Hello and welcome to Week 10!

_END OF TERM_

Another Term has come and gone, and between now and the end of 2016 we have: 2 weeks of vacation to rest and get ready for the next Term; 10 weeks of teaching and learning, the completion of the semester assessment and reporting, enactment of the improvement items from Parent Teacher Meetings; Year 5 and Year 6 Camps; Graduation; LipSync and Christmas Concert.

TERM 4 STAFFING

In Term 4, we see minor adjustments to our staffing. Mrs Kylie Bain will be leaving us to follow her husband who is with the QPS. We will miss Kylie dearly as she has provided a friendly and effective service through her role as Learning Support Teacher.

We wish Kylie and her husband all the very best.

Replacing Kylie will be Mrs Kylie Pickering. Later in Term 4, Mrs Tegan Ryan, our wonderful Year 6 teacher will be going on Maternity leave. I am currently working with HR to source a full-time replacement.

Mrs Trish Noy will be taking some Long Service Leave at the beginning of next term. Mrs Nikita Maiden will be hosting a final year student teacher, Mrs Samantha Finch, from the University of the Sunshine Coast in Term 4. Please make Samantha feel welcome here at Denison State School.

PARENT TEACHER SURVEYS

Thanks to those parents who completed surveys on their Parent Teacher Interview already. If you have not had the chance to do so, please follow the link to our survey via our Facebook page. Alternatively, type the following link in your browser and respond from there: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9LG3YVZ

Please note, this survey will close at the end of the term.

NAPLAN RESULTS

NAPLAN is a point in time test of Literacy and Numeracy of students, and is an indicator of student performance, of school program and of teaching and learning that make up every-day life of schools. This year we have seen some success in our results.

This includes:

- Year 3 – We have had better than average growth from Year 2 to Year 3
- Year 5 – We have had good growth from Year 3 to Year 5. Our Year 5 Mean Scales Scores are equal to or better than the nation.
- In both Year 3 and Year 5 we have maintained a high percentage of students in the Upper Two Bands in each strand. These students are often our A and B students and are part of our AGP program.

I would like to congratulate the staff for their work in this area, the parents who support students in and out of school and of course the students for their perseverance. It is a real tribute to the programs and support that start in Prep and go through until Year 6. Further analysis of this will be presented at the next P&C Meeting, and will be available on the MySchools Website from early Term 4.

SCHOOL WATCH

As a school we sustain very little damage from incidental or intended vandalism but at times this does occur because people are in our grounds when they shouldn’t be. Please ensure that students are not playing in the grounds or on the school equipment on weekends and report anyone that you see doing so in our grounds. Costs associated with cleaning up or repairing damage directly takeaway from our capacity to improve our facilities. As the school holidays are nearly here please be especially vigilant and report any activity that you think is suspicious. School watch number is 131 788 as per our noticeboard.

Remember that Monday October 3rd is a public holiday and school resumes on Tuesday October 4th. Pupil Free day for term 4 is Monday 17th October at the start of week 3.

Enjoy your well-deserved holidays and stay safe.

_Troy Sanson_  
Principal

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**PREP ENROLMENTS**

2017 Prep Enrolments are now being taken. Please collect your information pack from the school office.

**Date Claimers**

- **12th - 16th Sept**  
  Year 5 Camp  
  Year 6 Camp  
  Last Day of Term 3

- **16th Sept**  
  First Day of Term 4 (Tuesday)

- **4th Oct**  
  Pupil Free Day

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**Mobbs Manifest**

Thank you to all of our Prep parents who joined us for an afternoon presentation around reading in Prep. Did you know our students actually started developing the knowledge and language that will support them in becoming readers when they were only a few days old. Some would say earlier. The knowledge of how language works and vocabulary of the world we live in forms the basis upon which we build reading skills. Talking to your children at all ages and giving them opportunity to respond, pointing out words when shopping, travelling or just around the house are all learning to read skills. If we missed you for our session this term we will be running another early next term so watch out for the flyer. Enjoy your holiday break and remember to enjoy a good read!

_Amanda Mobbs_
Year 1

Wow! Term 3 has definitely flown by and is now coming to an end! Thank you to all the parents who attended parent teacher interviews. Please remember that if you have any concerns about your child’s progress you can make an appointment at any time to have a meeting. Portfolios will be going home on Friday so please ensure they have been returned to school so they can be put together. School swimming will be taking place in Term 4 so keep an eye out for permission forms arriving home next term. Remember that if your child is ever bored on the holidays, getting them to read is a great way to continue to practice their literacy skills! We hope everyone has a happy and safe two week break!

