Sanson's Slate

Well done to our P&C who, from all accounts, hosted a smashing Garden Party on the 29th of October. I have listened in awe as people have recounted their evening. Congratulations must also go to the coaches and players who competed in the local school Netball competition over the first weeks of this term.

Making every day count
As we near the end of the school year, it's important to remember that all students are required to attend school every day until the end of term which is 9th December 2016. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. For more information, visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.

End of Year
At the end of this term, which is only five weeks away we also will be holding our end of year celebration evening for Preps to Year 6. Classes have selected which item they will be performing and over the remainder of the year will be busy rehearsing for the big night. The final arrangements and schedule for this will be released closer to time. Our Year 6 students have their own special day in the last week to celebrate the end of their primary years. Parents are invited to come and share this time and it is usually followed by a cake, tea and coffee and the students going out for the day to a pool.

Prep Transition Programs
Later this term our induction process for Prep 2017 will begin with transition mornings for all future Prep students. To be eligible the student must be enrolled at Denison SS for next year. Pre-prep students will attend Prep with an existing class (in small numbers of about seven) for the morning session as part of transitioning from Pre-prep to commencing full time school. This will assist teachers getting an idea of students' abilities before they come to school and also in assisting our admin team in forming classes that cater for perceived needs of students using the assessments from the morning observations. A parent information evening about transition into Prep will take place at the school on the 17th of November.

Quadrennial School Review
As you will be aware we are in the final year of our 2013 – 2016 Strategic School Improvement Plan. As part of the process in our review we have compared our current achievement against the targets that were set in 2013. I am pleased to say that as a community we have reached or beaten the targets set. At the same time there is some strategies that will continue to be enacted in the next four year plan. I will be sharing findings from the review of our current school plan at our P&C Meeting on the 14th of November.

An additional action of the Quadrennial School Review is consultation of the school community. Thank you to those who completed the short questionnaire that had been available through our Facebook page, as this information has really influenced our priorities for improvement over the next four years. If you missed the survey please feel free to message our Facebook page to communicate your thoughts around things we should start; things that we should stop; and things that we should continue. The consultation and the review information will be used to compose our Vision, Purpose and Priorities for the next four years.

Have a great week!
Troy Sanson
Principal

Mobbs Manifest
At this time of the year classes are heavily involved in assessment tasks that will inform ratings on report cards. Reports will be distributed to students at the very end of the last week of school. Reporting is an indication of the standard of learning students have achieved over the last 2 terms, or semester. No matter the rating on your student’s report card it is a celebration of a lot of hard work over the semester. Learning information on students is also being collected to share with the next year’s teacher to support a smooth transition into the next year level. In the shorter term assessments will inform teaching in the last part of the school year for a last focus on key areas still requiring development. Please support your student to have the best opportunity for success by being at school regularly until the very end of the school year.

Amanda Mobbs
Deputy Principal

Date Claimers
11th Nov 2C Parade Items
21st Nov Prep Transition week
5th Dec Year 1,2,3 Fun Morning Swimming
6th Dec End of Year Concert
8th Dec Year 6 Graduation Day
9th Dec Last day of Term 4, Reports and Portfolios sent home

Notice Of Intention to Leave Denison State School in 2017.
My child/ren will not be attending Denison State School in 2017.

Student Name: __________________________ Year Level: ______________________
Reason: ________________________________
**Classroom Bulletin**

**Prep**
Thank you all for your continued support this year. With only 5 weeks to go we encourage students to bring a water bottle every day. Please ensure library books are coming back to school as there are only a few more opportunities to borrow this year. Students are starting to get very tired at this time in the year also, so early bedtimes will be a huge help with their performance at school during our assessment periods. Enjoy your week!

*Regards, Mrs Katelyn Poole & Mrs Sam Patterson*

**Prep/1C**
WOW! We have made it to half way. This week and next week form our 2 major weeks of assessment. Can you please ensure that your children are at school unless they are ill, as it makes it very difficult to do assessments with children missing. It would also be of great assistance to your child if you could make sure they have a nourishing breakfast and lots of sleep as this will help their focus and their test results. As the weather is getting hot again this is just a friendly reminder to send your child to school with a water bottle and if you are using insulated lunch boxes to put an ice brick in them as they are unable to go in the fridge.

