Welcome to Denison State School for 2017! I hope that you had a most wonderful festive season enjoying the company of dear friends and family. I am very excited about what lies ahead for 2017 here at Denison State School. This year we begin work on our four year strategic plan that focuses on improving success for all students as well as staff and parents. And with close to 500 enrolments this year our ability to work together to achieve this success remains crucial. May we work together to continue achieving great results and build on Denison State School’s great reputation.

Staffing
On behalf of the staff I would like to welcome back students and their families who were part of our school community in 2016 and extend a warm welcome to those new students and their families. We know that you will enjoy your time at Denison State School. We must welcome back the returning staff to Denison State School. We must also welcome a number of new staff members to our Denison State School family for 2017. We welcome Mrs Finch, Mrs Marslen, Miss Ritchie, Miss McAlpine, Mr Saxby, Mrs Brown and Mr Reis to our Teaching Staff. We also welcome Mrs Laws to the office, Miss Sleeman as our Speech Pathologist as well as Mrs Jansen, Mrs Gigante and Mrs Tucker to our Teacher Aide Staff. I know that you will make our new staff feel at home here. Below is a list of our great teachers and the classes that they teach.

Prep A – Katelyn Poole
Prep B – Samantha Finch
Prep C – Amanda Potter
Prep D – Haylee Marslen
1A – Nikita Maiden
1B – Simone Bourne
1C – Jess Belford
2A – Rachael Tulloch
2B – Caitlin Ritchie
2C – Lisa McAlpine
3A – Nikita Vaughan
3B – Lauren Laws
3C – Joshua Saxby
4A – Diane Waine-Barclay
4B – Lisa McHugh and Brooke Raine
4C – Jane McColl
5A – Leigh Robinson
5B – Rachael Wedmaier
5C – Barbara Wade
6A – Pauline Dunn
6B – Kelly McGovern and Megan Brown
6C – Braedon Reis
Library - Maree Heslin
Arts – Monique Podolak
PE – Leigh Lawrence
LOTE – Sumadi Sumadi

A huge thank you to staff also who returned to school last week to undertake some professional development that aligned with our 2017 school improvement priorities. I was very impressed with the staff’s work during the week to support one another in planning, analysing data, setting up classrooms and developing a familiarity with the students that would be in their care.

Parent Parking and Road Safety
Parents please note the following road safety messages
- Use of the Cap SDE Car Park as a drop off/pick up point is not allowed. This is reserved for staff at the CDSE and DSS campus.
- Please be careful when using the “Stop, Drop and Go” area on Gray St. Cars that are waiting in line, but obstructing the roadway for traffic may be fined as this is an infringement. Police have indicated that they will undertaking enforcement patrols in the not too distant future, so I thought it pertinent to make all families aware.
- If you need to park you may do so in the designated parking areas on the street or in the carpark beside the hall.
- Students are not to walk through the staff parking areas (near the hall or basketball court). All pedestrian traffic is to use the gates near Admin, or Gladstone St through Cap SDE.

As always, we thank all our parents for their patience. The beginning and end of the school day are a busy time, and student safety is everyone’s business.

Attendance
At Denison State School we have an attendance rate that is above the state average. Why? Our average attendance percentage is so high because our school has tight processes around tracking attendance; our teachers and support staff build positive relationships with the students so that school is a welcoming, friendly and fun place to be; our parents and community know that high attendance is related to increased academic achievement. We appreciate that some absences are unavoidable and we appreciate your prompt communication to let us know when this is the case. It has been pleasing to see the great attendance so far this week. Thank you to everyone for making every day count.

Have a splendid week!

