

DEPOT HILL STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Hi Everyone,

This will be our last newsletter for the school year. It is with sadness that I farewell some families who I have worked closely with for the last seven years. I hope that Depot Hill will always hold a special place in their hearts and has prepared the students as they continue on their educational journey.

I'd also like to say a huge thankyou to Deanna Cini, Hannah Wills, Ashla Everingham and Kris O'Dea who will be leaving us at the end of the year: You have all been such valuable assets to our school and you will be missed!

*Thank
you*

FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND DEVOTION.

WE WILL MISS YOU!

Swimming Carnival

Last Friday, 24th December, we held our inter-school swimming carnival at the Gracemere Swimming Pool. It was wonderful to see so many parents come along to support our students who did a fantastic job competing in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke races. Bajool State School was the overall winner but we were very proud of LJ Sukaserm and Jaymie Turra who won awards for Under 5 Age Champions.

Save the Date



Monday 27th November

>8:30am-9:00am Breakfast & Lunchbox Club
>9:00am-11:00am Step into Prep
>2:45pm Parade

Tuesday 28th November

>8:30am-9:00am Breakfast & Lunchbox Club
>9:00am-11:30am Yr 6 RSHS Transition Morning

Wednesday 29th November

>8:30am-9:00am Breakfast & Lunchbox Club
>Yr5/6 School Camp at The Capricorn Caves

Thursday 30th November

>8:30am-9:00am Breakfast & Lunchbox Club
>Yr5/6 School Camp at The Capricorn Caves

Friday 1st December

>8:30am-9:00am Breakfast & Lunchbox Club
>9:00am-11:00am Playgroup
>Yr5/6 School Camp at The Capricorn Caves
>Swimming Lessons

Monday 4th December

>2:45pm Parade

Tuesday 5th December

>Transition Day
>Yr 6 Graduation Dinner @ CoCo Brew

Wednesday 6th December

>1:30pm-3:00pm Dress Rehearsal
>6:00pm-8:00pm Presentation Night @ Walter Reid Centre

Thursday 7th December

>8:30am-9:00am Breakfast & Lunchbox Club
>Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 8th December

>Last Day Term 4

Monday 22nd January

>First Day of School 2024

Rockhampton State High School Transition Day

Tomorrow, Tuesday, 28th December, our Yr6 students who are attending Rockhampton High School next year, will take part in a transition day. We know that these days are important to make our students feel more comfortable and excited about their move to High School next year. I'd like to thank Rockhampton High School for going above and beyond this year to provide some excellent transition processes for our students. I am sure this will help everyone have a positive start on their High School journey.



Camp

On Wednesday, the Yr 5/6 class, Miss Wills, Miss Ashla and I will be heading off to the Capricorn Caves for our school camp. The bus will leave school at 9am and we will return on Friday afternoon at 3pm.



End of Year Presentation Night

On Wednesday evening, 6th December, all parents are invited to attend the Depot Hill State School Presentation Night. It is held at 6pm at the Walter Reid Centre, on the corner of Derby and East Street. Many students will receive academic and citizenship awards and all students will be taking part in a class song or act. We will finish the night with a special visit by Santa who has gifts for all children present! We hope to see you and your extended family there.

The students will have a dress rehearsal for the evening on Wednesday afternoon. Please complete the attached permission form to give permission for them to travel by bus to the Walter Reid Centre to take part in this practice.

Report Cards and Parent Teacher Interviews

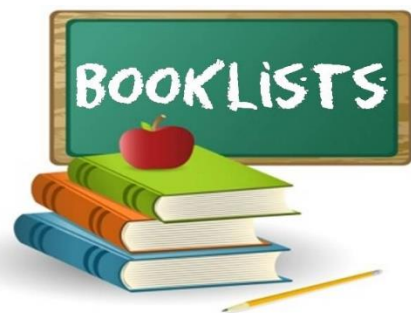
Next Thursday, 7th December, all parents are invited to the school to take part in parent teacher interviews to discuss their child's report card. Attached to this newsletter you will find the proposed timetable. I have arranged it so that parents of large families will only have to come to the school once and have their interviews one following the other. If the proposed time will not suit your family, please drop in to see the classroom teacher to set up a time that works for you both. If you are unable to attend the interview face to face, you might like to request that the teacher ring you to have a chat during the allocated time – report cards could then be sent home with your child.



