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Kære forældre og elever,

Januar 2010

Lærere og bestyrelsen glæder sig til at byde jer velkommen til Danish School Down Under i 2010.

Vi har mange nye tiltag som vi glæder os til at dele med jer.

1. Akkredetering
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1. Akkredetering

Bestyrelsen er stolt at kunne meddele at den danske skole nu er akkrediteret hos Ethnic Schools Association of Victoria hvilket giver skolen mange nye muligheder for skoleåret 2010. Det betyder bla nye lokaler, flere undervisnings timer, ingen undervisning i skoleferierne, økonomisk støtte og flere lærere.

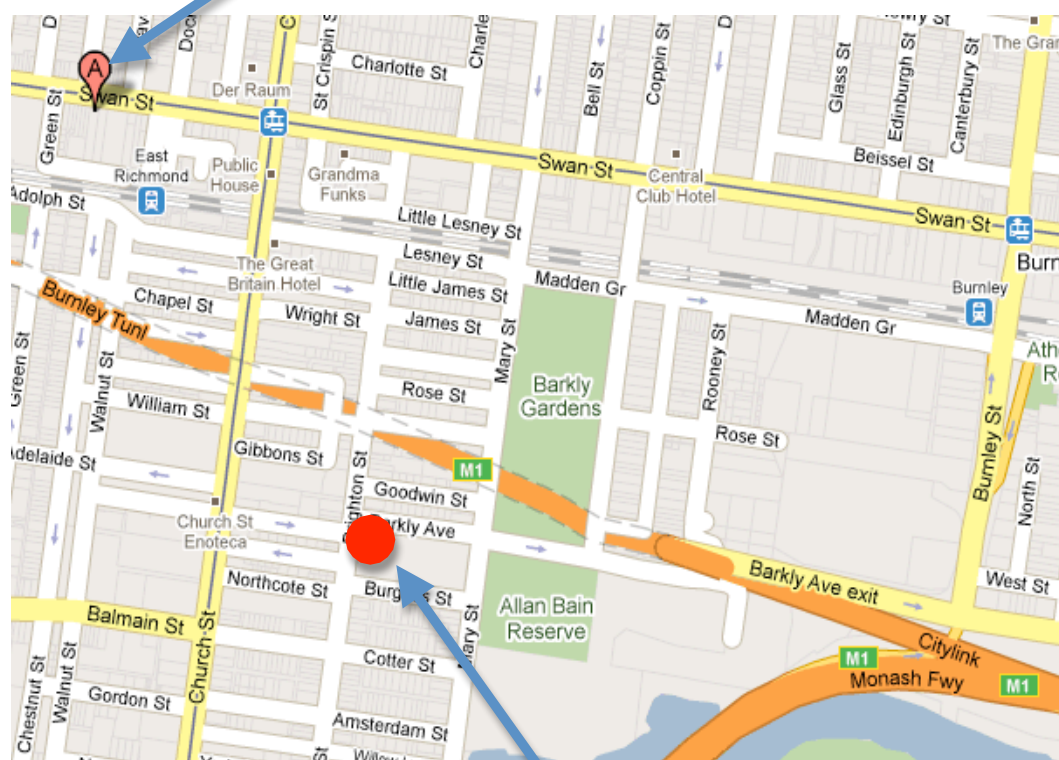
2. Nye lokaler for skolen

Et af kravene fra ESAV er at undervisningen skal foregå i skole lignende lokaler. For 2010 har vi booket Richmond Primary school. Den ligger i Mary St, Richmond (MEL 2H B12) .

Mens der er skole er der mulighed for forældrene at benytte lærerlokalet eller den tilhørende park. Vi har også lavet en aftale med en lokal cafe Torch

De tilbyder 10% off på den samlede regning . Hvis vi laver en fast booking vil de tilbyde en større rabat !

Café Torch



Richmond Primary

3. VCE fra 2011

VCE undervisning i Melbourne

Der har længe været et ønske fra en del af det danske samfund i Australien at få adgang til en VCE uddannelse i Dansk. Det er nu på vej.

Der er en samling ildsjæle der har sat sig for at få VCE op og stå pr. Januar 2011. Vi ønsker at sikre det danske sprogs beståen uden for Danmark. I Victoria alene er der 8000 danskere fast bosiddende. Det er blandt disse 8000 danskere at vi skal finde vores elevgrundlag.

