From the Deputy Principal

Welcome to Term 2!!! I hope that all of our staff, parents and students had a restful break and are all very eager to get back into a very busy and rewarding term!

Attendance
Last week, I handed out certificates to students who achieved 100% attendance for Term 1. There was a massive 125 students who attended school every day last term! Congratulations to these students! A big shout out to 5B (Miss Wedmaier) who had the biggest percentage of students who attended 100% of the time! Well done!

ANZAC Day Parade
WE will hold our own ANZAC Day service on Friday 22nd April 2016 to commemorate and remember the men and women who fought for our country. The Dawn Service will be held at 4.28am at the Cenotaph. We would love students participating in the Town March that leaves from the Lions Park at 10am. If students are marching with the school, please dress in school uniform and meet staff members at the Lions Park at 9.45am. We look forward to seeing as many students as possible marching proudly.

Nikita Vaughan
Acting Deputy Principal

Date Claimers

- Apr 18: P&C Meeting
- Apr 19: Year 1 Geography Excursion
- Apr 22: Anzac Day Parade – Denison Hall after parade
- Apr 25: Anzac Dawn Ceremony 4.15am Town Hall
  Anzac Town Ceremony 10am Lions Park
- Apr 28: CH Cross Country
- Apr 29: 1A Parade Item
- May 2: Labour Day Public Holiday
- May 4 and 5: Mothers Day Stall
- May 6: Mothers Day Choir Parade
- May 10, 11, 12: NAPLAN

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Once you can read, all worlds are open to you.

Sister Wendy Beckett

Staffing
Mrs Brooke Raine will be teaching 4C from Monday to Wednesday each week. Mrs Raine is a very experienced teacher who has also been a Teaching Principal at Tresswell and Kilcummin. Mrs Christine Joass will be teaching 4C Thursday and Friday each week. Mrs Joass has taught at Denison on many occasions and is familiar with the children and their learning needs. Please join me in welcoming Mrs Raine and Mrs Joass to Denison State School for Term 2.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN Testing is a few weeks away (10-12 May). Normally the National Literacy and Numeracy tests are for Year 3 and Year 5 students. However, at Denison State School we opt to have our Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 students also sit practice tests at this time. The performance data from these tests is used to give us up to date information on student performance, progress and most importantly- our next steps in learning. Conducting this informally each year will also be a great way for teachers, parents and students to ensure that all students are achieving.

Troy Sanson
Principal
**Prep/1**

Welcome back to another term of fun filled learning. This term the year ones will be focusing on characters in story books and the preps will be focusing on retelling key events from stories. It would be great if you could support this at home by asking them some questions about the character or what happened in the story.

Regards, Miss Amanda Potter

**Year 1**

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope everyone had an enjoyable break. This term in Math students will be looking at some new concepts such as o’clock and half past times and will be looking closely at 2D and 3D shapes. In English students will be looking at how characters in text can change from the start of the story to the end. Please remember on Tuesday this week students will be attending their Geography excursion to the botanical gardens and all brain break must be placed in a disposable plastic or paper bag clearly labelled with your child’s name. Remember that 1A has their parade item on Friday in week 3 so make sure you come down to check it out! Have a great week.

Regards, Miss Simone Bourne & Miss Lauren Laws

**Year 2**

Welcome to term 2! Library days for term 2 are 2A – Wednesday, 2B – Friday and 2C - Tuesday. In science this term, students will be investigating different types of toys and learning the forces push and pull. Towards the end of the term they will be constructing and testing a toy car. Year 2 classes will be enjoying fairy tale stories and writing character descriptions. They will then present their character description to the class. Please remember to send portfolios back to class teachers so the term 2 activities can be put in. Report cards will be distributed at the end of this term in week 11. Please see us if you have any questions.

Regards, Miss Amanda Poolman, Mrs Shona Shaw and Miss Rachael Tulloch

**Year 3**

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2! There are certainly a lot of exciting holiday stories; camping trips, beach trips, sleep overs, Easter egg hunts, family time, popcorn eating, Miss Douglas becoming Mrs de Wever, horse riding adventures, motor bike rides... Although we had those memorable and fun moments, all students were eager and enthusiastic to be back at school learning in the first week.

Another fun filled term ahead of us! We’ll be reading Charlotte’s Web, investigating shadows in Science, learning about celebrations and commemorations in History, focusing on number and place value in Math and the list goes on.

