

# Wednesday Weekly

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## Mission Statement

*"To provide a safe and positive learning community where student success and achievement are our goals"*

## Dallas Diary

<b>JULY</b>	Mon 27th July	Arabic Parent Meeting
	Tues 28th July	School Council Meeting
<b>AUGUST</b>	Fri 7th August	J Rock

## BROADMEADOWS SCHOOLS REGENERATION PROJECT

### Dallas Primary School & Kindergarten

### School of Excellence

#### PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

#### NEW SCHOOL PROPOSAL FOR THE FUTURE:

*Dallas Primary School and Kindergarten and Upfield Primary School will merge into a new school in approximately 18 months.*

***Dallas Primary School and Kindergarten will remain on the present site for at least 18 months.***

**The community will be kept informed when the merger will take place and when the new buildings are completed on the King Street site.**

#### SITE OPTION For Dallas Primary School & Kindergarten

**King Street Site (presently occupied by Isik College)**

**Isik College purchased the Meadow Fair North Primary School and take possession on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2010.**

#### PROPOSED NEW MODEL OF EDUCATION

- Maternal Health
- Community Hub – Adult Education, University of the Third Age
- Playgroup
- 3 & 4 year old Kindergarten
- Years Prep – 4 (Early Years)
- Years 5 – 6 (Middle Years)
- Before and After School Care
- Focus on Literacy and Numeracy
- Arabic and Turkish LOTE

- Religious Education: Muslim Arabic, Muslim Turkish and Christian
  - Sport Education
  - Performing and Visual Arts
  - Science and Technology
  - 1:1 computer program
  - Film studio
  - Radio Station
  - Links with the Hume Global Learning Centre
  - Links with Hume City Council
  - Links with Community Agencies
- (ALL THESE PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED NOW AT DALLAS PRIMARY SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN)

SCHOOL IN THE VILLAGE- 6 Hectare SITE – Partnership with Hume City Council

#### NEW FACILITIES

- Gymnasium/Basketball Stadium
- Performing Arts Centre
- Soccer/Football ovals
- Community Park and barbecue facilities
- Early Learning Centre
- Large and innovative classrooms
- State of the art computer access
- Industrial kitchen
- Environmentally friendly

#### PURPOSE

- The purpose of the project is to develop Educational Provision Plans to deliver enhanced curriculum options and reflect a collective responsibility for the learning needs and outcomes of students in the area.

#### VISION

- To develop a plan for sustainable education provision to meet the needs of current and future students in the Dallas community.

#### OPERATION

#### Broadmeadows Schools Regeneration Project

- The project is a partnership between school communities in the Broadmeadows area.
- A Leading Educator has been appointed to facilitate the project.
- The facilitator will communicate and brief Principals, School Councils and school communities in the participating schools.

#### BACKGROUND

The key drivers for the education provision project are:

- The desire of the school leaders in the two school groups to examine long term education provision
- The desire to improve student learning outcomes in the participating schools
- The availability of the Upfield Secondary College site from the beginning of 2006.
- School communities have acknowledged the need to engage in worthwhile discussion on the future of the existing schools and how they provide excellence in education.

A review of Education Provision for the whole Broadmeadows area has been discussed by the School Communities of the following schools:

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• Kindergarten to Year 6

• Before and After School Care

- Dallas Primary School and Kindergarten
- Dallas North Primary
- Upfield Primary School
- Broadmeadows Secondary
- Broadmeadows Primary
- Hillcrest Secondary
- Erinbank Secondary
- Jacana Primary
- Broadmeadows West Primary
- Westmeadows Heights Primary
- Campmeadows Primary
- Meadowbank Primary
- Meadow Fair North Primary
- Coolaroo South Primary
- Bethal Primary School

#### Mergers of schools to date:

- Hillcrest, Erinbank and Broadmeadows Secondary Colleges merged to form Hume Central Secondary College.
- Meadowbank & Campmeadows Primary Schools merged to form the Meadows Primary School
- Meadow Fair North, Jacana, Broadmeadows West have merged to form Broadmeadows Valley Primary School. Westmeadows Heights will merge with the new school in 2010.

We welcome any feedback from our community at Dallas Primary School and Kindergarten about this exciting project for the future education of our students. We want to provide the best education and facilities for children in Dallas. We deserve the best and our School Council will work with our Community to achieve the desired outcomes of this project.

