



Denison State School Newsletter

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Sanson's Slate

Welcome to Denison State School for 2021! I hope that you had a most wonderful festive season enjoying the company of dear friends and family. I am very excited about what lay ahead for 2021 here at Denison State School. This year we begin the first year of our four year strategic plan that focuses on improving success for all students as well as staff and parents. The focus for improvement will be on Positive Behaviour for Learning; How Teachers Use Data; Pedagogy – How Teachers Teach; Differentiation – Environment, Content, Process, Product; and Curriculum.

With between 540 and 550 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 2020 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 2021. Firstly, we welcome Miss Brooke Andrews as our second Deputy Principal here at Denison State School. Miss Andrews will work with Year 3 – 6 as well as Curriculum. We also welcome Mrs Wearne and Miss Farley to our Teaching 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 – Miss Childs
Prep B – Mrs Wearne
Prep C – Miss Swan
Prep D – Miss Hood

1A – Miss Bourne
1B – Mrs Harvey
1C – Mrs Pickering & Miss Farley
1/2D – Mrs Kropp

2A – Miss Anderson
2B – Miss Maiden
2C – Mrs Hibble

3A – Mrs Barclay
3B – Mr Allen
3C – Mrs Dewhurst
3/4D – Mrs Mc Hugh/Mrs Lisa Berry

4A – Mrs McColl
4B – Miss Rogers
4C – Miss Dunn

5A – Miss Smith
5B – Miss Mitchell
5C – Miss Williamson/Mrs Hair

6A – Mrs Whittaker
6B – Miss Bailey
6C – Miss Kvpil

Arts – Mrs Podolak
PE – Miss Lawrence
LOTE – Pak Sumadi
Library – Mrs Heslin

A huge thank you to staff also who returned prior to school commencing last week to undertake some professional development that aligned with our 2021 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.



Morning Routines

In order to continue our before school routines that we began in 2016 we ask that students (and Parents) of **Year 1 through to Year 6 who arrive between 8:20am and 8:40am please forward to the Senior Undercover Area/Oval where there is staff supervision.** Students are then dismissed from the Senior Undercover Area. This still gives sometime to do all the necessary things- toilet, fill water bottles, unpack lunches, say g'day to mates etc. before our classes commence at 8:50am. Parents please note - arrival at or just after 8:45 am is not late. Rolls are marked at 9:00am and 2:00pm every day. **This term ALL Prep students start class at 8:30am and finish at 2:45pm.** Prep students and their parents are most welcome to wait around their respective classes at the beginning of the day. We ask that any older siblings forward to the Senior Undercover Area and that students refrain from using the playgrounds without staff supervision in the interests of health and safety.

Parent Parking and Road Safety

Parents please note the following road safety messages

1. Use of the Cap SDE Car Park is as a drop off/ pick up point is not allowed. This is reserved for staff at the CDSE and DSS campus.
2. 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 undertake enforcement patrols in the not too distant future, so I thought it pertinent to make all families aware.
3. If you need to park you may do so in the designated parking areas on the street or in the carpark beside the hall.
4. 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.

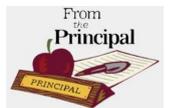
As always, we thank all our parents for their patience. The beginning and end of the school day are a busy time, and student safety is everyone's business.

Attendance

At Denison State School we need to make a concerted effort to ensure that we maintain high rates of attendance. Why? Our attendance percentage is maintained 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 community knows that high attendance is related to increased academic achievement and is also a legal obligation under the Education Act. We appreciate that some absences are unavoidable and we appreciate your prompt communication to let us know when this is the case. Pleasing has it been 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



FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK



Composite Classes

This year Denison State School has introduced 2 composite (or multi-age) classes with 1/2D and 3/4D. We have experienced teachers on both of these classes who have previously taught these year levels and composite classes. Extensive planning has been undertaken, and will continue, to ensure all curriculum areas are effectively taught for all students. All of our classes are made up of students with varying levels of achievement, behaviour and social development. Regardless of the class, your child's learning needs and the year level standards of the Australian Curriculum are considered by their teachers. Our teachers are dedicated to engaging students in age appropriate learning each day to ensure the success of all students.

Brooke Andrews
Deputy Principal



CLASSROOM BULLETIN

PREP A - Miss Haileigh Childs

Welcome to Prep A 2021! My name is Miss Haileigh Childs and I am thrilled to be your child's teacher this year. 2021 has gotten off to a good start with Prep A students settling into school very quickly. They are improving in their knowledge of rules and routines every day. This term, PE and Music will be on both Mondays and Tuesdays and Library will be every Tuesday too. Homework will commence soon and will be sent out and due back every Friday. I am looking forward to working with you and watching your child grow and learn this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me at hchil23@eq.edu.au.