For technology, all students will be designing and constructing a moon buggy. The body of the moon buggy will be made out of boxes (cereal, biscuit etc). It would be appreciated if some students could bring in various sized boxes for the class to use on construction day. A moon buggy is not complete without proper exterior insulation, wheels and tools to pick up moon rocks. If you have any of these items around your house, then they would also be appreciated and used.

- Afoil
- Pipe cleaners
- Straws
- Milk bottle lids for wheels (we need A LOT of these)
- Small items to decorate moon buggies (sequins, stickers etc).

Cannot wait to see what they look like!

Regards, Mr Joel Davis, Mrs Elyse de Weaver, Miss Rebecca O’Grady

**Year 4**

Welcome back! We hope you had an amazing break. Our students have come back refreshed, sharing adventures from their holidays and ready to tackle a very long term – 11 weeks!! Welcome to Mrs Brooke Rain and Mrs Christine Joass who will be taking 4C for Mrs McColl who is off for a hard earned break. We look forward to hearing of her adventures in Vietnam.

In English this term we are studying fables, which are narratives with a moral or message. This is an extension of our narrative unit from last term where we wrote a new chapter for The Twits. Students will write their own narrative with a moral, which they will publish and share with the Preppies by the end of the term.

In maths we are beginning with odd and even numbers to understand what happens when we add these numbers. This is all a part of reinforcing number sense and a solid understanding of how numbers work together. We will then move on to mapping, where we will study scale, legends, co-ordinates and orientation. This leads nicely into Geography where we are again studying maps, describing location and again using scale, legends, and orientation. In addition we will interpret data to identify patterns across the globe and represent data.

In Science we will be investigating endangered species and writing about either an endangered animal or plant, including its lifecycle and the threats which are causing a decline in their numbers.

In Technology we are going to design and build a bird house. Should be fun!

In Health we are looking at the keys to success – organisation, getting along, confidence and persistence, which are necessary to achieve in any area of our lives.

Please remember to return your portfolios if you have not already done so. PE days have changed this term and already some students are forgetting their hats. It is important to bring these every day.

We have a lot to achieve this term. We look forward to working with you all again. Please feel free to email or see your classroom teacher with queries or concerns.

Regards, Mrs Diane Waine-Barclay, Mrs Lisa McHugh and Miss Nikita Maiden, Mrs Brooke Raine and Mrs Christine Joass

**Prep**

Welcome to Term 2! We have so many exciting things to learn this Term! In English we will be looking at retells. In Numeracy we will be looking at numbers to 20 and identify groups of more and less. In Science we will be investigating endangered species and looking at retells. In Numeracy we will be looking at...

Prep

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Regards, Mrs Katelyn Poole & Mrs Sam Patterson
Welcome back to Term 2! It was great to see our students come back refreshed and ready to tackle new learning. We will work with Fractions and Decimals in Maths and solve problems involving 2-dimensional shapes and in English we will examine advertisements. This term, the ‘energy’ in Science will flow into our Technology projects which will be interesting and fun. Also, we will take a trip to the past in History to learn about Federation. This week our students have received their Senior shirts and can proudly wear them on Fridays. PE lessons have been timetabled for Tuesday this term, Instrumental Music lessons continue on Thursday. We are also working on a wreath for ANZAC Day. Let the learning continue!

Regards,  Miss Pauline Dunn and Mrs Barbara Wade

Performing Arts News
Welcome back from the holidays! This Friday is Denison’s Anzac Ceremony and will be held at the end of parade. We welcome everyone to our Anzac Ceremony, particularly if you would like to sing the Australian or New Zealand National Anthem to support the students. In tradition, the students will also sing the John Lennon song ‘Imagine’ as a whole school and the students have been enjoying learning and remembering the song and its relevance to this special day. We also look forward to seeing all the students who will also be attending the Dawn Service at Town Hall at 4:15am and the Town Service, meeting at Lions Park at 10am on Monday the 25th in school uniform, hat and with a water bottle. The students have finished their dance assessments this week where the Preps and Grade 1s learned Bush Dancing and modern Northern American dances. The Grade 2-6s learned variations of the Salsa Cha Cha and Conga from Cuba, German Slap Dancing from Germany and Bollywood from India. The students will be doing Keyboard from next week and all students will be working towards a performance.

Check out when the next Parade Performances are...

Yours in Dance and DSS talent,
Monique Podolak

Library News
We have a great selection of fiction and non-fiction books in our library and we really encourage students to borrow each week. To ensure that they can borrow and that our books are preserved all students must have a library bag to transport books to and from school. This term our library timetable has changed and so to ensure that your child brings their library book/s and library bag to school on their borrowing day we have included a copy of our library borrowing schedule:

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Happy Reading
Maree Heslin and Jean Self

HEALTHY EATING TIP:

**The Truth About Food Additives**

**Myth #1:** “Too many food additives can cause hyperactivity in kids.”

**Fact #1:** There are many factors linked with hyperactivity in children. More studies are needed to find those children most likely to be at risk and the specific food additives responsible.