The Dallas Community have been involved in parent meetings, School Council meetings and information through publications.

Valerie Karaitiana  
Principal

#### Kindergarten Report

##### 3 Year Programme

The two groups are now full, with a few new enrolments. The children are settling into the routine and the group will continue with their program. The students have settled well after the holidays.

Term 2 experiences are continuing to build skills such as: listening on the mat, using scissors, following instructions and mixing with other children. These skills will continue to be developed throughout the year to prepare for 4 year kindergarten.

Snacks should be small, such as a sandwich and fruit, with a bottle of water in a drink bottle, not a baby bottle. Please avoid chips and chocolates.

Andre Jack & Pina Stefanatos  
Kindergarten Teachers

#### Prep Report

The Preps are working really hard on practising and learning their high frequency words. We have been busy reading, writing and playing lots of games with these words. Some games include word bingo, word snap and word concentration.

Ask your child or their classroom teacher for assistance with playing these games. There is also a large range of websites that we use to play games on the computers and Interactive Whiteboard.

Please see our prep teachers for a list of fun websites which will allow your child to practise at home too. Have a great week!

Mervet Ali - Grade Prep Teacher

#### Year 1 and 2 Report

The 1/2 team were very happy with the number of students changing their readers. A fantastic effort.

The new unit of "the sea" started last week with a lot of fun and educational activities being completed in the 1/2 area. Remember that any sea related objects or books that you have at home that could be shared with the classes would be greatly appreciated.

A reminder about our excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of August.

All of the 1/2 students have been subscribed to the fantastic maths website [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au). If you have internet access at home or visit the local library it is a great site that the students love to use.

Speaking of the local library, it is a great place for students to learn more about the sea, both through books and the internet. Using the internet search engine [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) can be a great way of finding information and pictures of the sea. Suggested searches are "sea creatures", "sea scapes" and "sea photography".

Mr Sterling - Grade 1/2 Teacher

#### Year 3 and 4 Report

Term 3 is underway and students are getting back into school routine of being at school. Students who are participating in J-Rock are practising during their lunchbreak and the rehearsals are looking more and more polished. We can't wait to see the final result!

Our literacy focus this term is 'reports'. Students are learning about different types of reports, including information, newspaper and T.V. reports. During the term they will write an information report on a country of their choice and they will use their netbooks and other technology to research and present their information. Children are very excited about beginning the project

and some have already begun in their own time.

Jennifer Dwyer - Grade 3/4 Teacher

#### Year 5 and 6 Report

The students in the 5/6 area have settled back into class routines well this term.

This term we are starting to learn about Australia, what it means to be an Australian and different cultures around the world. It would be great if you could talk with your child about your childhood experiences, your culture and any traditions related to your culture.

This Friday the girl's netball and mixed football teams will be participating in the District Finals for Interschool Sport. We would like to wish both teams all the best. Good Luck.

Michelle Meracis - 5/6 Teacher

#### Community Hub

Next Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> July we will be having an information session for our financial literacy course. This course is free and runs for 5 weeks every Thursday from 9.30am until 1.00pm starting from the 6<sup>th</sup> August in room 1 of the hub.

We are in the process of organising a course in Aged Care Certificate 3. An information session will be held in the next couple of weeks.

Kinder Moves / Kinder Gym will be starting on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July in the performing arts room from 10.00am until 11 am. There is no charge for these sessions.

Marilyn Parker - Hub Coordinator

#### U3A

Hume U3A will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00am in the Performing Arts room at Dallas Primary School and Kindergarten. All welcome.

Margaret Allen - Publicity Officer

**Arabic Parent Meeting**  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July Staff Room**  
**9.15am - 11.00am**  
**Snack will be provided**

#### Student of the Week

Week ending 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2009

Prep A:	Saada E
Prep B:	Alisha H
Prep C:	Mariam M
Yr 1/2A:	Ali Al S
Yr 1/2B:	Berivan M
Yr 1/2C:	Yusra A
Yr 1/2D:	Soraya K
Yr 3/4A:	Charli S
Yr 3/4B:	Merjan H
Yr 3/4C:	Hazel T
Yr 4D:	Rayan D
Yr 5A:	Zachariah S
Yr5/6B	Yousif A
Yr6C:	Nadia M
P.E.	Yusufcan K
Reading:	Jeremy J