Regards, Miss Simone Bourne & Mrs Lauren Laws

Year 2

In English, poems first, then on a quest,
Striving to learn new words, with our actions.
On number lines, we put fractions,
So that we can go on to college.
To cram our brains full of knowledge
To fill our heads with more learning
poem to finish with.
and they will be trying to retain this trophy.

Newsletters. 4C held the Golden Calculator for Weeks 8 and 9

Year 3

What a wonderful term we have had! It has absolutely flown by! Over the holidays there are plenty of ways to keep busy. Here are some of the teacher’s favourites:

- Play outside with your dog.
- Build a cubby house (and clean it up afterwards).
- Do a big job for your parents; maybe you vacuum the whole house, clean out the pantry, wash the car or fold the washing.
- Read! Read! Read! A book can take you on a big adventure! Retell the book to your parents or draw pictures to match what you read.
- Measure the length, mass and capacity of objects and put those objects in order.
- Write a letter to your grandparents, put their address on the envelope, purchase a stamp and post it.
- Measure temperature with a thermometer.
- Write a narrative.
- Draw a field sketch of a place with human and natural features.

Some of these things you have been taught over Term 3, enjoy putting your knowledge into real world contexts.

Regards, Mr Joel Davis, Mrs Elyse de Wever, Miss Nikita Maiden

Year 4

Thank you to all the parents who attended the recent Parent/teacher meetings. It is always helpful to touch base and discuss the progress the children have been making since the last time we had parent/teacher meetings back at the end of Term 1.

The last few weeks have been very busy in the classrooms as we have been completing various assessment tasks. Hopefully we get everything finished before the end of term so we can have a little FUN.

This week, Year 4 will be the seniors of our school with both the Year 5s and 6s out on camp. They should enjoy the feeling of being the oldest grade for just a week and enjoying having a roomier play area at breaks.

Don’t forget to watch out for the mathematics challenge in the Newsletters. 4C held the Golden Calculator for Weeks 8 and 9 and they will be trying to retain this trophy.

As we have been learning about poetry this term, here is a little poem to finish with.

In Year Four we are yearning
To fill our heads with more learning
To cram our brains full of knowledge
So that we can go on to college.

On number lines, we put fractions,
Striving to learn new words, with our actions.
In English, poems first, then on a quest,
At the end of the term, we all had a test.

Regards, Mrs Diane Wayne-Barclay, Mrs Lisa McHugh and Mrs Brooke Raine and Mrs Jane McColl

Year 5

Thank you all for a great third term in year 5. A lot of the year 5’s are currently learning a lot about teamwork and leadership, along with a range of new skills while on camp and having a blast doing so. As we approach the holidays it’s important to remember that although the homework has stopped, the opportunities to read and learn have not. If you travel somewhere why not bring a few books along for your child to read in the car (probably not the best idea if you’re traveling somewhere with a windy road though!) Encourage your child to read out loud to you as you drive. As he/she reads, ask them questions about the plot, or the story, and the characters. “Is that the same guy who helped his friend at the beginning?” Ask for his/her opinion about the story. “What did you think about the character of the uncle?” Ask him/her to compare this book to other books. “Have you read any other books by the same author?” Talk about the type of book it is. “Is this a mystery?” Safe travels!

Regards, Mrs Leigh Robinson, Miss Rachael Wedmaier and Mr Wade Thompson

Year 6

What a wonderful way to spend the last week of Term 3…On Camp! Students have been working very hard over the last couple of weeks to finish off assessment and organise themselves for camp. Last week students had a wonderful time experiencing all that high school has to offer at the Emerald State High School Taster Day. It was great to see all students participating, having a go and representing themselves and the school well in this setting.

Well done to all Year 6 students who were involved in organising and participating in the school disco as well as those who represented the school at the Eisteddfod. I hope you all have a wonderful and safe break and will return refeshed for your last term at primary school.

Regards, Miss Pauline Dunn and Mrs Tegan Ryan

Prep

Hi everyone. This week sees us finishing out term 3 and my, hasn’t the year flown. The Prep students have been as busy as ever finishing of their assessment and portfolio items and we ask that you get any portfolios still remaining at home into your class teacher so we can attach this term’s AMAZING work.

Prep are in the countdown for term 3 so just a quick reminder that every day your child attends school counts and a day of school missed is not only a missed learning opportunity but also lost chances for social, emotional and independence development.

