

Deutsche Schule Melbourne

A German English Bilingual School



Newsletter Term 2, 2018

Welcome

Happy 10th anniversary!

This term we were especially looking forward to celebrating this important event with you. 10 years ago the Deutsche Schule Melbourne opened its doors for the first time to 14 students. This year we are proud to celebrate our anniversary with 115 students and their families with logo-cupcakes, music and dance. Even though the weather was being very Melbournian we had a fantastic time and would like to thank everyone who accompanied us on our way and will continue to do so.

One of those people is Roman Meyer with his family who contributed to our anniversary with a simply marvellous school documentary. We can't thank him enough, swoon and invite everyone to watch, like and share the documentary on [YouTube](#) or our [Facebook page](#). The movie gives a spectacular insight in what DSM is all about: a warm-hearted and committed community who deserves all the credit for the wonderful atmosphere.

Other members of this community, the 'Sachenmachen' team and Arts Teacher Pia Demasi helped us to organise the lantern crafting afternoon in anticipation of the annual German Lutheran Trinity Church Lantern Walk. The church prepared a lovely atmospheric event and our students thoroughly enjoyed lighting their colourful and artsy lanterns which have been made entirely from recycling materials.

One week before the holidays our students were able to show off all that incredible talent for the arts on our second Soiree, this time in connection with an Artwork Showcase organised by Mrs Demasi. It is such a joy to see our students perform outside of curricular lessons.

Our Year 3 students temporarily transformed their classroom into the rain forest for an integrated studies project and entertained their parents with a little show as well. Read more about that on the following pages.

Of course there were also excursions in Term 2. Apart from CERES and a visit to the museum our year 4-6 students took part in the Zoo Snooze at Melbourne Zoo.

Just before the holidays the leadership team, Florian Dehne, Barbara Walsh and I, attended the fifth World Congress of German Schools Abroad in Berlin. The network of 140 schools worldwide were represented at the congress, which centred on the future of education in the digital world, learnings and exchange between different regions and between German Schools Abroad and schools within Germany as a central element of Germany's cultural and educational agenda as highlighted by Heiko Maas, Germany's Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Bernice Ressel
Principal

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Dates for Term 3, 2018

July

Monday, 16.07.18	Teacher Planning Day - student free day
Tuesday, 17.07.18	Term 3 begins
Saturday, 28.07.18	DSM Flea Market 12pm -4pm

August

Friday, 03.08.18	Professional Development Day - student free day
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Saturday, 11.08.18	Bonfire night
Friday, 17.08.18	Disco Night 5.30 - 7.30pm
Saturday, 25.08.18	Working Bee #3 9am - 1pm

September

Friday, 21.09.18	Last day of Term 3
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Foundation Year Craft Activity



School Update

DSM celebrates its 10th anniversary

On 20 May 2018 we celebrated our 10th anniversary together with our school community, supporters and partners. It was a delightful afternoon for children & adults alike. We enjoyed great food & drinks, music and wonderful conversations. A photo expo took our guests on a path through the school's first decade and put smiles on everybody's faces. Plenty of fun pictures of guests were also taken at our photo booth. The greatly anticipated ZEHN school documentary had its premiere and is viewable on the schools [Facebook page](#) or via the schools new [YouTube channel](#).

SBS German celebrated with us and interviewed Susanne Körber, Head of Press and Culture Section, of the German Embassy, our principal Bernice Ressel as well as our parents & students. Please click [here](#) to listen to the full interview.

Florian Dehne, our founding board chairman, and Bernice Ressel welcomed our guests and talked about the ambitious project of opening a bilingual primary school when many start-up schools were failing. Today the school proudly counts 115 students from two dozen nationalities. As an accredited "German School Abroad", Deutsche Schule Melbourne is a leader in bilingual education for primary school children up to Year 6 in Victoria. "The school has been blessed with many fine supporters over the years, to whom we are particularly grateful, but most of all, it is the parents, staff, and community that have created a warm and open culture conducive to the school's success", says Florian Dehne.

Lots of wonderful memories were made this afternoon and we look forward to the next 10 years of Deutsche Schule Melbourne, by which time our secondary school will be open.

Open Day

This term the school held the second open day for the year. Many interested parents attended, keen to find out more about the school. Bernice Ressel introduced the school concept and parents had the chance to see the school live in action by observing lessons in all year levels. Some of our Year

5 & 6 students took parents on a school tour and provided them with an insight to the school from a student perspective, naturally in German or English, depending on the family! Our own parents spoilt families with wonderful home-baked cakes and biscuits and assisted in answering many questions about DSM. For families that have missed the Open Day, you can now [book a school tour](#) with Stefanie Dietrich, our Admissions Co-ordinator, directly via the schools home page.

Newsletter migrating to Facebook

To provide our readers with more current information quickly and hyperlinks to other media sources, the school is migrating the quarterly Newsletter to our [Facebook page](#). Should you not subscribe to Facebook, you can view DSM's FB page via our [homepage](#). You will also come to find more articles directly published on our website under the header '[News](#)'. We hope you will continue to enjoy our regular publications.



