



# DEPOT HILL STATE SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to the 2025 school year! I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break and are feeling excited about the year ahead.



It's going to be a GREAT YEAR!

#### New Refurbishments

We are very grateful to the builders from Hutchinson's who worked tirelessly on our refurbishments over the holidays, to ensure that the rooms were ready for the start of the school year. Our new spaces are comfortable and inviting and we will continue to add appropriate furnishings over the next term.

A new fence will be built along the front section of the school and we will be adding new signage to this when it arrives.

#### Community Hub

One of the major changes from the refurbishment is that we now have space for a Community Hub in A Block (the old staffroom). This space is available for parents to use at any time and has a washer/dryer and tea and coffee facilities. Please use this air-conditioned space if you need to wait at the school for any reason and feel free to meet members of support agencies here as well. The course Steps to Stability, coordinated by Roseberry House, was popular last year so we will continue to offer courses such as this as the year goes on.

### dates to Remember

<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>
>Australia Day Public Holiday
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>
>School Resumes
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>
>2:30pm Parade
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>
>3:00pm-4:00pm Parent Meet & Greet Sausage Sizzle
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>
>Swimming Lessons >Indigenous School Hearing Screening
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>
>Book Club Orders Due Back
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>
>Last Day Term 1
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>
>Term 2 Starts
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>
>Swimming Lessons >Indigenous School Hearing Review Date
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>
>Last Day Term 2
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>
>Term 3 Starts
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>
>School Photo Day

### 2025 classes

This year we will have 3 classrooms in the school. The following is the breakdown of where you will find these classes.

Prep/1 – in the Early Education Centre

Teacher: Miss Andrea

Teacher Aides: Mrs Portch, Miss Tori

Yr 2/3/4 – in B Block

Teacher: Mrs Lawton

Teacher Aide: Miss Vicky, Miss Wendy

Yr 5/6 - in A Block

Teacher: Mrs Jacobson and Miss Huthnance

Teacher Aide: Mr Pat

In addition to these classroom staff, we will have the following support staff working in the school.

Miss Downing – Head of Student Engagement Services (HOSES)

Miss Ruddick – Head of Department – Curriculum (HOD-C)

Mrs Laidlaw – Business Manager (BM)

Miss Clifford – Social Worker

Mrs Dig-O – Guidance Officer

Miss McKean – Physical Education Teacher

Mrs Rodriguez – Spanish Teacher

Mrs Madsen – Religious Instruction Teacher

Mr Janke – Grounds Officer

Miss Fehlhaber – School Cleaner

Miss Marilyn – Lunch Box Club Coordinator

Chappy Ben – School Chaplain

Mr Bookallil – IT support

Mrs Olive - Newsletters

I am very excited to be leading such an amazing team of people who all go above and beyond to provide the very best learning environment for our students.



### Parent Meet and Greet

We would like to invite all parents and students to a Sausage Sizzle, School tour and Meet and Greet, next Wednesday afternoon, 5<sup>th</sup> February, from 3-4pm. Parents and students from all classes will meet under B Block for our sausage sizzle at 3pm before walking with Mrs Jacobson on a school tour to see the new refurbishments. Following the tour, parents can go to their child's classroom so that teachers can discuss routines etc.



### PBL – Positive Behaviour for Learning

Depot Hill State School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) school. This means that we believe that recognising the student's positive behaviours will encourage them to repeat these behaviours leading to greater learning outcomes. As such, each classroom has a positive behaviour system set up to reward the students who are making good choices throughout the day.

The students will be rewarded with raffle tickets at the end of the day, and each week, on parade, we will pull student names from the box of raffle tickets to earn a Zooper Dooper. Our goal as a whole school is to have 3000 raffle tickets in our whole school box. When we reach this goal, the whole school will receive a reward, such as an excursion to the pool or park. Please check in each day with your child to see how many raffle tickets they have earned and praise their efforts. Parade is held each Monday at 2.30pm. Parents and community members are welcome so please join us in the new library!



