



## School Vision

**Empowered to  
learn  
Empowered to  
grow  
Empowered to  
lead**

## School Values

**Pride  
Respect  
Resilience  
Integrity  
Collaboration**

## UPCOMING

### EVENTS

#### **Week 5**

Meet the Teacher

#### **Week 5**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
February

School Council  
meeting

#### **Week 6**

Whole school  
picnic  
(after school –  
more information  
shortly)

## Breakfast Club

Every morning except  
Wednesday  
8:30 – 8:50  
Starting next week!

## **Welcome Back**

I am very pleased to welcome you to the 2018 school year. I trust that everyone enjoyed a safe and relaxing break. We return to school to start a fresh year of learning and enjoyment of community spirit. A special welcome to our new families and the foundation students.

2018 has begun very smoothly at DPWPS and this is largely due to the skill in preparation of our teaching and administration staff. Students have settled in well and I thank families for the support and encouragement of the children as they move into new learning spaces with their new teachers. Your support of your children to resume school routines after the extended break is extremely important.

The staff and I are looking forward to another extremely successful year with your children and working in partnership with you to support their learning.

## **Welcome to new staff for 2018**

Courtney Bourke- Year 5-6

Simon Woods- Physical Education

Cameron Vella – Year 3-4

Ivy Vo –Year 2

Sharon Rogers - Year 3-4

Luisa Frediani- Year Foundation

Jacob Torpy- Year 5-6

Catherine Maddocks - Library Technician

Louise Giuliani - office administration and first aid

We are also very pleased to welcome back Mrs Kate Warwick, who is working 2 days a week as classroom release. She will be in Mrs. Hole (Tue) and Mrs. Rogers (Mon) classrooms as these teachers perform additional roles. Mrs. Hole will be managing Learning Technologies across the school and working with students and teachers to maximize learning through the use of the different technologies in the school.

We have attached a staff list, for your information.

## **Grades for 2018**

I would like to acknowledge informed way that the teachers have worked together, to consider carefully, the composition of all the classes for 2018. Along with the comprehensive knowledge of students and the academic, social, emotional and behavioural needs of cohorts and parent information, the staff have ensured all children are well placed for optimal learning.

## **Hats and drink bottles**

Although the weather has been cooler during the first week of school, students are reminded until the end of April, it is vital that they wear the school hat when outside. Students, who do not have a hat, will be asked to sit in the shade area near the foundation playground. The 'No Hat No Play' rule is in place for your children's protection. We would appreciate these reminders at home. Only school hats should be worn (no caps please).

## **Working with children check**

Parents who wish to participate in school events such as volunteering, need to have a current working with children check. If you haven't got one yet, please register via the link. Once you have your working with children check please register with Natasha at the office.

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

## **School Banking**

Did you know that this year we will be providing an opportunity for students to participate in the CBA Dollarmites School Banking program? Thank you to two of our enthusiastic mums, Jade and Sherrie for taking on this role. Information attached.

## Canteen

I am also very pleased to let you know that we have a new partnership with JUDE foods who will be running our school canteen. I know that students, parents and staff are all pleased to have the canteen facility this year. Please read the attached information so that you can familiarise yourself with some of the new and easy ways to make ordering lunches convenient through online ordering. Students will still be able to order lunches, the old-fashioned way by bringing their lunch order written on a brown paper bag. See further information included.

## Parental Payments

School Council has agreed to keep cost for families to a minimum, therefore students will receive all the materials (books, pencils, textas etc.) needed for the year. We have started delivering these to classrooms and students will start to use these as needed but mostly from next week. This gives everyone a chance to ensure that payments of \$80 per student have been paid at the office. In the meantime, all students have access to additional materials in classrooms. If you need to arrange a payment plan, this is done easily with the office staff. Please see me if you need additional assistance or information.

## Getting to know our diverse school community

Here are our top 10

This is the number of students that comes from 10 countries around the world. We are very proud of our cultural diversity.

Name of Country	Number of Students
Australia	249
Vietnam	143
India	90
New Zealand	69
Samoa	63
Philippines	49
Tonga	31
Myanmar	22
Pakistan	21
Iraq	21

**Kind Regards,**  
**Senka King**

## **SCHOOL BANKING FOR STUDENTS 2018**

### **Get involved in the School Banking program.**

Deer Park West Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students in 2018, with our first banking day being Thursday 15 February.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits

### **Getting involved in School Banking is easy!**

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

#### **1. Online**

Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

#### **2. In branch**

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Thursday. Each week you need to hand your bank book to your teacher.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) or see Kelly in the office.