Troy Sanson
Principal

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Date Claimers
6th Feb Start of Parent Information Sessions - information coming home this week
7th Feb Swimming starts years 4, 5 & 6
9th Feb Emerald District Netball trials
17th Feb 3B Parade Performance

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Newsletter No. 1

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Morning Routines
In order to continue our before school routines that we began in 2016 we ask that students (and Parents) who arrive before 8:35am please forward to the Senior Undercover Area where there is staff supervision. At 8:35am students are dismissed from the Senior Undercover Area. This still gives about 10 minutes to do all the necessary things - toilet, fill water bottles, unpack lunches, say g’day to mates etc. before our classes commence at 8:45am. Parents please note - arrival at or just after 8:35 am is not late. Rolls are marked at 9:00am and 2:00pm every day. Currently we have some students arriving at school around 7:45am, a full hour before classes commence. If your child walks or rides to school could you please ensure they delay their departure time to accommodate an arrival after 8:35am?

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Student Absence: studentabsence@denisonss.eq.edu.au

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Welcome

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Back to School

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Newsletter No. 2
**Classroom Bulletin**

### 6C
Hello and welcome to 6C! We have had a fantastic first week setting up our classroom routines and procedures and beginning our Term 1 units. I look forward to working closely with both students and parents throughout the year. Just a reminder to all students to ensure they all have a hat and water bottle with them every day and to bring in any other supplies that they still require.

*Mrs Bradon Reis*

### 6A
We have had an awesome start to 2016. I am really looking forward to getting to know each of the students this year. This term students will be studying Geography and will be investigating diversity of people, places and culture across the world. In Science students will be conducting experiments to investigate the effect on material of reversible and irreversible changes. Students will be starting swimming on Thursday of week 3. Homework will be given out on a Friday and is to be handed in on a Friday. As it is very hot currently, please ensure your child brings a water bottle and hat to school. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns throughout the year regarding your child.

*Regards, Miss Pauline Dunn*

### 5B
Welcome to 2017! My name is Rachael Wedmaier and I have the pleasure of teaching the students of 5B. We have had a great start to the term by getting to know each other and establishing our class rules and high expectations. We have dived into our English unit which focuses on fantasy stories. Our Mathematics learning journey has started with factors and multiples. In Science, we will explore the structural features and behavioural adaptations that assist living things to survive in their environment. A few reminders to start the year: No hat, no play! As we are still experiencing hot weather water bottles are encouraged. Brain break occurs every day around 10am. For this time students need a piece of fruit or veg to eat. Homework will start in Week 2. Swimming for Year 5 is on Tuesdays, Weeks 3-9. If your child is away for any reason please contact the office as soon as possible. I hope you all had a fabulous break and you are ready for a successful year ahead!

*Miss Rachael Wedmaier*

### 4C
Welcome to 2017 in 4C. It sounds like most of the students had a great holiday. During the first week of school we have been getting to know each other, completing some testing and been introduced to most of our units of work for this term. Homework will start this week. Please ensure your child is completing their homework on a regular basis. Year 4 homework concentrates on reinforcing skills learnt in the classroom in spelling, writing and maths facts and also encourages students to continue to read regularly. If you need to contact me, my best contact is via email and I will be forwarded to you shortly.

I am looking forward to seeing the Year 4C students continue to develop their skills and achieve to the best of their ability this year. Swimming for the Year 4s starts on Wednesday next week, Week 3. Please ensure all swim gear and clothing is named with permanent marker as many items get mislaid at swimming time.

*Mrs Jane McColl*

### 3A
Welcome to 3A in 2017! My name is Nikita Vaughan and I am privileged to be the classroom teacher of 3A for 2017. I look forward to meeting all of the wonderful parents throughout the term. We are straight into work this week and all students have settled well back into school life. They are working hard and trying their best at all tasks!

Please remember that students require all items on the booklist. If there are still items that have not been sent in, please do so over the next week to ensure that your child is able to access the curriculum with all of the appropriate resources. Homework begins this week and is handed out on Monday and returned to school on Friday. Please ensure that this is completed throughout the week.