We have had a busy term 3 with sports days, Sunday Funday, the Prep/1C Camp! Students have been working very hard over the last couple of weeks to finish off assessment and organise themselves for camp and having a blast doing so. Week 10 will be no exception, as always we will be finishing assessment so it is important that your child attends as many days of school as possible. On Wednesday the firefighters are coming in to visit the year ones and talk to them about fire safety. It should be lots of fun! On Friday we will be having a mini class party as a reward for filling up the warm and Fuzzy Jar! Thank you to everyone who attended our father’s day celebration. It was a fantastic day. Also thank you to all the parents who have attended a parent teacher interview. You were prompt and ready which made the process run very smoothly. Finally have a wonderful holiday and I look forward to seeing you all again in term 4. Hopefully a little more rested and full of energy!

Regards, Miss Amanda Potter
A MESSAGE FROM OUR GUIDANCE COUNCILLOR

This week, the resilience builders for families, (as recommended by Andrew Fuller, Fellow of the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Learning and Educational Development at the University of Melbourne (http://andrewfuller.com.au)), look at making sure our kids know we value them as individuals and

No.5 Love kids for their differences

When families’ function well, people are allowed to be different and to be loved for those differences.

We all know that children take on different roles. A father of three said, “It’s as if they have a planning meeting once a year and say ‘you be the good kid, I’ll be the sick kid and the other one can be the trouble-maker!’ And then just when you think you’ve got it figured out they change roles again”.

Having children who are strongly individual and who have a sense of who they are is a sign of good parenting. The problem then, of course, may be that they will then express their independent spirit in ways that you don’t like. The ideal is a mix between someone who preserves their own uniqueness and is able to work with others without becoming dictated to by them, someone who has their own independent nature but is comfortable enough with themselves to allow inter-dependence.

No.6. It is clear who is in charge

Families do not work well as democracies. In fact they seem to work best as benevolent dictatorships in which the parent or parents consult a lot with their children but at the end of the day, the parent has the final say. Some parents fear that if they take charge that they will lose the friendship of their children, but often the reverse is true. In families where parents fail to take their own role seriously, children may feel that to express their independence they need to engage in risk taking behaviour and avoid responsibility. Authoritative parenting allows children to feel safe, have clear boundaries and flourish.

Have a safe and relaxing break,

Marietta Sedgwick
Guidance Officer
Denison, Tieri, Anakie, Alpha and Emerald State Schools
Base school phone 07 49807333
Email msedg1@eq.edu.au

PE & Sport News

NETBALL COACHES & UMPIRES NEEDED FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS COMPETITION

In term 4 during weeks 1-5 a local schools Netball competition is being run on Thursday afternoons at 3.30pm and 4.30pm. Teams will be students combined in 3/4 and 5/6. Coaches and umpires are needed for our Denison students to participate. If we do not have an umpire and a coach for each team then we cannot participate. If you think you can help please contact the schools office as soon as possible. Team nomination closes September 16th this week. Students can give their names the PE teacher if they haven’t already.

WESTERN 7’s RUGBY UNION TRAINING

Training for the U10 and U12 Western 7’s Rugby teams continues on the oval Thursday afternoons from 3.15-4.15pm.

The next training dates in term 4 are the 6th October in week 1 and the 13th October in week 2. Training is compulsory for all players unless medically sick. We look forward to seeing you there.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART FORMS & PRIZES

The Jump off event was a great event for all our students last Wednesday. Thank you to all those students, parents and teachers for your help in running the event. Remember the Sponsorship forms to raise funds are due back to the office now. Prizes will be arriving early next term.

JUNIOR SWIMMING - TERM 4 WEEKS 4-9

Swimming will begin next term in week 4 for all classes in year 1-3. Forms will come out in week 1 next term. Parents/friends are required to help out in the lessons so please if you are free to help in a class for 1 hr a week let Miss L know.

Thanking you!
Happy holidays, yours in Sport,
Miss L

Library News

Holiday Borrowing
This week students will be borrowing from the library during their library lessons and books will be due for return in the first week after the holidays. Just remember if taking books on holidays that they are properly cared for and make it safely back to the Denison library after their travels.

Happy Reading and Happy Holidays

Maree Heslin and Jean Self

Deno Readers

Sunflower  Eboni L
Paperbark Tree  Isaiah S
Wattle  Benjamin L

SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

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

Silver Certificate:  Jaylah, J, Claire, H, Isaiah S
Outstanding Banking:  Lleyton F

NAME: Jaylah J

MORAL: While we were learning how to do a presentation about how to make a diorama, people were sharing ideas and also being very creative, creating their dioramas to demonstrate the life stages of a living thing. They all look fantastic! Well done on another fantastic term year 2! Have a great holiday break!