Vores pensum er tilrettelagt så vores elever får mulighed for at få en fornemmelse for dansk kultur, dansk kunst, dansk litteratur og dansk biologi.

Vi ser frem til et tæt samarbejde med forældre og elever så vores sprogs fremtid kan blive sikret.

4. Lærere og Undervisningens struktur

Skolen vil i år have flere lærere. Så i vil opleve en gruppe af lærere til hver gruppe fremfor 1 lærer til hver klasse. Det skyldes de øgede antal undervisningsdage og også den mere udfordrende struktur skolen nu har. Vi vil ligeledes opfordre forældre til at deltage aktivt i skolens undervisning. Vi har temadage hvor vi meget gerne ser input fra forældre.

De første gange i skolen vil vi sprog teste alle eleverne. Sprog testen er den samme som er obligatorisk i danske skoler.

Et af kravene fra akkreditering er at vi skal arbejde henimod en mere klasseopdelt struktur- ikke at undervisningen skal foregå i små klasser – men at eleverne bliver opdelt i klasser.

e.g. Mellem Klasse lvl 1- 5 og Store Klasse lvl 1-5

Prep- klassen – Thomas's klasse fortsætter som hidtil med undervisning 1-2 gange om ugen.

Thomas's klasse er markeret på kalenderen med "stjerne"

Vi vil forsøge at indrage prepklassen i den projektorienterede undervisning og i temadagene. Vi håber at transition derved bliver nemmere når de skal rykkes op !

Louises Legestue

Fortsætter som hidtil på de samme dage som prep- klassen. Legestuen er for børn fra 3- 5 år og der synges, leges og fortælles historier på dansk.

Louises legestue bliver kørt af frivillige – man skal som forældre hjælpe til når man er i legestue.

5. Hjemmeside.

Hjemmesiden er p.t. ved at blive opdateret så den er klar til skolestart. Som noget nyt vil lærerne opdatere siden så man kan se hvad man har fået for .

Den første skoledag vil blive

Søndag den 7 Februar 2010. Undervisningen starter kl 10.00.

Undervisningen i 2010 vil være 10 til 12.30.

Alle elever bedes **ank. mindst 30 min.før**, så de kan blive introduceret til lærerne, og formularer og indmeldelsesblanketter kan blive indsamlet for alle elever. Bestyrelsen vil være til rådighed for at besvare evt.spørgsmaal

I år vil der være en ekstra blanket der skal udfyldes af jeres barns primære skole.

Det er en del af akkrediteringen at vi kan redegøre for vores elever.

Det vil være en stor fordel for komiteen om du udfylder papirerne inden ankomst, eller sender inklusive cheque inden skole start til

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Prisen for elever i 2010

Hver familie betaler \$20 som medlemsskab og derudover \$250 for første barn, \$200 for andet barn, \$150 for tredje, fjerde og evt efterfølgende børn er gratis.

Skolepengene bedes betalt senest på den første skoledag (kontanter eller cheque) til Kasserer:Erik Thorup

Venligst Medbring

Alle elever bedes medbringe **blyanter, viskelæder og exercise hæfte (blankt hæfte)**

Skole datoer 2010

Dato		
7. Feb *	14. Mar*	18. Apr*
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28. Feb		
2. Maj*	6. Jun *	18. Jul *
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23. Maj		
30. Maj		
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22. Aug		24. Okt
29. Aug		
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28. Nov *		

*** Prep Klasse + Legestue**

Bestyrelsen

For de som endnu ikke kender os er her en liste over Danish School Down Unders nuværende bestyrelses medlemmer:

- **Anne Juul** – Præsident, Fundraising
- **Jytte Ranjel**- Næst formand, PR
- **Maria Juul Gaff-Larsen** - Sekretær
- **Erik Thorup** – Kasserer.
- **Ole Sørensen** - IT ansvarlig, Bestyrelsesmedlem
- **Kirsten Casey**- Forældre/Lærere kontakt, Bestyrelsesmedlem
- **Rasmus Fiedler** – IT ansvarlig, Bestyrelsesmedlem
- **Marianne Fontaine** - Bestyrelsesmedlem
- **Paula Madsen** - VCE sub komite

Forældre er meget velkomne til at deltage i voresbestyrelsesmøder eller sidde paa bestyrelse.