Some important days throughout our week include:
- Monday- PE and Music
- Wednesday- Library and Music (students must have a library bag to be able to borrow)
- Friday- PE

Please ensure your child has a hat and water bottle at school every day, especially in this hot weather! If you need to contact me, my best contact is via email and I will get back to your asap. My email is nfras32@eq.edu.au. Alternatively, you can ring through to the office and they will forward a message or organise a time to meet before or after school.

I look forward to working with you all and building a partnership to produce the best possible outcomes for your child!

*Yours in education, Mrs Nikita Vaughan*

### 5A
I am excited to be at Denison SS again this year. We are going to have an awesome year together and have started with a class of motivated and determined learners.

In our class: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe and Be a Learner. It’s great to see the children bringing a variety of fruit and vegetables for their Brain Break at about 10am. Please also send a water bottle that can be placed under their desk to rehydrate especially during these hot days. A hat is essential for all outdoor activities too. Swimming lessons start on Tuesday in Week 3. We are the first class to go to swimming so the children can wear their togs underneath their school uniform. Permission notes will be sent home shortly.

We have dived into the learning head first this week. In Maths we are exploring multiples and factors. In English we have read a fantasy story called Dragon Quest and in Science we are investigating behavioural and structural adaptations of plants and animals. Homework will start in week 2. It will be handed out each Monday to be returned completed by Friday. It is a busy term, full of exciting learning opportunities! Please ensure that your child attends school everyday, prepared and eager to learn. Remember – Every day counts!

Parent Teacher Information Night will be conducted in the next couple of weeks. Further information regarding this will be forwarded to you shortly.

I look forward to working with you over the course of the year to achieve the best possible educational outcomes for your child. I’m excited by the opportunities offered to the children at Denison SS. Please feel free to contact me by phoning the school or sending a note if you have any questions or queries.

*Kind Regards Mrs Leigh Robinson*

### 2B
Welcome back to the 2017 school year. The students in 2B have had an excellent start to the first week of school. We started our learning off with organising all our belongings, wrote a holiday recount and have started reading George’s Marvellous Medicine for our English unit. I hope you all enjoyed the public holiday. I look forward to Week 2 and continuing our wonderful learning in 2B.

*Mrs Caitlin Ritchie*
4B
Hello everyone. Welcome to 2017 and 4B. Students have already been working super hard this week and have found the change of having two teachers exciting and have adapted well. Library days are Wednesdays so please remember library bags. The expectation is that students are borrowing books every week. Year 4 starts swimming in week 3. Please hand back your forms and money to the office as soon as possible so your child can participate in the school swimming program. If you have any questions regarding issues in 4B please don’t hesitate to call, email or pop in. We look forward to working with you and your children this year.

Mrs Booke Raine & Mrs Lisa McHugh

4A
Welcome back to another school year. My name is Diane Waine-Barclay and I have the pleasure of teaching your children this year. This is my second year teaching Year 4 at Denison SS and my third year in Emerald. Thank you to those of you who have introduced yourselves and if you haven’t had the chance, I look forward to meeting you.
The children have settled back into school very quickly and are getting used to rules, routines and expectations that come with daily life in the classroom. I have been impressed so far with the focus and willingness to have a go that each student has displayed so far.
We love to have parents in the classroom. If you wish to help out at any time, please let me know. We do reading groups on Monday – Thursday at 9am. Extra helpers are always appreciated at these times. Alternatively, if you are not available to help at this time and would still like to come in, I’m more than happy to negotiate a time with you.
I look forward to working with you and your children this year. I think it’s going to be a great year!
Regards, Mrs Diane Waine-Barclay

dwain3@eq.edu.au

1A
Wow! What a fantastic first week of first term. 1A students have settled into their new classroom nicely and have been working very hard already. This term we will be exploring many topics such as emotions in picture books, numbers, chance and data, living things and much, much more. Homework starts in week 3 and is due on Fridays but needs to be bought to class daily so home readers can be changed and sight words checked. Our library day is Tuesdays and banking is on Wednesdays. I’m looking forward to fostering your students learning and helping them to reach their goals. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask.
Regards, Miss Nikita Maiden