*Regards, Miss Amanda Potter*

**Year 1**
In year 1 we are now working hard on completing assessments to show what we have learnt so far this term. Please remember that every day counts! We are now coming to the end of our focus on procedural texts in English and move towards persuasive writing. Will the year 1’s be able to convince their teachers that they should not have any homework in week 10? That school uniforms should/shall not be compulsory? That boys/girls are better at learning their math facts? In math we continue to revise what has been taught throughout the year focussing on our mental facts and the most efficient way to solve math problems! RE will recommence for week 7-9. This week we will also be receiving a special visitor to talk to the students about fire safety! Have a fantastic week!

*Regards, Miss Simone Bourne & Mrs Lauren Laws*

**Year 2**
Hello week 6! We are now at the tail end of the term and we are busy assessing across all learning areas so we can write reports. This week we will begin our last Literacy unit which is based on narratives, making inferences about the characters and understanding their point of view. In Math we are focusing on Number, introducing multiplication and division, revising number patterns and utilising our understanding of the relationship between addition and subtraction to work out the missing value in number sentences e.g. ___ + 12 = 42, 42 is the whole and 12 is a part, to work out the other missing part we subtract 42 - 12= 30. During Art lessons we have been experimenting with different materials and textures. Keep an eye out for notes about our end of year events including our class parties, swimming fun day, clean-up day, lip sync and end of year concert. We have begun to add work samples and assessment pieces to portfolios so please bring them in.

*Regards, Miss Amanda Poolman, Miss Rachael Williamson and Miss Rachael Tulloch*

**Year 3**
Over this term the students have been exploring textures; gritty, rough, smooth, lumpy, crinkly, curly... Their final assessment piece involves creating an art work for a visually impaired person. The scene is ‘A Day at the Beach.’ Any of these items would be greatly appreciated and used in the making of their beach:
- Material
- Beads
- Shells
- Blue Cellophane
Please bring in as soon as possible to share with others. On the Prep Free Day teachers got hands on with a variety of technological devices to learn about coding and programming; BeeBots, iPads, Lego Movie, robots of all sorts and remote controlled devices. An excellent webpage that allows students to build their coding skills is [https://studio.code.org/](https://studio.code.org/) - start at course 1 and work through the levels. ‘Unplugged’ activities can also be YouTubed (Jam Sandwich, My Robotic Friend etc); these create a lot of laughs, whilst learning at the same time. Why not make it a family activity? Have fun! There is a lot of lost property being left behind after swimming.

*Pretty please label ALL items!*

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

**Year 4**
We are officially half way through the last term of the year. We have been learning lots of interesting information across all our learning areas including the tricks of advertising in English, how to be CyberSafe in Health, and playing fun “60 Minutes to Win It” games, which involve forces, in Science. Over the next few weeks, the recent learning will help students to complete their assessments successfully.

The Year 4 teachers would really appreciate as full attendance as possible over the next few weeks to enable all assessments to be completed on time.

Year 4 have been learning about looking after the environment we live in, in Geography, and one of the interesting facts we learned this term was that aluminium from cans can be recycled (melted down and made into cans again) many, many times with no deterioration of the quality of the aluminium. That means that if you recycle a can it can be used again and less new aluminium needs to be mined. However, if you throw your cans in the general waste that goes to landfill, the aluminium in that can, can never be reused. So, put all your cans in the nearest recycling bin these holidays.

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

**Year 5**
We have just passed the half way mark of term 4. This means that we are all busily working on assessment for all of our subjects. Please make sure that students attend every day during this busy time. Thank you to everyone for working so well and striving to do their absolute best on these assessment tasks.

*Regards, Mrs Leigh Robinson, Mrs Angela Jeston and Mr Wade Thompson*

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**studentabsence@denisonss.eq.edu.au**
Classroom Bulletin

Year 6

Wow! We’re half way through the term already. Year Six students are currently in the middle of completing assessment tasks. This means that it’s really important for students to be at school every day when possible, so they have the best chance of completing all tasks to the best of their ability. We are also looking forward to graduation. Over the next few weeks you will be receiving notes about graduation activities, times and dates, as well as requests for prep or grade one photos if your child/children did not attend prep at Denison. If you could arrange to send/email in a prep/grade one photo of your child/children so that we can scan it for their graduation presentation, it would be greatly appreciated.

Soon students will be completing a technology assessment that requires them to make a drink at home. Please advise us if you are unable to complete this at home, so that arrangements can be made for your child at school.