Parent-Teacher Interviews

Book Lists

Book lists for 2024 will be handed out to parents with report cards next Thursday. We will keep student pencil cases at school, to be passed on to the new class teacher, unless otherwise requested.



Thank you

As another year comes to an end, I am reminded of what a privilege it is to lead Depot Hill School and am grateful for the trust that you, as parents, have placed in me to provide a safe and nurturing environment for your child to learn. I look forward to some of the changes which we have planned for 2024 as we strive to provide the best possible education for your child. I hope that you have a safe and festive Christmas season and I look forward to seeing you all on January 22nd next year.

Warmest regards, Elizabeth

Mrs Elizabeth Jacobson
Principal

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.



YR 3/4 CLASS

Hello Grade 3 /4,

Only one week left and so much to celebrate. Practice your Christmas Carol at home with the actions. Also see if you have any clothes to wear that are Christmas themed or coloured (red, green and white). Thank you for a wonderful year of learning and all the hard work you have put in. I hope you have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and summer break.



Wishing you all the best,

Mrs Shara Ramsbottom
Grade 3/4 Teacher

FACEBOOK

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



PBL

DEPOT HILL STATE SCHOOL RULES

BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE A LEARNER



PBL FOCUS FOR THE WEEK:

I can
BE RESPECTFUL
by using kind words

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.





C&K The Range Community Kindergarten

Located at

19 - 21 West Street, The Range

To arrange a visit, contact us today!

07 4922 5077

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About Kindy

At C&K The Range Community Kindergarten, your child will be nurtured and supported to learn, play, grow and flourish.

Our kindergarten program operates for up to 30 hours per fortnight during the Queensland school terms, and we are closed for school holidays, public holidays, and some pupil free days.

Our qualified and experienced teachers and educators focus on nurturing your child's curiosity, building their resilience, and developing their confidence - all through the joy of learning through play.

We design our program with the interests of the children in mind providing a foundation for a lifelong love of learning and a successful transition to school.



Free Kindy

From 2024, eligible-age children can attend kindy for up to 30 hours a fortnight for FREE!



When should my child attend Kindy?

Children aged 4 years old by 30 June in the year they attend kindy are of eligible age. Enrolment offers are made between May and July, the year before your child attends, and you can waitlist your child up to 4 years in advance.

Year born

1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020
1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021
1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022
1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Kindy year

2024
2025
2026
2027



Enrol Now!

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Kindy in Queensland

What is kindy?

Kindergarten, known as kindy, is a part-time educational program for children in the year before Prep (the first year of school in Queensland). Kindy is a place where your child will learn through play experiences and interactions that support their early learning, wellbeing and development.

By participating in kindy, children develop a love of learning and are supported with their transition to Prep.

Queensland Government-approved kindy programs are delivered by a qualified early childhood teacher. Kindy programs can be offered at early childhood education centres; selected rural and remote and other selected state schools where there have been barriers to access kindergarten; and by distance education or eKindy for some children who cannot access a centre.

Learning at kindy

Kindy provides young children with opportunities to:

- use language to communicate ideas, feelings and needs
- make friends, interact and cooperate with others
- identify issues and develop problem solving skills
- become more confident and independent in their abilities
- connect with, explore and contribute to their world
- build their knowledge and explore new ideas, helping to build their confidence.

Have you heard?

Free **KiNDY** from 2024

How to enrol

In Queensland, children can attend kindy in the year before they start Prep.

Each service is different and some may have a waiting list, so it's a good idea to speak to your chosen service about the best time to enrol your child.

Your child must be 4 years old by 30 June in the year they enrol to participate in kindy.

Child born	Child can attend kindy
1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020	2024
1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021	2025
1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022	2026
1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023	2027
1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024	2028
1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025	2029

What you will need to enrol your child:

- your child's name and address
- your details as their parent, carer or guardian
- details of any court orders or parenting orders or plans
- details of any additional support required (e.g. disability, food allergies or other needs)
- proof of date of birth (e.g. birth certificate)
- health and immunisation status
- details of the people allowed to pick up your child and who to notify in an emergency.