Prep B
Hello and welcome to 2017! I am Miss Samantha Finch and I am very excited to start my teaching career here with the Denison State School team. We are very fortunate in Prep B to have the support of our full time teacher aide Michelle Gigante (Mrs G) who has been helping the students settle into their first week of Prep. Over the next few weeks you will also see Rachael Williamson occasionally helping out in our class for added support.
Congratulations to all of the Prep students on a great first week. We are going to have a fantastic year together with lots of fun and learning. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me via email on sxfin7@eq.edu.au.
I look forward to seeing you all for another great week.
Regards, Miss Samantha Finch

Prep D
Welcome to 2017! I am the Prep D classroom teacher, Mrs Haylee Marslen. I just recently moved from the Sunshine Coast with my family to be a part of the Denison State School team. I am thrilled to be supported in the classroom by my wonderful full time teacher aide, Mrs Bec Thomas. You will also see Mrs Mandi Poolman helping in our classroom for the next 6 weeks assisting with transitions and the overall settling of the new prep children.
Students of Prep D are settling in wonderfully into their new classroom and have begun to make new friends already. The focus for Term 1 will be developing their social and emotional skills, as well as encouraging independence. We will begin this week with letters, sounds and numbers to 10. Starting with the letter S and numbers 1 and 2.
During week 3 there will be an information night for all Prep parents to attend if they wish. Look out for the date soon.
I know we will have a fun filled year full of laughs and learning! Thank you all for being so welcoming and I look forward to getting to know you and your wonderful children as the year progresses.

Regards, Mrs Marslen

Prep A
Hello and welcome to 2017. This is my fourth year teaching Prep at Denison State School. I have been lucky enough to have your children in my class this year. If you have any questions or concerns my email is kesle0@eq.edu.au alternatively, I am happy to meet with parents after school excluding Tuesdays as this is our staff meeting day. Library lessons will start this week on Friday and will continue until the end of term. Students must have a library bag to be able to borrow a book. Homework will also commence in week 3 for prep students. Thank you for your kindness and support so far I can already tell that this is going to be a fabulous year.

Regards, Miss Katelyn Poole

3B
Welcome back to another year of wonderful learning at Denison! I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and great first week back at school. In English we are currently enjoying reading Charlotte’s Web and working on character profiling! In math we are focussing on place value and working in more detail with numbers up to 10,000. Great ways to contact me is VIA email or pop in and see me any afternoon apart from Tuesday (staff meeting). To guarantee availability for meeting it is best to email me in advance.

Email is llaws32@eq.edu.au

1B
I warmly welcome students and their families to 1B. Each of the students bring something unique and special to our class. Together we will work at creating a classroom that is welcoming, respectful and safe so that students will experience success and be inspired to be the best they can be. It has been wonderful meeting so many parents. The Parent Evening in week 3 will provide a further opportunity for us to meet and for you to become informed regarding learning in Year 1 for 2017. In these first few weeks, to support the learning process, the students in 1B will be engaged in learning experiences which include a focus on setting classroom expectations and routines. When you visit the classroom please be sure to read the welcome board at the entrance to our room for all sorts of information. I am excited for the year ahead and look forward to celebrating your child’s learning successes with you.

Miss Simone Bourne

studentabsence@denisonss.eq.edu.au
Welcome to Term 1! We are very excited to be at Denison this year! Mrs Thomas will be teaching Monday to Thursday, and Mrs Brown will be teaching the class on Fridays. 6B have already shown how well they can work and how dedicated they are to their learning during our lessons. During this term in maths we are focussing on prime, composite, square and triangular numbers, and fractions and decimals. ‘Short stories’ is our topic for English in which we will be looking at a variety of short stories and writing our own. In Geography we will be looking at how people, places and cultures differ across the world, and Science will have us looking at reversible and irreversible changes of materials.