Regards, Miss Pauline Dunn and Mrs Kay Esmond

Library

Last week in our Year 4 library lesson we explored the issue of cyber safety through a very cleverly crafted text by Nick Bland (Creator of The Very Cranky Bear series). *The Fabulous Friend Machine* is a cautionary tale that explores the issue of making on-line friends and finding out that these friends are not so friendly after all. Reading this book would be a great way to launch a family discussion about cyber safety.

Our Year 6 students have been exploring immigration this term and last week in our library lesson we read *Out* by Angela May George and Owen Swan. This book provides a simple yet profound insight into the often complex issue of asylum seekers. I would certainly recommend this book as a welcome addition to the family book collection.

We are always “on the lookout” for picture books that explore social issues as they provide a good platform for exploring issues in a positive manner as well as promoting critical thinking.

Happy Reading
Maree Heslin and Jean Self

Performing Arts

Welcome to Week 6! End of Year Concert Choir rehearsals are on Fridays at first break for grades 2-6 and the students are having so much fun singing songs from different movies. Xmas Carols Choir has started rehearsing and will be on Mondays at second break for all grades. Santa knows that Denison State School are ready for Christmas! All students have been testing on rhythms, notes, Musical terms and their selection of songs for Boomwhackers and Glockenspiels and we have started rehearsing for the End of Year Concert. I am so excited to see what the students can bring to their class performances. We will be dancing, singing and getting into characters to make the night a real Performing Arts experience!

Check out the upcoming Parade Performances….

18/11/16  Band
25/11/16  2/3C

Yours in the Performing Arts and DSS talent, Monique Podolak

HOSES Update

It has been a rewarding term and with only five weeks remaining, there is still so much to do in preparation for 2017. Thank you for your continued support.

Autism Queensland Visits

In Week Three, Autism Qld (AQ) visited Denison SS, where the team observed students then met with parents and staff to provide feedback. Reports from these visits will be emailed to parents and caregivers once finalised by AQ. The team greatly appreciated the warm welcome they received from the school.

Support Meetings

Student Support Meetings, involving class teachers and support staff, have been scheduled for Weeks 6 and 9 with the aim of reviewing and developing Individual Curriculum Plans and Personalised Learning Plans. Once plans are completed, copies will be mailed home for parent/carer feedback and endorsement.

Transition Meetings

Term 4 is an important milestone for Year 6 students as their primary school years come to an end. On the 9 November, meetings have been organised for students requiring additional support in this process so that a transition plan can be completed. Staff from ESHS and Denison SS, along with parents and caregivers will be in attendance. Letters have been mailed home outlining the meeting schedule.

*Transition to Prep*: An information session will be held at Denison SS on Thursday 17 November 3:30pm for students with diverse learning needs attending Prep in 2017. Details will be distributed to local Kindies early next week.

Meet with the HOSES

Parents and caregivers of students with a verified disability, have the opportunity to meet with the HOSES for individual half hour meetings on Tuesday 6 December and Wednesday 7 December. Topics for discussion include your child’s Personalised Learning Plan and transition to 2017. Details will be mailed home in the coming weeks.

Regards, Sharon Morris

HOSES

SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and eight new exclusive School Banking reward items.

This year’s program is themed the Outback Savers and School Banking is taking students on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings, where they’ll learn to master smart savings habits.

These 2016 rewards are currently available:

- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggily Glow Worm

This year School Banking gave students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Each year we launch an exciting new Grand Prize competition exclusive to School Banking. Keep an eye out in the new year to find out more about next year’s competition!

SCHOOL ACTIVITY FOR TERM 4

Commonwealth Bank have a prize pack to be given to one of our school bankers who bank 3 times in Term 4. The lucky winner will be announced on parade Friday December 2nd. So get those deposits in.

Deno Readers

Gum Nut Reader  Ava H
Sunflower Reader  Cameron R
Paperbark Reader  Kelsey L
Red Claw Reader  Howie W
**Awards for the week ending 28th October 2016**

**Prep A** Ruby F
Her outstanding commitment to learning! Ruby tries exceptionally hard to complete all tasks to the best of her ability! Well done Ruby!

**Prep B** Mitchell P
Your amazing scientific description of how objects move and the properties that make them move that way! You are a scientist!

