



DEPOT HILL STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Hi Everyone,

I hope by now that your family is settling into the school routine. I know that the whole family is affected if a child is not wanting to go to school. If this is happening at your house, please take the time to give me a ring or drop in to see me, so we can discuss this and work out how we can work together to improve the situation

School Leaders

This week on parade we announced the Leaders of Depot Hill State School for 2024. Congratulations to all of these students!

School Captains:

Eli Vincent and Kaylee Cranston

Cook House Captains:

Zaidyn Solomon

Flinders House Captains:

Sire Flower-Stanley and Larzara White

Yr 6 Student Council Representatives:

Huxley Porter and Jordyn Wildman

Yr 5 Student Council Representatives:

Abby Barnham and Melody

Yr 4 Student Council Representatives:

Chase Hudson and Shakoby Tynan

Yr 3 Student Council Representatives:

Xavier Flower-Stanley and Ehlyjah Lee

The badges have been ordered for our leaders and they will be presented next week on parade by our local councillor Drew Wickerson. Parents are welcome to attend parade at 2.30pm.

dates to Remember

Monday 12th February

- >8:15am-9:00am Breakfast & Lunchbox Club
- >Prep Vision Screening
- >2:30pm Parade

Tuesday 13th February

- >8:15am-9:00am Breakfast & Lunchbox Club

Wednesday 14th February

- >8:15am-9:00am Breakfast & Lunchbox Club

Thursday 15th February

- >8:15am-9:00am Breakfast & Lunchbox Club
- >Bike Shed - Y4

Friday 16th February

- >8:15am-9:00am Breakfast & Lunchbox Club
- >9:00am-11:00am Playgroup
- >Deadly Choices - Yr5/6
- >Swimming Lessons

Monday 19th February

- >8:15am-9:00am Breakfast & Lunchbox Club
- >2:30pm Parade - Leadership Badge Presentation

Tuesday 20th February

- >8:15am-9:00am Breakfast & Lunchbox Club

Wednesday 21st February

- >8:15am-9:00am Breakfast & Lunchbox Club

Thursday 22nd February

- >8:15am-9:00am Breakfast & Lunchbox Club
- >Bike Shed - Y4

Friday 23rd February

- >8:15am-9:00am Breakfast & Lunchbox Club
- >9:00am-11:00am Playgroup
- >Deadly Choices - Yr5/6
- >Swimming Lessons

Friday 22nd March

- >3:15pm P&C AGM

Thursday 28th March

- >Last day of Term 1

Lunch Time Routines

We are finding that some of our students are still experiencing difficulties communicating appropriately with their friends at lunch time so we have established some new routines to support all students to enjoy their lunch breaks. At each lunch break, we offer the students 4 types of organised play. It might be basketball, tennis, skipping and the library. Students choose where they would like to play and they are closely supervised in this area by a staff member. As one student said to me last week, it is more fun and fair when an adult is supervising.



If any parents or grandparents would like to come up to the school between 11.15-11.45, we would love to have additional adults on the grounds at this time. If you have a passion for gardening or craft etc. it would be great to have you share your knowledge with our students and they would benefit from spending time with community members.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Eli who will be celebrating his birthday on Thursday!



Have a great 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 using the

CHILL OUT

space

STUDENT ABSENCES

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



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!

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Hi families,

Our units of work are well under this term. The first maths focus of statistics is complete and we now move onto symmetry and mapping. These are interesting real life concepts so see if you and your child can spot examples of symmetry in our everyday world or ask them to give you directions to get home.

In HaSS, we are continuing our exploration of the First Fleet and what has changed or stayed the same since 1778. The students have really enjoyed learning about this history and are sure to fire some facts at you if you asked.



Our knowledge of the properties of materials is extending too and we even took a look at the Natural History Museum's collection of Woppaburra People (Keppel Island First Nations) artefacts, which included a variety of tools, shelters and clothing. This was a way for the students to deepen their understanding that different material properties are used for different purposes.

Speaking of First Nations peoples, we are well into the 'problem' section of our class novel Nerra, as she tries to put back together the broken rainbow and restore balance to country. You can see in the picture the class doing a good job of recalling and organising the order of events and describing key characters.



Have a wonderful week and remember, if you child is absent, please contact the school to notify a reason.

Miss Steph Ruddick

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

There was much excitement in the class this week with the announcement of the [school leaders](#). Congratulations to [Eli Vincent and Kaylee Cranston](#) who are the proud 2024 school captains. Announcement of all 2024 leaders will be made by Mrs Jacobson in her report.

The students enjoyed their [science lesson](#) last week – it involved food!!! We may have a few budding chefs in the class. The focus was on reversible and irreversible changes to different 'foods' through heating and then cooling. Heat was applied to chocolate, ice, cheese and an egg. Perhaps you could ask your child about the results. I am sure they will love to tell you.

Reversible and Irreversible Changes



[Swimming lessons](#) are progressing very well and even though we don't have anyone qualifying for the Paris Olympics, we will have more children able to enjoy the water and be safe. Water safety is very important. **Remember to pack your swimming gear on Friday.**

One of the assessment tasks this term, is to [write a story](#). The students have been learning about the structure of a narrative and they understand that every great story has to have a problem. We have analysed two picture books, *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* and *Banjo and Ruby Red*. It seems the problems grow from a pebble, to a rock, to a boulder and then they are solved!!! Perhaps you could ask your child to tell you about what they have learnt.

Congratulations to the students for their improved focus and effort in week three.

Mrs Jo Ward

FACEBOOK

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



UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

If you have recently moved, changed phone numbers or need to update emergency contact details or medical conditions, please update your details with the school as soon as possible.



PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

PLAYGROUP

DEPOT HILL STATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

O'Connell Street, Rockhampton
Every Friday morning from 9:00am – 11:00am

Safe, Friendly, Happy Atmosphere

If you have a child aged 5 or under, please join us for some fun and a chance to meet other parents. You do not need to be a parent from Depot Hill State School to be involved. Please bring a hat, a healthy snack and a water bottle.



For more information please phone (07) 4922 1795

P&C NEWS

DEPOT HILL STATE SCHOOL P&C

RAFFLE

Prizes:
Rocky Nats 3 Day Family Pass
2 x \$50 Shell Service Station Fuel Voucher
Jess Brie Creatives Photography Voucher
2+ years Move & Groove Scooter
2 x \$50 Meat Tray

Tickets: \$2 each

WIN THE HUGE PRIZE!

Drawn Friday 22nd March 2024
Please see Jess Lee at the end of the day outside the Library to get your tickets!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Come DANCING @ALTON DOWNS HALL

Kick up your heels at an Old Time Dance at the Alton Downs Hall with 'The Keyboard Kid' Syd Stickley. It's energetic and lots of fun—and there's a delicious supper at half time! Old Time/new Vogue. All welcome.



**Saturday
17 Feb. 2024
7pm—11pm
\$12pp**

Alton Downs Hall, corner Ridgeland Road and Nicholson Road, Alton Downs
**A short 15 minute drive from the Rockhampton Showgrounds.
Enquiries: Peter (Mobile: 0427 341 166)

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FREE COME & TRY HOCKEY

13th, 20th and 27th February — 5pm - 6pm

Free 3 week come and try programs for all ages. Come to one or come to all!

34 Water Street
Kalka Shades,
Rockhampton

Other Events

Junior Fun Day - 13th February
5pm - 6pm

Free sausage sizzle to follow

Join the Club
Join the Team

Sign up and receive a FREE Hockey pack including a hockey stick, shin pads and a ball

Contact us for more information

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