Homework will be handed out on Fridays and will be due the following Friday. Water bottles are encouraged in the classroom, especially during the warmer weather. Hats are a requirement for students to be able to play. Please send a piece of fruit along with your child each day for Brain Break. Swimming begins for Year 6 in Week 3. Please ensure money and permission forms are returned to the school as soon as possible. Our Parade performance will be in Week 9 on Friday, 24th March. If your child is absent from school please ensure that you send a note explaining their absence once they return to school.

Alternatively, if you wish to send an email, our addresses are kmcp54@eq.edu.au or mbrow40@eq.edu.au.

Otherwise, please call the school office and leave a message. If there are any questions or concerns, our door is always open.

Wishing you all the best for a great year.

Regards, Mrs Kelly Thomas and Mrs Megan Brown

Prep C

Hello and welcome to the 2017 school year. My name is Amanda Potter and I am excited to be starting a new year at Denison with your wonderful children. This year we are lucky enough to start the year with Miss Alyce Keen a full time Teachers Aide. We will also have Mandi Poolman as a support teacher for the first 6 weeks. I would like to congratulate all the students of Prep C on a fantastic first week of school. Everyone has transitioned well and I am looking forward to a year full of laughter and learning. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me at apott44@eq.edu.au.

In week 3 we will be holding a parent evening where we will be addressing many different aspects of how the school and in particular prep runs. We will cover things such as morning routines, homework and absence procedures. Keep an eye out for upcoming dates and details. I will also be looking for parent volunteers to help out in the classroom. There will be a note over the next few weeks, if you are interested in helping.

Regards, Miss Amanda Potter

3C

What a great start to the year it has been and we are now fully into the swing of things. My name is Joshua Saxby or (Mr S) and I have returned to Denison after a break in Germany. I am looking forward to helping 3C achieve their best while also enjoying their school year.

We have already started our curriculum and are full steam ahead. Thank you for providing all the necessary items for the class. All the students have been prepared and ready to learn and this has settled our class well. We will be starting homework in week 2 so please look out for that. While it is hot at the moment, 3C needs to remember their hats and water bottles so they keep hydrated and sun safe.

If you have any problems or queries feel free to come in and see me in the mornings or afternoons or make an appointment. I look forward to the year ahead and the things we can achieve.

Yours Sincerely, Mr Joshua Saxby

1A

Welcome back to Term One, 2017! It has been a busy but fun start to the term with 1C students settling in very quickly and confidently. We have worked hard on establishing routines and revising school and classroom rules. We used the metaphor of a jigsaw puzzle to signify the importance of every student’s importance in our class: although every piece of the puzzle looks different, we all fit together to make a perfect team. I look forward to learning more about each of you over the coming term.

Some notes to remember:

Homework starts in Week 3. This will be touched upon in our parent information session in Week 3 also. Please do not hesitate to contact me about any homework concerns in the future. Homework folders are to be brought to school every day.

Warm regards, Mrs Jessica Belford

1C

We had a fabulous first week in 1C and all students settled in well. They all coped well with a different teacher, a new year level and a different classroom. Thank you to all parents who are providing fruit for our Brain Break and for sending in the required books and stationary. Our seating plan has not been finalised so please do not be surprised when your child comes home and tells you about changes. We are all getting excited about learning about data and mastering the times tables in Maths and writing a beginning for a fantasy story in English. As always, you are very welcome to pop in before or after school for a chat. I look forward to teaching your child this year.

Mrs Barbara Wade

Library day is Thursday
Banking day is Wednesday
HPE is on Wednesday and Thursday
Music is on Wednesday and Friday

Please send students with a hat every day.

Parents (and Grandparents) are a crucial part of a child’s learning journey and I like to embrace this partnership by inviting parent helpers for reading, sight words and literacy groups. Please refer to the parent helper note that was sent home this week or alternatively contact me in regards to times if you are interested.

If you have any questions or concerns, please always feel welcome to come and have a chat with me. Happy learning.

