



13/05/2025 - Week 4, Term 2

Depot Hill State School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Hi Everyone,

A big Happy Mother's Day to all of our lovely Depot Hill Mums. I hope you had a great day on Sunday and were spoilt by your nearest and dearest! If you haven't checked the Depot Hill Facebook site for a while, you must go on and check out the photos of our Preps and Year Ones, pampering their Mums and Nans. A huge shout out to Miss Andera, Miss Tori and Mrs Portch for all of the work that went into making this afternoon such a success.



IMPORTANT dates to remember

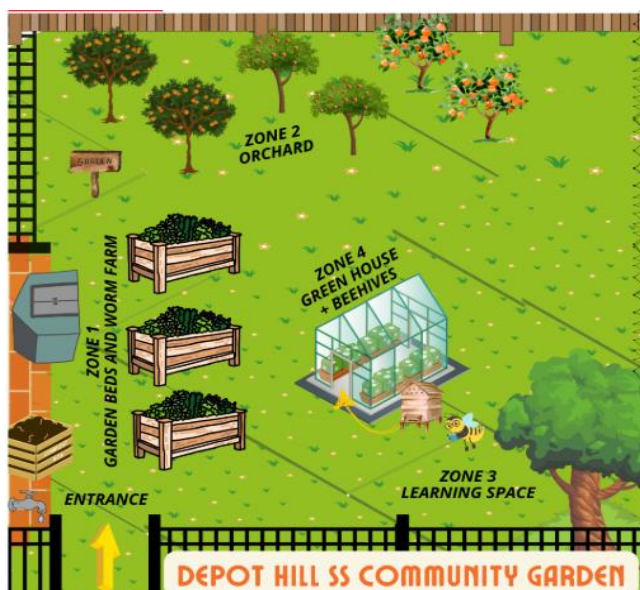
Monday 12th May
>2:30pm Parade
Tuesday 13th May
Wednesday 14th May
>2:00pm-3:00pm School Sports Training
Thursday 15th May
Friday 16th May
>Interschool Sport – Yr5/6 1:20pm Yr 6 Football - Versus Gracemere at Rugby Park 2 12:30pm Yr 5 Football - Versus Gracemere at Rugby Park 2 12.55pm Netball - Versus Parkhurst Black at Court 9, Jardine Park
Monday 19th May
>2:30pm Parade
Tuesday 20th May
Wednesday 21st May
>2:00pm-3:00pm School Sports Training
Thursday 22nd May
Friday 23rd May
>Interschool Sport – Yr5/6
Saturday 31st May
>10:00am Biggest Morning Tea
Friday 6th June
>P&C Meeting @Cummunity Hub
Tuesday 10th June
>Athletics Carnival @PCRSS
Wednesday 11th June
>Athletics Carnival @DHSS
Thursday 12th June
>Rockhampton Show Holiday
Friday 27th June
>Last Day Term 2
Monday 14th July
>Term 3 Starts
Thursday 16th October
>School Photo Day

Sustainability Grant

I am very pleased to share that Depot Hill State School has been successful in applying for a Sustainability Grant of \$20 000. The grant will be used to create a School-led community garden initiative designed to strengthen relationships between students, families, and the wider community while promoting sustainable practices. This project creates a shared space for learning, collaboration, and environmental responsibility, fostering a deeper connection between the school and its community.

The project will utilise water-efficient irrigation, composting, and organic gardening methods to minimise environmental impact while maximising learning opportunities. Students will engage in hands-on sustainability education, incorporating science, health, and environmental studies into real-world applications. Community members will be invited to participate through workshops, working bees, and shared harvesting opportunities, fostering intergenerational learning and a sense of collective ownership. By promoting local food production, reducing waste, and encouraging biodiversity, the project contributes to long-term environmental benefits while strengthening social ties.

A big congratulations to Miss H, Mr Patt, Mrs Laidlaw and Miss Ruddick for the work that went into this application alongside community members Ilona Baker, John and Isabell Millar and Marilyn Tynan.



Wellbeing School Supports

At Depot Hill State School we pride ourselves on not only focusing on Educational Achievement but also Wellbeing & Engagement and Culture & Inclusion.

Last week, Miss Ruddick started working with some of our senior girls on a project we are calling Girls Time Out. The intent is to support our girls to develop more positive relationships with each other. A big thank you to Steph for purchasing the items which the girls requested, such as the paint by number sets, which keeps their hands busy as they chat. It also builds a sense of belonging as they decorate the Community Hub with their work.

Last Friday, Miss Downing met with parents of the students who are beginning the Social Skills Programme, Secret Agent Society. This evidence-based programme is designed to positively impact a child's ability to socialise appropriately with their peers, family and society. An important part of the programme is the partnership with parents as they reinforce the weekly skills at home. Miss Downing will begin these lessons in Week 5.