Regards, Miss Amanda Poolman, Miss Rachael Williamson and Miss Rachael Tulloch
DENISON Maths Challenge Holiday Fun!

**Line of Four**

*Stage: 1 ★*

You will need a sheet of squared paper or ‘grid’ paper. If you don’t have any, just rule some lines down some lined writing paper to form squares. One hundred squares (10 by 10) makes a good size game board, but you can use a smaller or larger grid if you prefer.

Two players, using two different colours, take turns to mark a ‘cross-road’ on the grid. The aim is to make a line of four, across, down or diagonally. Each ‘cross-road’ can only be used once.

Try to block the other player’s path.

Each time you make a line-of-four draw a line through it so it can be counted as a point.

When all the ‘cross-roads’ have been used, the player with the most points wins.

In the example below, each player has had 10 turns so far. The green player has already scored 2 points, and the red player has only one point.

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**Spiralling Decimals** – add the decimals to the spiral in the correct order

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Performing Arts News

What a term! I am so proud of all of the Denison performers at last week’s Eisteddfod. You all did a great job and once again stood out in the community as an ‘Arty School’ and got the chance to share the experience with 28 other schools across the Central Highlands. I want to particularly thank Denison Mums Kristy Tyrell, Jeanne-Marie Niehaus, Sharon Akers, Kristie McEwan, Wendee McLean, Michelle Goodwin and Sue Wright for amazingly donating their time and beautiful baking to help with the running of the Eisteddfod. I could not have fed my adjudicators or run the events so smoothly without your kind help during this week.

All students with Denison Arts Shirts, please wash and return to school before the end of the term.

Here are the Denison Eisteddfod Results.....

Denison State School Eisteddfod Results

Solo and Duets
Vocal –
Martin N – 1st
Sophie I – 2nd
Gabriella P – 2nd, HC
Yishan G – 2nd
Kymarley F & Eboni L – 2nd

Piano
Ben B – 2nd
Jaclin C – 3rd
Gabriella P – 1st, Most Outstanding Primary Piano Student

Instrumental
Kaleija T – Violin – 3rd
Hayden S – Snare Drum – 3rd
Nat M & Hayden S – Percussion - 3rd
Hayden S – Glockenspiel – 2nd
Kelly H – Clarinet – 1st
Samantha D – Euphonium - HC
Samantha D & Kelly H – HC

Verse Speaking
Gabriella P – 3rd
Mackenzie J – 3rd
Kelly H – 3rd
Kelly H – Character Recital – 2nd

Group Events -
Concert Band – HC
Instrumental Ensemble – 1st
Junior Choir – 1st
Intermediate Choir – 2nd
Senior Choir – 2nd
Folk Choir – 1st
Recorder Band – 1st
Boomwhacker Band – 1st

Yours in the Performing Arts and DSS talent,
Monique Podolak
Awards for the week ending 2nd September 2016

Prep A  Thomas B  His fabulous poetry. Thomas used Capital Letters, punctuation, rhyming words and describing words! Thomas you are a wizard with words! Well done!

Prep B  Mitchell P  Your amazing poetry skills. Your animal poem was humorous and contained numerous rhyming words. You are a Poetry Pirate!!!

Prep/1C  Sierra W  Her fantastic rhyming story.

1A  Brayden H  Your hard work and persistence with improving your reading strategies!

1B  Paige A  The excellent behaviour choices you make everyday. You always give 100% effort in everything you do!

2A  Hayden J  Hayden’s accuracy when measuring length, area and capacity. He is a math whizz!

2B  Lara B  Your positive and always friendly attitude both in and out of the classroom! You always put in 100% effort 100% of the time! You should be proud!

2C  Adam G  His careful listening in all lessons so that he knows exactly what to do in each task. Adam also carefully considers teacher feedback to reflect on his learning.

3A  Thomas W  All of the hard work he has put into learning his sight words. Thomas knows most of his 200 words and is becoming a better reader as a result. Howie’s comparison in technology. You recognised that your results were similar to another students, despite not having durable insulation around your water bottle cooler.

3B  Howie W  Outstanding results in English assessment. You have an excellent understanding of poetic language features!

3C  Cyriah A  Showing great reading and reading comprehension skills when reading with the teacher.

4A  Jorjia W  Your listening and perseverence. By starting tasks straight away and trying his hardest to meet teacher expectations, he is producing quality responses.

4B  Tyler C-D  Shows great reading and reading comprehension skills when reading with the teacher.

5A  Hayden W  Always working towards being the best he can be. Hayden puts in 100% effort all the time. Keep it up Hayden!