Warm regards, Mrs Jessica Belford

2A

We have already begun the year in style and are enjoying a fresh start with new faces and friends. It was great to meet so many parents on the first day and over the week. We will be holding a parent information session very shortly. More information will come home in the following weeks in regards to this.

All the students have settled back into routine and are getting excited about all the new learning we will be doing this year. Homework starts this week, please ensure you encourage and support your child to complete all set homework. All homework directly links to content taught and reinforces your child’s learning and work ethic. If you have any questions or concerns about homework please come and see me.

Our specialist days are:
- PE: Monday and Friday
- Music: Monday and Thursday
- Library: Tuesday

On the first day I sent home some brief information about myself and a questionnaire about your child, can you please return this questionnaire by this Friday. Please feel free to email me at ratul0@eq.edu.au if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you, Rachael Tulloch

3C

PE: Monday and Friday
Music: Monday and Thursday
Library: Tuesday

Banking day is Wednesday
HPE is on Wednesday and Thursday
Library day is Thursday

Welcome to Term 2! We are very excited to have the kids back. We are looking forward to a productive term with our wonderful students.

We have already begun the year in style and are enjoying a fresh start with new faces and friends. It was great to meet so many parents on the first day and over the week. We will be holding a parent information session very shortly. More information will come home in the following weeks in regards to this.

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- Library: Tuesday

On the first day I sent home some brief information about myself and a questionnaire about your child, can you please return this questionnaire by this Friday. Please feel free to email me at ratul0@eq.edu.au if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you, Rachael Tulloch

5C

We had a fabulous first week in 5C and all students settled in well. They all coped well with a different teacher, a new year level and a different classroom. Thank you to all parents who are providing fruit for our Brain Break and for sending in the required books and stationary. Our seating plan has not been finalised so please do not be surprised when your child comes home and tells you about changes. We are all getting excited about learning about data and mastering the times tables in Maths and writing a beginning for a fantasy story in English. As always, you are very welcome to pop in before or after school for a chat. I look forward to teaching your child this year.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please always feel welcome to come and have a chat with me. Happy learning.

Warm regards, Mrs Jessica Belford
Governor Denison

Wattle

Red Claw

Maree Heslin and Jean Self

Happy Reading

Friday

Thursday

Wednesday

Tuesday

borrowing days has been included here.

To ensure students are prepared each week a list of library

are expected to come prepared for library lessons each week

lessons are part of the curriculum at Denison and all students

new fiction and non-fiction books and we are looking forward to

an understanding of your students’ year of

learning and build a connection with the

class teacher. We look forward to seeing as

many parents at these sessions as possible.

Attendance Data

Last week classes recognised students who had attended 100% of
term 4, 2016. We acknowledge these students every term as we all
know that ‘Every Day Counts’ when attending school. Regular
attendance will ensure your child is getting the best opportunity to
learn. To ensure we maintain our high attendance rates, please
ensure you are sending your child to school every day unless
circumstances (illness, emergency) occur. If your child is away,
please contact the office or send a note with your child to the
class teacher. We look forward to seeing students working at a different year level.

Individual Curriculum Plans (ICPs): Some students are unable to
access the same year level curriculum as their peers. In this
case, students have an ICP which allows them to work at a
level appropriate for them. Class teachers will contact you if your child has an ICP. Parental consent is required for students working at a different year level.

As your HOSES, I am here to support your child, please contact
me if you have any concerns or questions. I am looking forward

to a productive year where children feel supported and reach their full potential.

Sharon Morris
Head of Special Education Services
Denison Cluster

News from the Library

Our shelves are brimming with old favourites as well as lots of
new fiction and non-fiction books and we are looking forward to
beginning our library lessons for 2017 this week. Library
lessons are part of the curriculum at Denison and all students
are expected to come prepared for library lessons each week
by bringing a library bag and book/s to return or to re-borrow.
To ensure students are prepared each week a list of library
borrowing days has been included here.