PREP C - Mrs Holly Swan

Hello and welcome to Prep C. I would like to introduce myself. My name is Holly Swan and I have been a teacher for 14 years mostly in the Wollongong NSW area. This is my third year at Denison State School. I have three children and my eldest is in year one this year. Mrs Sullivan is Prep C full-time Teacher Assistant who has worked here a Denison for 15 years. She has two Grandchildren who also attend Denison. We both look forward to being a part of your child's learning journey, seeing them grow from strength to strength. Let's have a great year! hjswa0@eq.edu.au

PREP D - Miss Mikayla Hood

Welcome to the 2021 school year! My name is Mikayla Hood and I am so excited to be teaching Prep D this year. This will be my second year teaching at Denison State School and I am so excited for the journey ahead. In Prep D, we also have the wonderful Alyce Keene who is our full-time Teacher Aide. We are looking forward to getting to know the students and supporting them to learn and grow throughout the year. The students have had a successful first week adjusting to school life, settling in, starting their learning and making new friends. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me through my email at mhood23@eq.edu.au.

1A - Miss Simone Bourne

Welcome to the 2021 academic year! I am very pleased to be teaching 1A this year. I am looking forward to getting to know the students and their families and thank those who have already introduced themselves. I hope your first few days of school went as well as ours did in the classroom. We have a wonderful group of happy students in our class this year who tell me they are excited to be in Year 1. We are busy setting the foundation for classroom expectations and routines, getting to know each other and building relationships that will enable us to not only work together but to be friends as well. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email at sxbou0@eq.edu.au.

1C - Mrs Kylie Pickering & Ms Kristy Farley

Welcome to 1C! In 1C we have double the fun with Mrs Pickering teaching on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (odd weeks) and Miss Farley teaching on Wednesday (even weeks) Thursday and Friday. Mrs Pickering has been teaching for 20 years and has worked in lots of different schools teaching students across all year levels. She has been a part of the Denison State School Community for 6 years. Miss Farley has moved to Emerald from Brisbane and is looking forward to being a part of our school community. She has taught across the early years and is from a small school background. When Miss Farley is not in 1C she teaches The Arts and PE to the Prep students. We are looking forward to a year full of fun, learning and teamwork. The best way to contact us will be by email. Mrs Pickering – kpick59@eq.edu.au Ms Farley kfarl15@eq.edu.au



1B - Miss Teana Harvey

Welcome to a new school year! The wonderful students of 1B have had a fantastic start to the year, getting to know each other and building a great learning community. We are looking forward to a brilliant year ahead in year one, full of fun and exciting learning experiences. tharv137@eq.edu.au

2A - Miss Rebecca Anderson

Hi my name is Rebecca Anderson and I have been a teacher at Denison for some time. This year I am lucky enough to be teaching the wonderful students of 2A and I am super excited. We have started the year off nicely and everyone has settled into their new year level. If you need to see me for any reason the best time is afterschool and if that does not suit please email me and we can work out a time to meet. Please make sure your child has a hat and water bottle as our days are still very hot. Also please make sure your child's items are clearly labelled. I'm looking forward to achieving amazing things with your child in 2021. rande176@eq.edu.au

2B - Miss Nikita Maiden

Welcome to 2B in 2021! We hope you and your family had a fun filled holiday break. I am looking forward to getting to know your child and supporting them through another exciting year of learning. This term we will be exploring many topics such as procedural texts, narratives, numbers, chance and data, healthy eating and messages, connections to places, and combining materials for a purpose. Homework starts in week 2. It is due on Fridays but needs to be brought to class daily so sight words can be practiced and checked off. Our library day is Wednesday starting in week 2. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me. Email is my best form of contact: nmaid4@eq.edu.au

2C - Mrs Samantha Hibble

WELCOME 2C! What a fantastic start to the 2021 school year. I am Samantha Hibble and have been teaching at Denison State School since 2017. I am excited to be back after a year of Maternity leave and look forward to spending the year with you all. In 2C we have jumped straight into our learning completing activities in Mathematics, English, Humanities and Social Sciences, Health and Science. We are extremely lucky to have Rebecca Thomas and Sharin Chandler as our Year 2 Teacher Aides, who will be helping to support the students in their learning this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on sxfin7@eq.edu.au. I am looking forward to another amazing year.



1/2D - Mrs Brooke Kropp

My name is Brooke Kropp and I have the pleasure of teaching 1/2D this year. I am looking forward to a very successful year with your child. Everyone has settled in well and we've all had a great first week. In week 3 we will be holding a parent information session where we will be addressing many different aspects of how 1/2 will run this year. We will cover things such as what we're learning throughout the term, homework, reading and absence procedures. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me through my email - bkng225@eq.edu.au.