### Swimming

Depot Hill has always highly valued Learning to Swim and we therefore teach swimming in Term 1 and 4 of each year. Our swimming lessons will begin next Friday, 7th February. Please complete the attached permission form and return as soon as possible so that your child can attend. Not only is learning to swim a life-saving skill, it is also part of the Australian Curriculum and therefore compulsory. The cost will be \$10 per child which can be paid with cash or eftpos at the office. This money goes toward the cost of the bus and the swimming instructors. If you are experiencing difficulty with this payment, please give me a call to discuss.



### The Smith Family

Depot Hill State School is a partnership school with The Smith Family. This means that all students who attend the school, whose family have a health care card, are eligible for a scholarship of approximately \$500 which can be used to buy books, shoes, uniforms and pay for excursions. Most of our existing families are already on this scholarship but if you are not, please complete the attached form and return it to the school. We will scan forms through to The Smith Family and they will contact you directly to organise the payment.



### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Piper, Harlii-Rae, Harley, Willow, Oliver and Gideon who celebrated their birthday this week or on the holidays!



Hope you have a wonderful week!

*Mrs Elizabeth Jacobson*  
Principal

### PBL

DEPOT HILL STATE SCHOOL RULES

BE SAFE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE A LEARNER



PBL FOCUS FOR THE WEEK:

BE A LEARNER

by following classroom rules

### FACEBOOK

To keep up to date with the latest news and reminders and to see additional photos, please like us on Facebook.



## STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is or will be away, please contact the school to give a reason for the absence.



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

*every student, every day*

The school now has a dedicated number for absences. Parents can send messages to this phone number at any time to inform the school of their child/ren absences. The phone number is 0426305056. You will not be able to call this number as it is text message system only. The school can still be contacted on 49221795 or 0447759501.

Missing 1 day a fortnight =  
Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years!

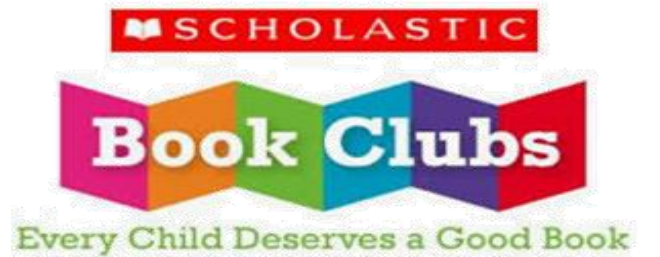
## WELCOME MRS LAWTON

My name is Erin Lawton, I'm a graduate teacher with 11 years of experience in Education HR before deciding to pursue my passion for teaching. Now, I want to focus on helping students grow and I find it very rewarding to see their confidence develop throughout the year. As a mum of two daughters—one in prep and the other in Year 2—I understand the challenges and excitement of the school journey from both a professional and personal perspective. I'm excited to contribute positively in the school community and make a meaningful impact on the students' learning.



## BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues were sent home with this week's newsletter. If you wish to order any items from the catalogue, please return the order form and payment to the office by Thursday the 13th of February.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES



## REGISTER NOW



# 2025 SQUASH FIT JUNIOR PROGRAM

Saturday morning  
Time: 8:45am to 10am

### PROGRAM INCLUDES :

- Fundamental squash skills
- Strength training
- Social games

### COST

\$90 per term or  
\$15 per week

Accepting Fair Play  
Vouchers

### TERM 1 DATES

Week 1 - 1st February    Week 6 - 15th March  
Week 2 - 8th February    Week 7 - 22nd March  
Week 3 - 15th February  
Week 4 - 22nd February  
Week 5 - 8th March

SUITABLE  
FOR AGES  
3 TO 17

\*Note\* No Squash Fit Junior Program on the following dates:  
1st March - Gladston Junior Open  
29th March - Rockhampton Junior Open

Stay connected with our  
social media

271 Richardson Road, Kawana, QLD 4702



# Free Prep Vision Screening

is coming

## Have you completed your consent form yet?



**Depot Hill State School**

Please scan this QR code to complete your child's consent form by **Saturday, 8 February 2025** to secure your spot



## Vision Screening & Privacy Online Consent Form – Frequently Asked Questions

### Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program

#### How can parents/guardians access the Vision Screening & Privacy Online Consent Form?

This form can be accessed on computers, mobile phones, and tablets by following the link distributed by the school via email or text message. It is available to access on 3G networks.