Tuesday-6A, 4C, 1A, 2A, 4A, Prep B
Wednesday-2B, 1B, 5C, 3A, 4B, Prep C
Thursday-1C, 2C, 6B, 5A, Prep D
Friday-3C, 3B, 6C, 5B, Prep A

Happy Reading
Maree Heslin and Jean Self

Deno Readers

Gum Nut
Lucy M
Red Claw
Zachary N, Tialli N
Wattle
Bruce G
Governor Denison
Emily C

Welcome to 2017 and what an exciting week it has been
watching the students meet their teachers and settle into their
new classes. Thank you for your wonderful
support in transitioning your children back to
school. Upcoming highlights:

• Autism Qld are visiting the school week
beginning 27 February. Consent forms have
been sent home and are due back to school
on Monday 30 January.

• Case management: students who have been verified or
identified as requiring additional support have been allocated
a Case Manager who is responsible for the student’s
well-being at school by assisting in the development of their
educational program through consultation with the student,
classroom teachers and parents. Information about Case
Managers will be sent home next week.

• Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs): At the end of 2017,
PLPs were developed for identified students outlining the
support and adjustments required, a copy will be sent home
next week. If you agree to the adjustments outlined, please
sign on the last page and return to the school office or class
teacher as soon as possible.

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Sharon Morris
Head of Special Education Services
Denison Cluster

Welcome to Denison State School 2017! It has been an
exciting start to the year and it is so awesome to see so many
smiling and enthusiastic faces gliding into my classroom. All
students have started a 5 week ‘Singing’ unit in Music, which will give them a chance
to work on their confidence, performing and get them in the zone to possibly join Choir.
I am looking forward to listening to Denison’s
talented singers once again and getting to
know the Preps better week by week. Choir
will be starting in the next few weeks and my classroom is
open to students wanting to prepare for their singing
assessment (and keep cool)!

All students will do Music, Dance, Drama and Media with me
throughout 2017. Previous Denison State School students who
did not take home their Music Book or Recorder in 2016,
should still have theirs in my classroom to use for this year.

Yours in Music and DSS talent,
Monique Podolak
Awards for the week ending 27th January
2017

Prep A Scarlette N
Her wonderful manners. Scarlette always speaks politely to her friends and Teacher. Keep up the great work!

Prep B Jake S
Always listening to others and making a great start in your first week of Prep.

Prep C Sienna P
Her beautiful manners. She has settled into school well and is a great classroom help.

Prep D Stefano B
Being a kind and caring friend in our classroom, and setting a good example of a super student.

1A Hafsa S
Listening well and working hard consistently. Welcome to Denison!

1B Lincoln B
Your great listening skills. You use your whole body to listen! Keep it up!

1C John D
His positive attitude towards learning and the exemplary manner in which he conducts himself during all classroom tasks. What a fantastic start to the year Josh!

2A Madison S
The amazing start you have had to Grade 2. You show respect and put in your best effort. Keep it up!

2B Lachlan H
An excellent start to Year 2. Keep up the great work. Well done!

2C Maya W
Great behaviour and enthusiasm to learning. She has also shown kindness and respect to other students in the class.

3A James H
Being a polite and courteous student at all times! You exhibit our school and classroom rules consistently! Great job!

3B Toby N
Your excellent behaviour and positive have a go attitude! What an awesome start to the year.

3C Lara B
A Wonderful piece of writing in English and for a great start in 3C. Well Done Lara!!

4A William C
Your fantastic start to year 4. You are listening carefully and following all instructions. You are being a great role model for your friends.

4B Samson S
His excellent start to the school year.

4C Mitchell L
You have settled into the new year exceptionally well and have given tasks a “red hot go”! Great work.

5A Tyrone S
Your effort to make positive behaviour choices. You have been carefully listening and following directions to complete your class work.

5B Logan W
His engaging expression when reading his quick write about Captain Taco and Mr Meatball crashing their spaceship. Well done Logan!

5C Al-Kira B
Welcoming you to our class. We love making new friends and supporting each other. Welcome!