Heike Toledo, the CEO of the Federal Agency of German Schools Abroad, thoroughly enjoyed reading our new school brochure.

Year 1 Excursion to the Museum

The Echidnas enjoyed an excursion to the Melbourne Museum. As part of their integrated studies topic "family", they have explored how toys their parents and grandparents played with have changed over time from the early settlers to modern days.

As part of our day out we also used the opportunity to explore the "bugs alive" section by having a look at some preserved insects as well as alive ones. Especially the tarantulas were a favourite amongst the students.

Lastly, we had a look at the geographical components of the earth, by looking at its history and its different types of sparkly rocks.

By far the favourite though was the 3-D movie with volcano eruptions. All in all a very good day for everyone. We rounded it up in the playground next door after lots of impressions throughout the day.

by Leon Gabler



Lantern Crafting Afternoon

Once again it's that special time of the year when the Lantern Walk is just around the corner and it's time to make the lanterns for St Martin's Day. This year the DSM students were particularly happy to craft their lanterns using recyclable materials, transparent paper and a great deal of creativity. The results were wonderful, individual creations. A highlight of the evening was the lantern walk organised by the parents after the crafting session.

by Pia Demasi



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Zoo Snooze at Melbourne Zoo

This term our Year 4 to 6 students went on an overnight excursion to Melbourne Zoo for a Zoovivor adventure.

They had an evening tour to explore the nocturnal life at the zoo as well as a private tour before the zoo opened its gates in the morning.

They also had a special encounter with an albino snake that they got to touch.

Our students learnt lots about saving endangered species with some campaigns such as using recycled toilet paper and using bubbles instead of balloons. This inspired the students to continue exploring endangered animals back at school.

by Mary Gallivan



Year 3 Rainforest Performance

In the last couple of weeks the Year 3 students learnt in an interdisciplinary way about rainforests and what we can do to protect them: we educated ourselves in integrated studies lessons about plants and animals in the rainforests, we created rainforest-oriented decorations in arts and finally showed-off our self-produced rainforest performance to parents. Afterwards, we had a very rainforesty breakfast with our audience.

by Annette Zühlke



Support the school

Membership

DSM is a not-for-profit association based on a strong membership. Members support the school by electing or being elected to the school board and participating in various school working groups. Members can also use the German/English library of DSM. Annual membership fees are \$27.50 for one person - or - \$55.00 for the whole family. The application form is attached to this newsletter.

Sponsorship

Organisations can support the school directly by entering a sponsorship agreement. Please contact our Business Manager Barbara Walsh for further details.

Donations

Deutsche Schule Melbourne operates the following gift funds that can accept your kind donations:

- DSM Scholarship Fund
- DSM Library Fund
- DSM Building Fund

You can find donation forms on our website. <http://dsm.org.au/de/ueber-uns/schulverein>
All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.

Sports

Hockey at DSM

This term Year 2,3,4,5 and 6 learned and played hockey at school. We got new gear: shin guards, hockey sticks, gloves and balls. We had to buy, mould and bring our own mouth guards. We tried our hardest and looked for an inter school hockey competition, sadly we didn't find one. Then, at the start of every sports lesson, we would run down the stairs to get our gear on nice and early so that we have a lot of time to enjoy playing hockey. The Year 5 and 6 also got taught by the intern Marcia who plays in a hockey team in Germany.

We all agree that it was a great learning experience and we loved the fact that we played in teams. We also learned to build teams not only with your best friends but also with people that are not so good so that maybe we find new teams that work better together. We all had loads of fun and we hope that we can play again!!!

by Matilda and Noémie (Year 6)



A special training session with AFLW superstar Sarah Lampard from the Melbourne Demons helped us improve our footy skills for the next big game.

T-ball

Am 25. Mai hatten wir einen T-ball Wettbewerb. Wir hatten zwei Mannschaften. Wir nahmen die Straßenbahn zum Fleming Park. Dort spielten wir ein Spiel pro Team. Leider verloren wir beide. Dann spielten wir noch ein Spiel. Wieder verloren wir beide. Danach hatten wir Snack Pause. Später spielten wir noch zwei Spiele und hatten Lunch. Am Ende spielten wir noch zwei Spiele mit gemischten Mannschaften. Dann fuhren wir mit der Straßenbahn zurück zur Schule.

By Hannah and Noémie (Year 6)





Application for Membership

Deutsche Schule Melbourne Inc, ABN 52 936 931 854

Membership type (please tick):

- Individual Membership \$27.50
- Family Membership (2+ persons) \$55.00

Details:

Member #1

Member #2

Surname:

Given name(s):

Postal address:

Email:

Phone:

Signature:

Payment options:

- I have paid via EFT to: Bendigo Bank, BSB 633-000, AC 1297 19340. Please quote your name(s) as reference. Thank you.
- I authorise DSM to charge my Visa / Mastercard / Amex (please circle):

Cardholders Name: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: _____ / _____

Signature: _____

Applications for membership are considered by the board of DSM. Successful applicants will receive a letter of confirmation. Unsuccessful applicants will receive a refund of the subscription fees.