-2 weeks).

If you don't have a Rewards Card or have misplaced it, please place a note in your deposit wallet with the above information.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Derrimut Primary School.

Cross Country

On Wednesday 27th April, 44 students travelled to Brimbank Park for the Deer Park District Interschool Cross Country. The 10 year old age groups had to run 2km and the 11 year old and 12 year old age groups running 3km. Even though it was a windy day, we had some fantastic individual results, with 7 students making it through to the Division Finals to be held on May 25th at Brimbank Park again.

Congratulations to the following students and good luck at the next round:

- 3rd place Yusuf K – 12 yr old Boys
- 3rd place Angelina K – 11 yr old Girls
- 4th place Savannah-Lee M – 10 yr old Girls
- 10th place Jamaal A – 11 yr old Boys
- 9th place Lachlan Fitzgerald – 10 yr old Boys
- 7th place Hung-Shin – 12 yr old Boys
- 6th place Ranya – 11 yr old Girls

Canteen News—Recess Orders and Lunch Orders

As of next week, there will no longer be over the counter sales for recess and lunch time through the canteen. Recess Order Baskets and Lunch Order Baskets will be provided in each community for student orders to be placed.

RECESS: Students placing an order for recess time will need to place their order in the Recess Order Basket. Please see below for the **RECESS ORDER MENU**

Drinks	
200ml Juice (Orange, Tropical, Apple)	\$2.00
600ml Water	\$2.00
300ml Oat Milk (Chocolate, Strawberry)	\$2.50

Snacks	
Cookies	\$1.00
Movietime Popcorn-(Butter, Salt & Vinegar)	\$2.00
Jelly Cone	\$0.50
Jelly Cup	\$1.50
Noodle Snacks	\$1.00

LUNCH: Students placing an order for lunch time will need to place their order in the Lunch Order Basket.

Please note: Ice Creams/Icy Poles are not available in Term 2. If you have any queries, please contact the office on 8361 1000.

Developing Maths Skills through Games

This week I will continue to share some of my favourite games to play at home that build mathematical skills and understanding. The skill level of these games is slightly higher than the ones we looked at in the last newsletter.

Monopoly – An old favourite for many, Monopoly requires a lot of mathematical calculation and reasoning. For younger players, you can focus on the addition of the two dice, counting spaces, and finding the correct money to pay for things. You can provide support for the more difficult tasks. Another great skill for the younger players is to use number facts and find patterns to help move around the board without counting each square. For older players, calculating change, making deals and trading notes for smaller or larger ones will keep the maths challenge high.

Yahtzee – This game is fantastic for kids and adults! The key concept in this game is chance and taking informed risks to get the highest score. Mental addition of one and two digit numbers is required on every turn. The different dice combinations can be tricky to grasp when first playing, but once they are understood it is a quick, exciting game.

Scrabble – Literacy and numeracy all rolled into one! Adding and comparing scores, doubling and tripling letters and whole word scores allow for loads of mental maths computation throughout this game.

Jen Briggs – Numeracy Leader

WHOLE SCHOOL SHOWCASE

LET'S CELEBRATE

Derrimut Primary School's 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 2 dates - **Learning Community Open Afternoons & Whole School Showcase days.** WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE.

Learning Community Open Afternoon 2:45pm – 3:15pm	Whole School Showcase in Gym 2:30pm – 3:15pm
Friday 13 th , 20 th May	Friday 6 th May Prep Red 1 / Gallery 2
Friday 3 rd , 10 th June	Philosophy Friday 27 th May 1 / 2 Creekbed 1 3/4 Yellow 5/6 Grasslands 3
	Friday 17 th June 3/ 4 Purple Prep Blue LOTE

Lost Property

There is an enormous amount of lost property in the office foyer. We have a great deal of unnamed items. If it is not claimed, it will go into the second hand uniform sale. Please check with your children to make sure we can clear as much as possible.

Upcoming Events

APRIL 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
HOLIDAYS						
11 First day of Term 2	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Grade 3-6 House Athletics Carnival	19	20	21	22 Curriculum Day—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	23	24
25 PUBLIC HOLIDAY—NO SCHOOL	26 Year 6 Transition Information Evening 6:00pm—7:00pm	27 Cross Country	28	29 Parent Forum 9am	30	

MAY 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2	3	4 Creekbed 2's Melbourne Museum Excursion	5 MOTHERS DAY STALL Gallery 2's History of Toys Incursion	6 WHOLE SCHOOL SHOWCASE 2:30pm MOTHERS DAY STALL Creekbed 1's Melbourne Museum Excursion	7	8
9	10 NAPLAN	11 NAPLAN 2017 Prep School Tours 9:00am, 9:45am, 10:30am	12 NAPLAN	13	14	15
16	17 School Council 6pm	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 2017 Prep Information Evening 6:30pm	25	26	27 WHOLE SCHOOL SHOWCASE 2:30pm	28	29
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