

# DEPOT HILL STATE SCHOOL

## Newsletter



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### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hi Everyone,

I hope you have been enjoying this lovely bit of Spring rain and you didn't sustain any damage in the storms which we have had. Our school gardens are still looking great but I was noticing a few weeds coming up through the mulch. Something for our Learning Club gardeners to get on top of!



Our first week of swimming lessons was very successful and it is great to see the students learning and enjoying the experience. The Learn to Swim Pool does have high levels of chlorine, due to so many children using the small space, so you may wish to purchase goggles for your child to use. All parents are welcome to attend swimming lessons at any stage.



Despite a rocky start, with a broken-down bus, the Year 5s and Chappy Trish enjoyed their leadership day at Cawarral and came back with many ideas about what it means to be a leader. Among the 50 students who attended the day, Chappy mentioned that the Depot Hill students were stand-outs for their ability to praise and encourage other students. It is wonderful to hear that the work we have done in this area stays with our students beyond the school gate.



### dates to Remember

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| <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>   |
| >9:00am-11:00am Step Into Prep<br>>2:30pm Parade                                  |
| <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>  |
| >Book Club Orders Due Back<br>>3:00pm -4:00pm Learning Club                       |
| <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>   |
| <b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>   |
| >Swimming Lessons   |
| <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>   |
| >9:00am-11:00am Step Into Prep<br>>2:30pm Parade                                  |
| <b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>  |
| >NO Learning Club   |
| <b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>  |
| >Yr 6 RHS visit   |
| <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>   |
| <b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>   |
| >Swimming Lessons   |
| <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>  |
| >9:00am-11:15am Playgroup<br>>Swimming Lessons (last one)<br>>Disco – beach theme |
| <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>  |
| >Swimming Carnival  |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>                                   |
| >Yr 3-6 Camp  |
| <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>  |
| >Last day of school   |

### PBL

DEPOT HILL SCHOOL RULES

BE SAFE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE A LEARNER

Focus of the Week:

Be Respectful by using kind words during learning and at play



Our staff who attended the Positive Partnerships days last Wednesday and Thursday, likewise came back to school with new ideas on how we can make Depot Hill School a place which welcomes and caters to the needs of every child. Over the weeks to come, the staff will discuss how we can implement these strategies across the school in the new year.



Next Wednesday, 27th October, our Year Six students with a disability, who will be attending Rockhampton High School, will begin a series of three visits to ensure they are feeling at ease in this new setting before next year. I will be accompanying these students on these visits. There will be a whole class visit to Rockhampton High School for all Year Six students later in the year. The Year Six students are also taking part in weekly online sessions with the Year Sixes from the many small schools in our area. Mr Stewart, from Marmor State School, has been facilitating these sessions, and the students have been discussing such issues as making friends, finding classrooms and understanding timetables. This has been hugely beneficial to all to reduce feelings of stress about this exciting change which is about to occur in their lives.



Next Tuesday, 26th October, our staff will all be taking part in First Aid training from 3.15-4.15 so this will mean that there is no Learning Club on this day. Please mark this on your calendar.

This week, the school shared on facebook the fact that we were seeking support for our students to go on camp. I also spoke about this on ABC radio on the weekend. I have been humbled by the response, as so many individuals have transferred money to the school to ensure that every child has the chance to attend our camp. We really do live in a wonderful city with so many community-minded people for which I am very grateful.

Have a great week.

*Mrs Elizabeth Jacobson*

### FACEBOOK

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



[www.facebook.com/depohillstateschool](http://www.facebook.com/depohillstateschool)



### ATTENDANCE

#### STUDENTS ABSENCES



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

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

### PLAYGROUP

#### DEPOT HILL STATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

O'Connell Street, Rockhampton  
Every Friday morning  
from 9:00am – 11:15am

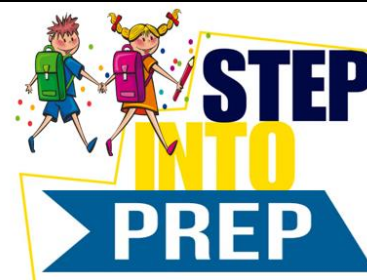
**Safe, Friendly, Happy Atmosphere**

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



### STEP INTO PREP



#### Overview

- 8/16 week school based program based on the Australian Abecedarian Approach (3a)
- Great opportunity to learn about the school and prepare your child for Prep
- Builds children's social and emotional skills in preparation for formal schooling
- Opportunity for the children and parents to make friends with other families attending Prep the next year

#### When/Where

Depot Hill State School Library  
Starting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 9:00am

For more information contact the school on (07) 4922 1795





# Garage Sale

Sat 23 October



51 Main Street  
Park Avenue

7.00am to 1.00pm

*A large variety of items will be on sale.*

*Household items, books,  
furniture, DVDs, plus....*

*All proceeds from the garage sale will  
be donated to the Rockhampton  
School Chaplaincy Committee to  
support the work of the Chaplains in  
the Rockhampton area.*



Foundations Care

# Foster Carers needed in Our Community

We are seeking foster carers to care for children in need. If you've ever thought about fostering, now is the time to act. Flexible options available.

Contact our local team  
to find out more.  
Ph: 1300 395 005

[www.foundcare.org.au](http://www.foundcare.org.au)



# PIP'S FAIRY FLOSS

**\$3 a bag**  
**2 bags for \$5**

Available for purchase  
on Mondays after parade



**\$1 for each bag sold will be donated to the DHSS P&C**

GRACEMERE LITTLE ATHLETICS PRESENTS  
**Halloween Trivia Night**  
**Join us if you dare for a  
spooktacular night of trivia**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> of October**  
**Gracemere Community Hall**  
Doors open 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start  
**Limited tables available!**

**\$120 per  
table of 6**  
or \$20 per person  
on mixed table

Prize for best decorated Halloween themed table  
Fun, games and prizes throughout the night

**NIBBLES PROVIDED** 🍷 **LICENSED BAR** 🍹 **COLD DRINKS FOR SALE**

Tables that are pre-booked before 15/10/21 will enter the lucky table prize draw.  
Email reanna\_olive@hotmail.com or phone 0407573460 for a booking form.