**Prep/1C** Eli S
His courage and bravery at his first swimming lesson.

**1A** Tige P
Your strong work ethic in class and the positive attitude you display. Fantastic effort!

**1B** Lachlan H
Your improvement shown in getting work completed on time. Well done.

**2A** Mariam O
Mariam’s well written narrative event. Her narrative complication builds on the character’s qualities and engages the reader.

**2B** Jasmine C
Your continuous hard work and effort towards your narrative writing and always striving to improve on your neatness in handwriting!

**2C** Mikaere H
Your persistence when learning a new addition strategy. Keep trying Mikaere and you will succeed.

**3A** Charli M
Taking pride in her work by trying her best, staying focussed, completing work neatly and on time and asking for help when it is needed.

**3B** Camilla D
Camilla’s improvement to answer times tables efficiently and correctly. You keep on getting better each week!

**3C** Mitchell L
Your effort and enthusiasm towards your school work. Keep up the fantastic attitude.

**4A** Cormac M
The effort you put into creating an advertisement. You considered placement of the product, colour, slogan and imperatives.

**4B** Saioa BM
Consistent effort in work and behaviour. You are an asset to the class. Well done! You are amazing!

**4C** Flynn C
Your solid understanding of decimals resulting in you achieving very well in the recent Deadly Decimals assessment.

**5A** Sophie M
Improved enthusiasm and application in your learning. You are trying your best to complete class activities to a high standard. Keep it up!

**5B** Taya B
The extra effort you put into your work. Well done Taya!

**5C** Sophie C
Her mature and focused approach during mathematical inquiry tasks.

**6A** Ebony B
Your enthusiastic approach to your learning! You are actively involved in group work tasks and participating in class discussions. Great work Ebony!

**6B** Tamsyn B
Your excellent use of mathematical language to describe the outcomes of your game. You clearly and precisely described what had happened and why it was not fair. Awesome work!

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**Awards for the week ending 4th November 2016**

**Prep A** Eliza M
Her outstanding effort while learning her letters and sounds! You are making GIANT leaps in your learning!

**Prep B** Bella S
All your persistence and focus during letter writing. You are independently using capital letters, full stops, finger spacing and letter sounding. You are amazing!

**Prep/1C** Bruce G
His fantastic instructions for drawing a pigeon. They were detailed and accurate.

**1A** Mackenzie J
Your very well structured and detailed procedure. Well done!

**1B** Paige A
Making good behaviour choices all day, every day. You are a great role model to others.

**2A** Evie W
Evie’s beautiful handwriting. She writes using beautiful entries and exits.

**2B** Dante S
Always being ready to listen, with whole body listening and showing a huge improvement in your effort towards your class work!

**2C** Jack B
The respect you always show your teacher and peers. Well done Jack!

**3A** Bianca A
Taking pride in completing her English and Science assessment this week. Bianca used different devices in her poetry and explained her scientific understanding well in her science.

**3B** Cody R
Cody’s contributions to class discussions. Your ideas are original and insightful. You make connections and include topic vocabulary. Keep it up!

**3C** Ava S
Creating engaging poems that paint a vivid picture in the reader’s mind.

**4A** Jacob E
His colourful and persuasive advertisement. Fantastic job, Jacob!

**4B** Erika T
Consistently producing quality written responses. Erika always attempts to justify and use evidence to support her answers. Fantastic work, Erika!

**4C** Jessica C
You are showing a much improved understanding of your ‘divide by’ maths facts achieving 100% in your last end of unit test. Great work!

**5A** Emely P
Your successful transition to Denison State School. You have slipped straight into the routines in 5A. A very big, warm welcome!

**5B** Lleyton F
Your positive attitude towards learning. Well done!

**5C** Samantha D
Conscientiously applying herself to all areas of learning and striving to achieve her very best.

**6A** Janequia M
Your enthusiastic participation in debating this week. You spoke clearly and debated your topic using clear evidence. We are proud of you for trying out this new activity. Bravo!

**6B** Ashlee M
Your detailed scientific explanations on the ideal environmental conditions required to grow mould. You demonstrated a good understanding of this concept. Well done!
SWIMMING LESSON HELPERS
Thank you to all the Mum’s, Dad’s, Carers and Grandparents who have been our fantastic helpers so far during the Junior Swimming lessons. Your effort to come and help with supervision of kids in the water is providing significant help to the students by have more practice turns and less waiting time for the development of their skills! If you can spare any help on a Wednesday morning with year 2 or Thursday mornings with year 3 we especially need helpers for those classes. We really appreciate your help!