Parents/Guardians may also access the form by scanning the QR code displayed on the classroom poster using their mobile phone or tablet. It is requested that these posters (attached to this email) are printed and displayed outside of each of the Prep classrooms.

#### What happens if a parent/guardian tries to access the link after it has closed?

If a parent clicks on the link after the closure date, they will be provided with an option to download and print a paper copy of the consent form. This should then be returned to the school prior to the date of screening.

#### Will school staff be able to find out who has completed a Vision Screening & Privacy Online Consent Form?

The Registered Nurse will provide you with a list of children that have returned a consent form via the online portal. The Registered Nurse will inform you of when you can expect to receive this list. We would ask your assistance in following-up with the families that have not yet returned a form, to provide them with the opportunity to participate in this important health initiative.

#### Are there any further resources available to support parents/guardians or school staff to better understand the Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program?

There are several resources available on the Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program website - including a video demonstrating the vision screening process, translated parent resources and further information for school staff. Please click on the following link to access our website <https://www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au/our-work/prep-vision-screening>

If parents/guardians or school staff require any further assistance they can contact the Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program on 1800 687 372.



# DEPOT HILL STATE SCHOOL- Swimming lessons

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Date: 28th January, 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Each week this term, from week 2 to week 9, our students will take part in swimming lessons at the AquaJets Swim school and North Rockhampton pool.

- Students will be supervised and taught by trained coaches as well as volunteers and teacher aides. The ratio of students to adults will be 5:1 or less.
- Students will travel by bus to and from the pool. They will leave the school approximately half an hour before their allocated swimming lesson time
- Students will have 45minute lessons and then return to school
- Students will need to bring togs, a sun shirt, a towel and thongs in a plastic bag
- Students may wear goggles if they wish but it is not compulsory
- Parents are welcome to come along to help with teaching or supervision. Please see the office if you are interested in helping out.

The classes lesson times are as follows:

Yr P-1 – Leave school at 12.00pm -> in the water at 12.15pm

Yr 2-3-4 – Leave school at 12.45pm-> in the water at 1pm

Yr 5/6 – Leave school at 1.30pm -> in the water at 1.45pm

All students will return to school by 3pm.

## Activity Costs:

- The cost for these lessons will be \$10 for the term per child.

The teaching of swimming is a part of the Australian Curriculum and is a compulsory part of our school programme. If you are experiencing difficulties making this payment please see me to see how I can help.

For further information about the activity, please contact Elizabeth Jacobson on 49221795.

Yours sincerely

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**Elizabeth Jacobson**  
Principal  
Depot Hill State School

# DEPOT HILL STATE SCHOOL- Swimming lessons

## **Consent**

Please complete the required information and check all appropriate boxes below to indicate your agreement/consent:

- I have read all of the information contained in this form in relation to the activity (including any attached material) and I am aware that the Department of Education, Training and Employment does not have personal accident insurance cover for students.
- I give consent for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ (print child's name) in class \_\_\_\_\_ (print class details), to participate in swimming lessons and travel by bus.
- In the event of an accident or illness, I authorise school staff to obtain or administer any medical assistance or treatment my child may reasonably require, including contacting my child's doctor.
- I have provided the school all relevant details relating to my child's medical or physical needs on enrolment and where relevant have updated this information.
- I accept liability for all costs incurred in obtaining such medical assistance or treatment (including any transportation costs) and undertake to reimburse the State of Queensland (via the Department of Education, Training and Employment) the full amount of any costs incurred on my child's behalf.

Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

Parent/Carer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## **Additional medical information**

The school collected medical information about your child at enrolment. This information is stored in OneSchool. Please give full details of any new or changing conditions (medical, physical or management) which may affect your child's full participation in the activity described in the form.

## **You may also wish to provide the following information\*:**

Name of child's medical practitioner: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Medicare No: \_\_\_\_\_

Private Health Insurance Company (if provided): \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If an enrolment form for your child has been completed or updated since October 2012 this information will already be recorded in OneSchool.

- I would like this additional information about my child's medical and physical details to be recorded in OneSchool records.

## **Privacy Notice**

*The Department of Education, Training and Employment is collecting the personal information requested in this form in order to:*

- *obtain lawful consent for your child to participate in the activity;*
- *help coordinate the activity;*
- *respond to any injury or medical condition that may arise during, or as a result of the activity; and*
- *Update school records where necessary.*

*The information will only be accessed by authorised school staff and will be dealt with in accordance with the confidentiality requirements of s.426 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) and the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld).*

*The information will not be disclosed to any other person or agency unless it is for a purpose stated above, the disclosure is authorised or required by law, or you have given DET permission for the information to be disclosed.*

## **Activity Risks & Insurance**

The activity outlined above carries an inherent risk of physical injury occurring. Please note that the Department of Education, Training and Employment does not have personal accident insurance cover for students. If your child is injured as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs are the responsibility of the parent/carers. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If you have private health insurance, some costs may be also be covered by your provider. Any other costs must be covered by parents/carers. It is up to all parents/carers to decide what types and what level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child. Please take this into consideration in deciding whether or not to allow your child to participate in this activity.

# Learning for Life Referral Form



everyone's family

<b>1. Referring School Details</b> (* Mandatory Information to be completed)			
Name of School*:	Depot Hill State School	Referral Date*:	/ /
Key Contact Person*:	Elizabeth Jacobson	Telephone*:	49 221795

<b>2. Applicant Details – Primary Carer e.g. Parent/Carer</b> (* Mandatory Information to be completed)			
Full Name*:			
Street Address*			Contact Details* Tel*
Suburb*:			Alternate phone (mobile):
State*:		P/code*:	Email Address:

<b>3. Participant Applicant Details (Child/ren)</b>				
Student Name*	Gender*	Date of Birth*	Year Level*	Attendance rate (e.g. Absences last semester; Attendance %; or attach school report )
	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	/ /		
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<b>4. Eligibility Criteria*</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Carer in possession of Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card; <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Carer have responsibility for a child/children regularly attending school; <input type="checkbox"/> Student(s) attend a Partner School. <input type="checkbox"/> Student(s) in a Primary School year If any of the above criteria are not met, please complete section 6 below outlining why the application should still be considered for approval.

<b>5. Consent to Obtain / Provide Information*</b>
I, _____ hereby give permission to <i>(Name of Parent/Carer)</i>  Depot Hill State School <i>(Name of School)</i>  to provide The Smith Family with this information to enable them to process this referral. This includes consent to provide attendance data and/or copy of the student's latest school report.  _____ Date <i>Signature of Parent/Carer (applicant)</i>  _____ Date <i>Signature of Referrer (school representative)</i>

<b>6. Additional Information (Use the back of the form if more space is required).</b>	<b>7. Return this form to:</b>
Please add any additional information to support this referral (e.g. education related achievements/awards/merits; extenuating circumstances impacting attendance – health and disability, bereavement):  Special eligibility considerations (if any):  Do the family require additional support to participate in the recruitment interview? (Interpreter etc.)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Roddy Sinclair</b>            Family Partnerships Coordinator            Rockhampton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mob: <b>0403 721 025</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">roddy.sinclair@thesmithfamily.com.au</p>