Skolens **AGM (General Forsamling)** bliver den **23. Maj** hvor vi gerne ser så mange som muligt.

Der vil blive sendt indkaldelse og agenda ud via email – samt paa hjemmesiden.

Familielejr

Vi afholder igen i år den Danske FAMILIE LEJR som er en del af årets skolegang.

Fra fredag d.19/3 til søndag 21/3, på ILUKA Scout Camp i Shoreham på den skønne Mornington Peninsula . Lejren er for hele familien (inklusive forældre og søskende) og vi opfordrer alle at tage med. Vi synes det er vigtigt at give alle – inklusive de nye lærere, elever og forældre, mulighed for at lære hinanden at kende så hurtigt som muligt efter skolens start og familielejren er en ideel mulighed for dette.

Man betaler et fast beløb per familie for overnatning og skolen betaler for forplejning. Overnatning er i køjesenge 'dormitory style' og alle hjælper med madlavning, oprydning og fællesaktiviteter.

Kirsten og Jytte vil opdatere Jer med et nyhedsbrev omkring Lejren

Mange Venlige Hilsner – paa vegne af komiteen

Anne & Maria

January 2010

Dear parents and students,

Teachers and the committee looks forward to welcoming you to the Danish School Down Under in 2010.

We have many new initiatives we look forward to sharing with you.

1. Accreditation
2. New premises for the school
3. VCE from 2011
4. Teachers and educational structure
5. Homepage

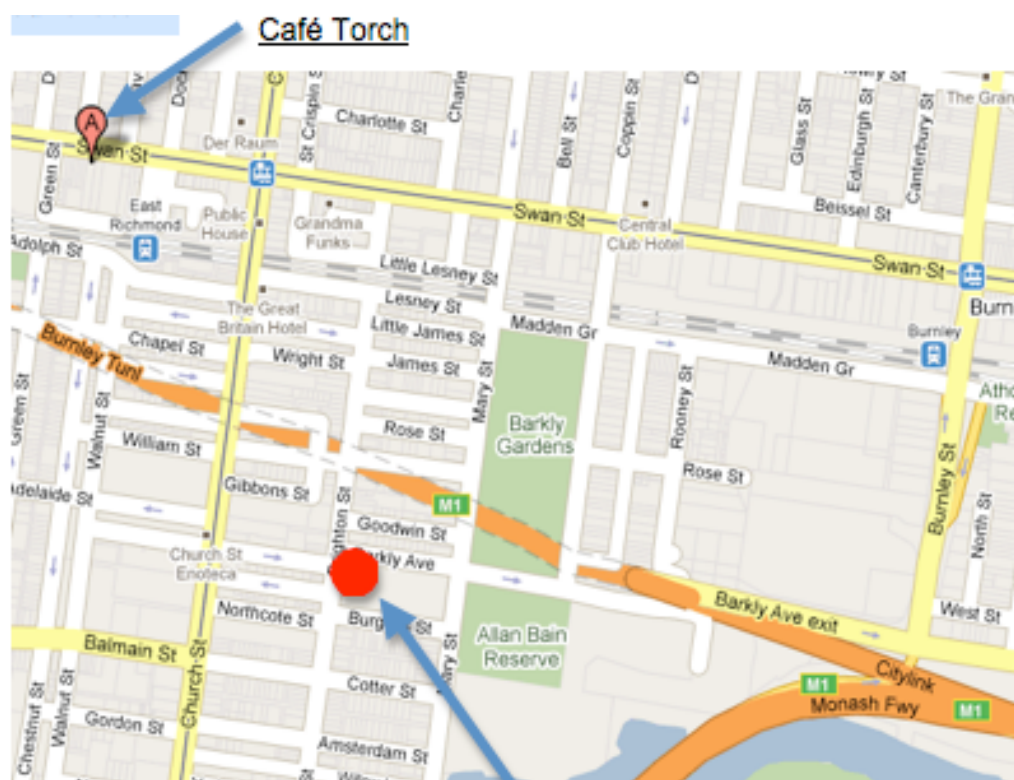
1. Accreditation

The Board is proud to announce that the Danish school is now accredited with the Ethnic Schools Association of Victoria allowing the school many new opportunities for the school year 2010 such as new premises, more teaching hours, no teaching in the school holidays, financial assistance and more teachers.