Your service will keep this information confidential and you will have full access to your child's records.

Choosing a kindy program

All children in Queensland are eligible to attend an approved kindergarten program in the year before Prep.

An approved kindergarten program meets government guidelines, and is:

- a learning program delivered by qualified early childhood teachers, in accordance with government guidelines
- typically delivered for 15 hours a week, 40 weeks a year, for children in the year before Prep
- aligned with the Queensland kindergarten learning guideline or other Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority-accredited learning program.

To help identify a Queensland Government-approved program, look for the 'kindy tick of approval', that is the image below.



Free Kindy from 2024

The Queensland Government is making kindy free for all Queensland families.

Kindy will be free for eligible-aged children who attend a government-approved program offering free kindy from 1 January 2024.

This is 15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year, of free kindy taught by a qualified early childhood teacher.

Families can choose kindy in a sessional kindergarten or kindergarten in a long day care.

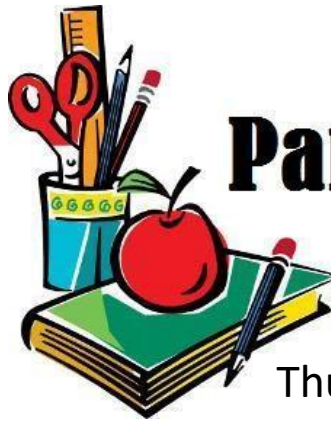
Ask your local kindy provider about

Free **KiNDY** from 2024

Find your nearest free kindy, visit:
www.qld.gov.au/FreeKindy

Free **KiNDY**





Parent-Teacher Interviews

Thursday, 7th December

	Ms Bidenko	Mrs Ramsbottom	Miss Wills
8.15-8.30	Eli-Jah		Josh
8.30-8.45	Harley	Shakoby	Jordyn W
8.45-9.00	Connor	Oliver	Ezekiel
9.00-9.15	Willow	Caleb B	Conan
9.15-9.30	Easton	Jordyn B	Nicholas
9.30-9.45	Phoebe	Fayth	Sire
9.45-10.00	Xavier	Caleb F	Katherine
10.00-10.15	Violet	Dante	Michael
10.15-10.30	Chais		Dillan
10.30-10.45	Lilly		Chloe
10.45-11.00	Katie		
11.00-11.15	Mackenzie		
11.15-11.30			
11.30-11.45		Claire	
11.45-12.00		Tommy	
12.00-12.15		Charliegh	
12.15-12.30	Graceyn	Nathaniel	
12.30-12.45	Skylar	Anayah	
12.45-1.00	Kearly	Jackson	
1.00-1.15	Lykirah	Reagan	
1.15-1.30	Larhnara	Angel	
1.30-1.45		Larzara	
1.45-2.00		Learna	Brayden
2.00-2.15		Xander	Elizabeth
2.15-2.30			Kaylee
2.30-2.45			Maleek
2.45-3.00			Zaidyn
3.00-3.15	Ellayah	Chase	Ben
3.15-3.30	LJ	Braxton	Mariah
3.30-3.45	Alyxxis	Tah'lea	Quinn
3.45-4.00	Reagan	Melody	Justin
4.00-4.15	Jaymie	Gideon	Eli
4.15-4.30	Lilliarna		
4.30-4.45			
		Abby – Thursday, 30/11 after school	

DEPOT HILL STATE SCHOOL- Presentation Night Practice Walter Reid Centre

Date: 27th November, 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Our Presentation Night will be held at the Walter Reid Centre on Wednesday, 6th December and we would like the school children and staff to attend a run through of performances on Wednesday afternoon.

For the Wednesday afternoon practice:

- Students will be supervised by their classroom teacher
- Students will travel by bus
- Students will leave school at 1.30pm and will be dropped back to school by 3pm.
- Students will need to wear their full school uniform

We look forward to seeing you all at the Presentation evening which will commence at 6pm.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Jacobson
Principal
Depot Hill State School



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DEPOT HILL STATE SCHOOL- Presentation Night Practice

Walter Reid Centre

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 travel to the Walter Reid Centre by bus for Presentation Night Practice
- ☐ 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.



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