**Myth #2:** “Parents should avoid buying any foods with additives.”

**Fact #2:** A variety of fresh foods should be your main focus when choosing food. By eating plenty of fresh, unprocessed fruits, vegetables, wholegrains and dairy, your child will naturally eat less foods with additives. If you are concerned about additives, consult an Accredited Practicing Dietitian.

**DENO READERS**

**Gum Nut**
Cooper R, Phoebe S, Chloe W,
Paige A, Phoebe S, Xander VW,
Emma E, Zachary N

**Possum**
Tiali N

**Gum Fossicker**
Tamzyn C, Sophie I

**Bearded Dragon**
Riley T, Jake N

**Sunflower**
Izabella T

**Wattle**
Jazmika T

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will commence in Queensland from July 2016. This is a national scheme that aims to provide individualised support for people with a permanent or significant disability. In order to establish participant readiness, the Community Resource Unit (CRU) has established a website to be used as a resource to share key ideas, resources and information. A link to this information can be found via the website http://thegoodlife.cru.org.au.

Best wishes,
Tegan Ryan
A/HOSES
PE & Sport News

Swimming Carnival 2016

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEER HELPERS FOR SWIMMING!

Your help is most appreciated during the swimming lessons and the swimming carnival day. It is a pleasure to see how many parents are keen and able to come and help get things organised for the day. Teachers and students appreciate your efforts!

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this year’s Swimming Carnival on Thursday 24th March. It was a tremendous success with students putting in their best efforts on what turned out to be a hot and beautiful day for swimming.

In addition to the race program the students also swam in the fun events for everyone, Swim of the Multitudes and later the Floaty Things for students to score bonus points for their house. Then at completion of the events students made good use of all the fun equipment on offer and enjoyed a free swim to relax with friends!

The overall results and the Age Champions are outlined below.

Congratulations must go to Sapphire house this year for being the leading house for participation and points! It was also an awesome effort by Ruby as they made a continual effort on the cheering front and consequently took out the best supporting house award.

2016 Winner: SAPPHIRE (904 points) 2nd TOPAZ (823 points) 3rd RUBY (681points)

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 2016

SAPPHIRE= 342points, RUBY= 327points, TOPAZ= 268 points

The weather remained perfect last term for our annual 9yrs - 12yrs School Cross Country event. Well done to all students who participated in the run this year and special congratulations to those below that placed in our top 5. Students in the 10yrs - 12yrs age groups attended the District Cross Country Trials last week in Emerald.

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PE & Sport News cont....

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the TOP 6 in the Emerald District for their age group. They will be given the chance to run in the CH Cross Country event later this term in Springsure.


P-6 SPORTS DAYS AND MINI OLYMPICS GET ACTIVE FUNDRAISER

This year the P & C are holding the Get Active fundraiser in conjunction with our school sports days in week 9. This is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about being active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. To coincide with the Rio Olympics this year we are having a Mini Olympics theme and students will be participating in their normal Athletic events and some other Mini Olympic team fun events during our carnival days. Family support is most appreciated and we encourage all students to get involved. The main focus of this event is on participation and having a go. There are no special skills involved other than to have a go and have fun! Students are encouraged to seek sponsors from family and friends for their participation. Students will receive a reward for their fundraising efforts and there are some terrific incentive prizes on offer from our local Toyworld store.

HELPERS FOR SWIMMING!

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEER HELPERS FOR SWIMMING!

Get Active fundraiser

Thank you for the fantastic response from Parents who have already paid the Student Resource Scheme. Student Resource Scheme is now overdue and reminders and extra forms have been sent home – please have these back to the office with payment by 20th of May, 2016.

The Student Resource is $40 per student per year and payment plans are available if needed.

School Banking program

Congratulations to the following students who have earned Dollarmacite tokens through the School Banking program and are now ready to redeem these tokens for a fantastic reward item and receive their Certificate.

Bronze Certificate: Regan B, Kalen S, Levi B
Silver Certificate: Brayan C, Daniel H, Ondrea Y, Ashley B

If you haven't already, please complete your reward card coupon and return it, along with your 10 tokens, on the next School Banking day and the item will be ordered for you.
Awards for the week ending 18th March 2016

Prep A  Inneka C
Her healthy choices! Inneka has made fabulous fruit choices for Brain Break! Well done Inneka! Keep up the great choices.