5B  Thomas P  The extra effort you put into creative writing tasks. Well Done!

5C  Wyatt S  His positive attitude towards learning new content and his improved focus during lessons.

6A  Alf M  Your continuous efforts to improve in your writing tasks. You willingly take on feedback and make adjustments where needed. Well done!

6B  Tina T  Your great start at Denison. Your happy smiling face and cheerful attitude have been a great addition to 6B. You are amazing!

Awards for the week ending 9th September 2016

Prep A  Ruby F  Her fabulous effort. Ruby always strives to do her best and improve on all past achievements. Well done Ruby!

Prep B  Zachary N  The amazing improvement in your work focus and effort that shows in your improved sight work knowledge and independence. Keep it up Captain Independence!

Prep/1C  Lucy M  Writing a fantastic rhyming sentence.

1A  Taylah K  Always being a friendly and helpful class member. You see opportunities where you can help others and do so without being asked.

1B  Jackson B  Your amazing mathematical thinking. You blow me away with your brain power!

2A  Phoebe S  Phoebe’s well written informative texts. She follows the structure and adds informative noun groups.

2B  Tennison E  Your fantastic improvement in your behaviour in class and studious approach in your class tasks! Keep up the Good Work!

2C  Leayana M  Your cheerful attitude in class. You approach every task with enthusiasm and a “can do” attitude. Your positivity brightens our classroom. Keep it up!

3A  Saphron D  Always working towards being the best that she can be. Saphron knows what to do in order to achieve well and shows initiative when completing all tasks.

3B  Tamati M  Tamati’s persistence to achieve 200 sight words. You’ve been working very hard on this goal. Well Done!

3C  Ashton P  Creating a very eye catching poster in Health lesson. Fantastic work!

4A  Riley S  The perseverance you have shown in class every day. You have made great improvements throughout the year.

4B  Gabrielle B  The hard work she put into her ‘Rowan of Rin’ written response. Gabby reflected on the author’s language choices and did a great job editing her work.

4C  Noah C  Your hard work in getting your History assessment completed and being able to communicate all you have learnt this term.

5A  Katie R  Her ability to solve problems. Katie applies strategies to seek solutions and explains her thinking. Keep up the effort Katie!

5B  Aleshy T  Working well when completing your assessment tasks. Well done!

5C  Your excellent participation during panel discussions. You challenged yourself and extended your ideas while attempting to relate to our text. Great Job!

6A  Brock C  Your great contribution to your panel discussion. You used effective strategies for discussion while extending and interrogating ideas until you were clear on your answers. Well Done!
DUATHLON SERIES
RACE 1- 10 SEP 2016 (WILLS RD, NEAR NQX)
RACE 2- 08 OCTOBER 2016 (TBA)
RACE 3- 15 OCTOBER 2016 (TBA)

DISTANCES
SHORT - 1 KM RUN - 12 KM BIKE - 5 KM RUN
LONG - 1.5 KM RUN - 30 KM BIKE - 10 KM RUN
KIDS - 0-4 YEAR OLD - 500M RUN - 500M BIKE - 100M RUN
7-9 YEAR OLD - 1000M RUN - 500M BIKE - 100M RUN
10-12 YEAR OLD - 1500M RUN - 500M BIKE - 200M RUN

ENTRY FEES
KIDS - DONATION
CLUB MEMBERS - $5.00 or $40.00 for series
NON-CLUB - $25.00 or $50.00 for series
TEAM - $50.00 PER TEAM or $70.00 for series.
(Join Central Highlands Triathlon Club for $26.00 to get discounted price for all yearly needs)

REGISTRATIONS OPEN MONDAY 15/08/2016: ONLINE OR CASH ON DAY
CASH PRIZE FOR SERIES WINNERS
BBQ AND DRINKS STALL AVAILABLE

EMERALD-Seals 2016 Club Sign On

TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER
4PM TO 6PM
Emerald Seals Club House
Emerald Aquatic Centre in Opal St
New members please bring birth certificates
Preferred method of payment is visa or mastercard

FIRST CLUB NIGHT TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER

For further information
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Phone: 0407488406

For information on squad training please contact Head Coach Jodi Sprought on 0417734965

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ARMY PUG NEEDS YOU!
SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
MONDAY: 19TH
WEDNESDAY: 21ST
FRIDAY: 23RD
MONDAY: 26TH
FRIDAY: 30TH
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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EMERALD BROTHERS CRICKET CLUB
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Season start date: 8 Oct (Jr) and 15 Oct (Snr)
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