Head Lice

We have had some confirmed cases of head lice in our Prep/1 classroom. Please check your child's hair for lice and treat accordingly. Although the chemist sells many chemical treatments for head lice, I have always found regular use of a lice comb with conditioner is the most effective method. Tea tree oil sprayed on hair afterwards can also be a deterrent.

The school will be purchasing lice combs, conditioner and tea tree oil to be kept in the community hub. Please feel free to use these resources to support your family to be headlice free. We also have school support staff who are willing to comb the children's hair at parent's request. Ongoing Head Lice can be frustrating and expensive, so please reach out to the office or your child's teacher if you would like some support to rid your household of this pest.



Books for Prep Students

This week, on parade every Prep child at Depot Hill was presented with a picture book. A big thankyou to Rockhampton Rotary for this beautiful donation which will no doubt be treasured for year to come.



THANK YOU!

Interschool Sport

We will be starting our interschool sport for the Yr 5/6 students this week.

Details of games are:

-Yr 6 Football - Versus Gracemere at Rugby Park 2 @ 1:20pm

-Yr 5 Football – Versus Gracemere at Rugby Park 2 @ 12:30pm

-Netball – Versus Parkhurst Black at Court 9, Jardine Park @ 12.55pm



Please return all permission forms by this Friday.

Happy Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to Roxanna, celebrating her special day this week! Wishing you a wonderful time filled with joy, laughter and all your favourite things.

Have a great week.

Mrs Elizabeth Jacobson
Principal

PBL

DEPOT HILL STATE SCHOOL RULES

BE SAFE

BE RESPECTFUL

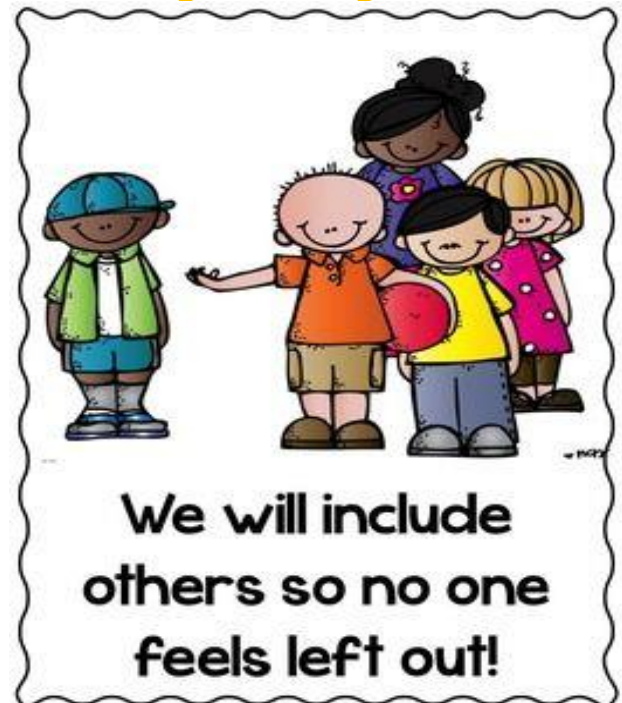
BE A LEARNER



PBL FOCUS FOR THE WEEK:

BE RESPECTFUL

by including others



Student Absence Line

It's important to notify us if your child will be absent from school for the day. Please call: 4930 7999

PARADE AWARDS



**Well
DONE!**

ACCEPTED PAYMENT METHODS

CASH OR CHEQUE



Payments must be in a sealed envelope or snap lock bag with permission slip (when required), clearly labelled with your child's name, class and payment description.

EFTPOS

Payments can be made in person at the office.



BPOINT ONLINE



Payments can be made online by clicking the link at the bottom of the invoice or by phoning.

BPOINT

PHONE PAYMENTS USING BPOINT

1300 631 073

Phone payments can be made via the BPOINT number above. Follow the prompts and quote your CRN and invoice number from the invoice.



QKR! APP



Payments are made using the QKR! App. This app indicates all invoices active at the school and should not be used to determine what is outstanding.

QPARENTS APP

All invoices are available for payment using QParents. Invoices may take 24hrs after receiving the email to show on the app.