Prep B  Bella S
Your huge improvement in task completion. You are a speedy worker that always produces beautiful work. Keep up the great work.

Prep/1C  Zayne W
His bravery. He faced his fear of farm animals and over came it. I am so proud!

1A  Charlie S
Your caring and thoughtful personality. You are always willing to help out other classmates without being asked.

1B  Deegan W
Your persistence and good effort during reading groups. Keep it up!

2A  Macey G
The huge amount of effort Macey applies to everything she does. She is an extremely respectful learner! Thankyou Macey!

2B  Tamara C
Your high achievements in reading and for you fantastic behaviour at all times. You are a role model for your peers!

2C  Jack K
An amazing result on your Math assessment. You worked hard to earn yourself an A! Well done!!

3A  Toby S
Consistently achieving very high results in weekly spelling tests and times tables tests. Well done Toby! You are always putting in your best effort!

3B  Ella M
Ella’s top source in a Math test. You correctly solved addition and subtracting problems. You used efficient strategies and understood the math vocabulary. Awesome effort!

3C

4A  Tuliena T
Your increased confidence in the pool. It is great to see you excited about swimming and making such great progress.

4B  Holli W
Getting 100% on your unit 1 and 2 fast facts tests. Awesome work!

4C  Jacob S
You have been working extremely well with teachers and teacher aides to complete your assessment tasks. Superb work!

5A  Jordan T
Your super effort during Assessment Tasks. You stayed focussed and were determined to produce your best effort.

5B  Tommy G
His well written and developed historical narrative as a free settle in Moreton Bay. He used great descriptive language to describe his experience.

5C  Katel F
In recognition of her hard work during our English assessment. Katel has shown great imagination when writing her fantasy chapter. Well done!

6A  Karaitiana F
His consistent focus and persistence in all subjects. You are on task and up to date. Love your work!

6B  Sophie C
Your ongoing thoughtfulness and consideration. You are kind and helpful and set a great example for others. You are amazing!

Central Highlands Festival of Bands 2016
Community Band & Choir Workshops Registration Closes May 6, 2016

To register for the workshops or for more information contact your local school Instrumental Music Coordinator, the Emerald Town Band or James Rankie at Marist College Emerald on 49923400 or email james.rankie@marist.catholic.edu.au

This Event has been supported by:
Awards for the week ending 15th April 2016

Prep A  Taylah S  Her attitude towards learning. Taylah has been trying very hard this term to attempt all activities with a smile.

Prep B  Myles N  Reading clearly and confidently during class reading. Focusing on the importance of using expression while reading.

Prep/1C  Suden I  Working hard to learn his prep sight words.

1A  Mackenzie J  Using interesting adjectives in your writing. Your sentences were very entertaining. Keep up the fantastic work!

1B  Mia M  Always trying your best in class. You are a kind and thoughtful class mate.

2A  Hope G  Hope’s readiness and motivation to learn. She always follow instructions and has a go. Well done Hope!

2B  Aina-Maria R  Applying teacher feedback to your writing this week. Your narratives are exciting to read!

2C  Cienna D  The fantastic effort you have making this week. Keep up the great work, Cienna!

3A  Logan S  His excellent work creating character profiles. Logan has made some great observations and drawn some insightful conclusions. Keep it up!

3B  Lincoln B  Lincoln’s effort and dedication to his school work since returning from holidays. I’m impressed! Keep it up!

3C  Megan L  The great detail you have been adding into your character profiles.

4A  Kai P  Your consistency in work habits and attitude. You always try your best and are positive about your learning.

4B  Sarah L  Creating an inventive design for a bird house in technology. I can’t wait to see how it turns out!

4C  Flynn C  Working quietly and efficiently throughout the week. Well done!

5A  Caitlin E  Caitlin’s effort and success to improve her number facts. Your persistence is paying off. Keep up the great work!

5B  Luke B  His improved effort during class discussions. It is great to see Luke, Keep up the great work!

5C  Kane W  His hard work and perseverance when working on complex word problems. Keep up the good work Kane.

6A  Chelsea C  Showing exemplary work ethics in all subjects and excelling in Maths. You are a Superstar!

6B  Maddy B  Your ongoing effort and improvement in your writing. You have made wonderful progress in using correct spelling and punctuation. Well done!

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Tuckshop Roster for April

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If you are unable to attend please call Leanne on 4980 7333. Thank you for volunteering.

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