2. New premises for the school

One of the requirements from ESAV is that we must use a school environment. For 2010 we have booked Richmond Primary School. It is located in Mary St, Richmond (MEL2H B12)

During school hours, the parents are welcome to use the staff room or the park next door. We have also made an agreement with a local cafe 'Torch'. They have offered 10% off the total bill, or more if we make a booking for a permanent table.



3. VCE from 2011

The Danish society in Australia for some time wanted access to a VCE in Danish. It will be available soon.

A group of enthusiasts are working on getting VCE ready by January 2011. We want to ensure the Danish language survival outside Denmark. In Victoria alone there are 8000 Danes residing permanently. It is among these 8000 Danes that we must find our student base.

Our curriculum is organized so that our students have the opportunity to get a feel for Danish culture, Danish art, Danish literature and Danish biology.

We look forward to working closely with parents and students so that our language's future can be secured.

4. Teachers and educational structure

The school will this year have more teachers. So you will see a group of teachers for each class rather than 1 teacher for every class. This is due to the increased number of school days and also the more challenging school structure. We also invite parents to participate actively in the school. We have theme days where we would like to see input from parents.

During the first lessons of the year we will language test all students. The test is the same as is obligatory in Danish schools.

One requirement of accreditation is that we must work towards a more class-divided structure not to teaching lessons in small classes - but students are divided into classes.

eg Middle Class lvl 1 to 5 and Older Class lvl 1-5

Prep class - Thomas's class continues as before with teaching 1-2 times a month.

Thomas's class is marked on the calendar with " * "

We will try to involve the prep class in the project-oriented teaching and theme days. We hope to make the transition easier when the student graduate to the older classes.

Louises Playgroup

Continues at the new premises the same days as the Prep class. The playgroup is aimed at children aged 3- 5 years old. We will be singing, reading stories and have a play – all in Danish.

Louise's Playgroup is run by volunteers and as a parent you must stay and supervise your child when you are attending the playgroup.

5. Our Homepage

Our homepage is currently being updated. As a new feature our teachers will use the homepage and update it – so you can see what's been happening in the school.

The first day of school will be

Sunday, February 7, 2010. The school starts at 10:00.

Classes in 2010 will be 10am to 12.30pm.

All students please arrive **least 30 min. early** so they can be introduced to teachers, and enrollment forms can be collected for all students. The Board will be available to answer any questions.

This year there will be an additional form to be completed by your child's primary school. It is part of the accreditation that we can account for our students.

It would be a great benefit to the Committee if you filled out the paperwork prior to arrival, or send including payment before school start to

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The price for students in 2010

Each family pays \$ 20 in membership and in addition \$ 250 for first child, \$ 200 for second child, \$ 150 for third child, fourth and any subsequent children are free.

Please pay school fees on the first day of school (cash or cheque) to the Cashier: Erik Thorup

Please Bring

All students are asked to bring **pencils, erasers and exercise booklet.**

Commitee

For those who do not yet know us here is a list of Danish School Down Unders current commitee members:

- **Anne Juul** - President, Fundraising
- **Jytte Ranjel**-Vice President, PR
- **Maria Juul Gaff-Larsen** - Secretary
- **Erik Thorup** - Treasurer
- **Ole Sorensen** - IT Officer, Board Member
- **Kirsten Casey**-Parent / teacher contact, Board
- **Rasmus Fiedler** - IT Officer, Board Member
- **Marianne Fontaine** – Board member
- **Paula Madsen** - VCE sub committee

Parents are very welcome to attend our board meetings or sit on the board.

School **AGM** will be on **23 May** we wish to see as many people as possible.

Invite and agenda will be emailed out and posted on the homepage.

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*** Prep class + Playgroup**

Family Camp

We meet again this year for the Danish family Camp as part of the school year.

From Friday d.19 / 3 to Sunday, 21 / 3 at ILUKA Scout Camp in Shoreham on the Mornington Peninsula. The camp is for the whole family and we urge everyone to take part. We think it's important to give everyone - including the new teachers, pupils and parents the opportunity to get to know each other as soon as possible after the start of school and family camp is an ideal opportunity for this.

Each family will pay for accommodation and the school will pay for the cost of food.

Accommodation is in bunk beds 'dormitory style' and everyone works together with cooking, cleaning and organising activities.

Jytte and Kirsten will send out more info regarding the camp.

Kind Regards on behalf of the committee

Anne & Maria