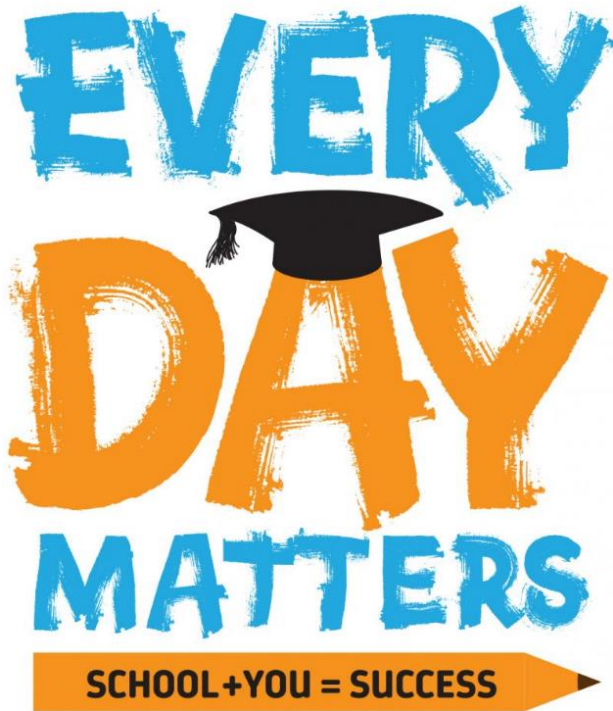
If you are experiencing difficulties paying for school invoices, you may be eligible for a Payment Plan. For more information, please contact the office.

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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 phone 49 307 999 at any time to inform the school of their child/ren absences.

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

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**

HEAD LICE

Dear Parent and Carers,

Head lice have been detected in the school. The parents of all students are being notified via this letter.

It is extremely important for you to check your child's head for head lice TODAY.

If you do find head lice, commence treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading.

Remember to keep checking your family member's heads **every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.**

For further information regarding treating head lice, refer to the Department of Health's [Head Lice fact sheet](http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/Parasites/headLice_fs.asp) available at [<http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/Parasites/headLice_fs.asp>](http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/Parasites/headLice_fs.asp).

Your local pharmacist can provide advice regarding head lice treatment options and head lice combs.

Because head lice need close head-to-head contact to spread from one person to another, to reduce the spread of head lice, teachers will discourage students from activities which may involve head to head contact.

To reduce your child's risk of getting head lice, make sure that long hair is tied up and discourage children from sharing their brushes and combs and having head to head contact with others.

Remember - Anyone can get head lice – they have no preferences for cleanliness, hair colour, hair type, ethnicity or age.

If for any reason you are having difficulties treating the head lice on your child effectively, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Jacobson

Principal
Depot Hill State School



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Download the app for tips to raise confident, resilient children



Download the app



ROMP IN THE PARK

children's festival

free ★ activities ★ entertainment
play ★ information ★ fun



Friday 23 May 2025

Panthers AFC Footy Grounds
(aka The Rockhampton Cricket grounds)

9:00am – 12:00pm

Please register



For further information contact the Romp in the Park Working Party

romprockhampton@gmail.com



Central Queensland Athletics Club Inc.

Inviting all athletes to have fun while we learn running, jumping and throwing at our family friendly local athletics club, for all ages from 4 –104!

Training & Competition - Every Saturday 2-5pm

Training - Every Wednesday & Friday 3.45-5pm

* School holidays subject to coach availability

FREE TRIAL OFFER!

*All new athletes receive 2 free weeks, details and registration available at www.revolutionise.com.au/centralqldathletics/registration

*Annual membership only \$150pp *Fair play vouchers accepted

CQ University Oval
Bruce Highway, North Rockhampton

For further details please contact
Justin Lane - 0424 850 560 / Carolyn Johnson - 0407 763 552
or find us on facebook



Lifeline BOOKFEST

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\$2 CLOTHING SALE

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16-17th MAY
8:30am - 4:00pm

ROCKHAMPTON SHOWGROUNDS

Robert Schwarten Pavilion

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10am Saturday 31st May 2025

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RAFFLES

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

All welcome!

Gold Coin Donation



Donations of items to be used as multi-draw raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. Please drop prizes off to the school office.



Cancer Council

All proceeds go to the Queensland Cancer Council

We hope you can join us for this worthwhile cause and look forward to seeing you on the day.

Please tell your friends and neighbours!

Help us reach our goal!



Hello All,

This year, we're hosting an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to help Cancer Council raise vital funds for people impacted by cancer.

It's important to us because it touches so many families.

We've set a fundraising goal of \$500 and we're on the way to hitting it, but we could really use your help!

The thing is, your donation will make a real difference.

It'll help fund world-class cancer research, which has already increased cancer survival rates from 49% in the 1980s to 69% today.

It'll fund prevention initiatives like the HPV vaccine and the new cervical screening program, which have put Australia on track to become the first country to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem. How incredible is that?!

Plus, your donation will also importantly help fund support services for the 150,000 Australians who are diagnosed with cancer every year. With support services in higher demand than ever, your help now is particularly vital.

So will you help us reach our goal?

Together we can help Australia take big steps towards a cancer free future, so thank you again! Looking forward to catching up over a cuppa.

Colleen Portch

Depot Hill State School