6A Gabi W
Your great start to the year. You have shown thoughtfulness and consideration to your classmates and applied yourself well to all class tasks. Well Done!

6B Drue M
Your enthusiastic contributions to class discussions. Keep up the excellent work!

6C Berrick K
A fantastic start in Grade 6! Keep up your hard work and maintain that positive attitude!

PE and Sport News

SENIOR SWIMMING PROGRAM TERM 1
Welcome back everyone and I trust you all had a fabulous holiday!

Swimming lessons begin for all years 4, 5 and 6 students in week 3 and continues until week 9. It is expected that all students participate in the swimming program as it is an important part of the school’s HPE program and equips students with long life skills of safety around all water environments. Students who are unable to participate in the program due to exceptional health issues or injury are required to bring a medical note and will remain at school during swimming lesson time.

BLUE SWIMMING FORMS: Due back by week 3 MONDAY 6/2/17. Although the fees can be paid by the Friday 10th all blue Medical forms must be returned by Tuesday 7th in order for students to attend lessons. Parents can discuss fee payment plans with the admin team if necessary.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL DATE
The annual Inter-house Swimming Carnival will be held for all students in years 4, 5 and 6 in week 10 on the Thursday 30th March.

2017 SPORT DATES
Below are the current Denison, Emerald District, CH and CAP dates that have been set for 2017. Please be aware that some changes may be made in the course of 2017. Also some sports have date clashes with other sports or CAMP DATES so some students may need to make a choice.

Yours in sport,
Miss L
**Green News**

**Battery Recycling**
We are still recycling your used batteries at Denison. This project started 5 years ago, with the help of Rockhampton Battery World. They have supplied us with a battery recycling bin, and several large loads of batteries have been returned to them for safe disposal.

Here is some information, from their website, on why it important to recycle these batteries:

In Australia, over 8,000 tonnes of batteries go into landfill each year. Batteries are one of the most dangerous common waste discarded by Australian households. Many are made from heavy metals and harmful elements such as nickel, cadmium, lead and mercury, which can pollute soil and water and harm wildlife and humans.

So please, bring all your used batteries to the purple battery recycling bin at the school office.

**Nespresso Coffee Pods**

Last Year in Term 4 Denison started recycling Nespresso Coffee Pods with the help of Blissful Blooms, which is the local drop off point for these pods. Once the pods are returned, the aluminium component of these pods can be completely recycled and the coffee grounds are composted. So if you are feeling guilty about using the coffee pods this is a great way to help the environment. The bin for recycling these is in the Denison School office.

**Composting/Scrap bins**

Our composting has been up and running for the last 4 years. Last year, students from 4C took charge of looking after the compost bins with a roster system.

This year the new 4C students are going to carry on the great work. They will empty the classroom scrap buckets each day.

Mrs McCell and The Green Team

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

The Uniform Shop will be open:
- Monday’s from 8.30—9.30am
- And
- Thursday’s from 3.00-3.30pm

Orders can also be placed online by visiting www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au. These orders will be processed either on the Monday or Thursday after your order is placed. It can be either delivered to your child via the teacher or can be collected from uniform shop during opening hours.

Welcome back to 2017.

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**APP NOW AVAILABLE**

Search “Capricornia School Sport” to stay up to date with the latest news & events.
EMERALD JUNIOR TIGERS
SIGN ON

COST: $150

WHO: Boys and Girls ages 5-17 years

Returning Players: receive a training singlet and socks

NEW Players: receive players shirt, shorts, socks and training singlet

(new players will need to bring their birth certificate)

To pre-register go to:
https://playnrl.com/register/

or find us on

SIGN-ON DAY 2017
Saturday Feb 4th 9-12pm
Mclndoe Park, Emerald

New registrations
Please remember to bring a copy of the players birth certificate or passport

SAUSAGE SIZZLE!
Existing players are asked to re-register online before the 4th Feb to avoid delays on the day.