FUN WATER MORNING WEEK 10
To finish our swimming block this year the 1-3 classes will travel to the pool on MONDAY morning, week 10, December 5th to have their fun water activities. We will have 4 classes attend together from 8.50-10.00am followed by the other 4 classes to finish from 9.50-11.00am. Only those students who have participated in the swimming program this term may attend and parents are welcome to come and watch the students or to help in the water if you would like! More information to come in next newsletter!

NETBALL AND TOUCH TEAMS, PLAYERS, COACHES, MANAGERS AND UMPIRES!
A super effort by and a big thank you to all the people involved in providing the opportunity for our students to learn and play the games of Netball and Touch football this year. Players had a great time and it was obvious there is plenty of interest in the games and in having fun! Mr Davis has done a fantastic job in being super organiser for both of these sports so a huge thank you to him! We will miss you next year Mr D!

CRICKET SKILLS CLINIC OPPORTUNITY 2017
JUNIOR HEAT CRICKET CLINIC

VENUE: Rockhampton

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all boys and girls 7 - 14 years.

DATES AND TIMES: The Clinic dates are: 10-12 January 2017, 9am - 1pm.

PROGRAM: The coaching methods will be the same as those used for the Brisbane Heat. The Clinics will involve the most up-to-date and scientific methods, designed to develop sound basic techniques as well as highlighting the innovations that have come with the growth of T20 cricket. The emphasis will be on improving individual skills, while at the same time having fun and gaining maximum enjoyment from playing the game. LOCATION: Harrup Park Country Club, Juliet Street, Mackay

WHAT YOU RECEIVE: • 4 hours per day of quality coaching by Queensland Cricket accredited coaches • Official Junior Heat Shirt, backpack and drink bottle • Photo and autograph signing with Brisbane Heat players • Certificate of Attendance • Written Skills Report • Morning tea each day. THE COACHES: The clinic will be run by Queensland Cricket accredited coaches who hold a minimum Level 2 Coaching Accreditation Certificate. This is a guarantee of the best possible coaching available.

PRICE: $230 per person including GST.

WHAT TO BRING: Cricket equipment, sunscreen, hat & drink bottle.

SEE MISS LAWRENCE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO REGISTER IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

Your’s in sport,
Miss L

If ordering tuckshop from your smartphone please unclick ‘remember me’ and reload and then log in. This will enable you to see the current menu.
**CHRISTMAS PARTY STARTS HERE**

**Bubble Soccer and Laser Tag**
Only $10 per person!
Friday November 25th 4pm-8pm
Laser Tag & Bubble Soccer!
1 x 30 minute session
Includes Sausage Sizzle and Christmas Party Bag
Bookings Essential

**CLASS TIME**
1/2 hour sessions between 4pm-8pm

**CHRC LIBRARIES**
relaxation, education, connection & discovery

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Are you and your family members of the CHRC Library Service?

Membership is free for all, giving full access to ten branches across the region including their digital resources. With Wi-Fi, apps, printing and many more useful services, the library may be more helpful than you think.

Contact or visit your nearest library branch to see what is on offer for your needs. We have a little bit of everything for everyone.

Check us out on Facebook at CHRC Libraries
https://www.facebook.com/ChrcLibraries/

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Emerald Uniting Church
Invites you to take

**A Walk Through Bethlehem**
Experience the sounds, sights, smells and the real star of first century Bethlehem

Walk through the market and delight in the smells from the bakery, the food vendors and the street vendors
Enjoy the hospitality and refreshments at the inn
Pet the animals as they watch over the new born baby
Get creative with the activities offered by the weaver, the potter and the candle maker

Open from 6pm until 8pm
on Friday, 9th December and Friday, 16th December
at Emerald Uniting Church, cnr Yamala and Borilla Streets

There is no cost for entry.
Tea, coffee, cordial and biscuits are provided.
A sausage sizzle and drinks are available at a small cost.

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**Name our Teen Gym Program Competition**

What’s this all about? Emerald PCYC offers Free Gym Programs and supervision for 12-15 year olds on Mondays and Wednesdays between 3:30pm-5:30pm
Come up with an awesome name for this program and you will win...

3 months
Free Gym!
(Valued at $140 for adults or $98 for child)

To Enter: Submit your fabulous idea to the Emerald PCYC Facebook by November 30th.