3A - Mrs Diane Waine-Barclay

What a great week it has been. It has been lovely to meet the bright faces of Year 3A, who have made an enthusiastic start to the term. We have been busy getting to know each other and the routines and expectations of the classroom and playground. I have been at Denison for 6 years now and am excited to be teaching Year 3 for my fourth year here. Helping in the classroom for term 1 is Mrs Baker, who is completing her internship before taking on the challenge of her own class in the near future. Mrs Shannen and Mrs Hall will also be in our classroom assisting with our learning. We are keen to have helpers in the classroom for reading and sight words, so if you're happy to help out, please let me know. dwain3@eq.edu.au

3B - Mr Robert Allen

Welcome to 2021 everyone! We are very excited to get back into the swing of things from the other side of the school in our GLA1 building. Students are settling in nicely and our learning routines are resuming, setting us up for some high quality learning outcomes. We have already dived headlong into some fun Australia Day and Getting-to-know-you activities. We have also started reading "Charlotte's Web" as part of our English curriculum studies. There is definitely more to come on the horizon and I am looking forward to riding this wave with a great bunch of students! ralle156@eq.edu.au

CLASSROOM BULLETIN

ABSENT TEXT

All absences are to be sent to the school via SMS—0426 305 726

3/4D - Mrs Lisa McHugh & Mrs Lisa Berry

Welcome to 2021 in 3/4D! We are very excited to be working with your children this year and look forward to sharing their learning journey with you. You should have received our welcome letter, which was sent home with the students last Wednesday. This letter provides a very detailed explanation of how we operate in 3/4D, with two teachers, as well as some general school reminders regarding hats, brain break, and absences, to name just a few. We look forward to seeing you at our parent information session, to be held within the next couple of weeks and, if you have any further questions, feel free to email us on lmchu5@eq.edu.au or lmcal44@eq.edu.au

4A - Mrs Jane McColl

Welcome to 2021 in 4A. 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. I am looking forward to seeing the Year 4A 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. jmcco249@eq.edu.au



4B - Miss Sarah Rogers

Welcome Students and Parents/caregivers of 4B. I am looking forward to what this year will bring. 2021 will be a year of learning and applying new concepts, developing skills and independence, meeting and working with new people.. but most of all experiencing a fun, safe and supportive learning environment. smrog0@eq.edu.au

4C - Miss Pauline Dunn

4C have had an awesome start to 2021. I am really looking forward to teaching year 4 again this year and getting to know each of the students. This term students will be studying HASS and looking at rules, laws, Explorers and First Feet. In science, students will be conducting experiments to investigate the effect of erosion. Homework in 4C is given out on a Friday and is to be handed in on a Friday. Students will be rewarded for completing and bringing their homework each week. Library lessons will be on a Thursday this term. As it is currently very hot, please ensure your child brings a water bottle and hat to school every day. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child throughout the year, please feel free to contact me to discuss. pedun0@eq.edu.au

5A - Miss Emma Smith

Welcome in 5A in 2021. My name is Miss Emma Smith, and I am delighted to be the teacher of 5A at Denison State School for this year. I moved to Emerald in July 2020, teaching year 5. I look forward to a great year, full of positive relationships, fun and learning. To help keep our school clean and safe, please remember to social distance where possible and keep up good hygiene practices. If you have any queries, please feel to contact me at esmitch737@eq.edu.au.



5B - Miss Kayla Mitchell

Welcome to 5B in 2021! My name is Kayla Mitchell and I have the privilege of teaching 5B this year. This is my second year at Denison and I am looking forward to a year full of fun and learning. If you have any queries please feel free to catch up with me before or after school, or contact me at kjmit1@eq.edu.au.

PREP B - Mrs Jade Wearne

Hello, my name is Jade Wearne and I am very excited to be teaching Prep B this year. I have recently moved to Emerald from the Sunshine Coast with my family. In our classroom we are very lucky to have Noela Cox as our full-time Teacher Aide. Both Noela and I are excited for the year ahead as we support and watch your children grow and flourish. The class has done an amazing job settling into school life, getting used to new routines, developing new friendships and starting their learning journey. We are looking forward to a fantastic 2021. Please feel free to contact me anytime via email on jwear19@eq.edu.au.



3C - Mrs Kandos Dewhurst

Welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed the school holidays. 3C have hit the ground running this week and made a great start to our learning journey. I am very excited to see us grow together as a class and look forward to working with students, parents and the wider community to achieve positive learning outcomes. kdewh3@eq.edu.au

5C - Mrs Rachael Williamson & Amanda Hair

This year 5C will have double trouble with Mrs Hair & Mrs Williamson. We have combined forces and are looking forward to creating a supportive and fun learning environment. Mrs Hair will work Monday and Tuesday, Mrs Williamson will work Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns or just to say hello. Remember to send any emails to both of us to ensure you get a prompt reply. Also, we sent notes home introducing ourselves and asking for some information about your child, please return these to us rather than the office. Swimming notes were also sent home on the first day so please ensure they are returned in time for the swimming fun to begin. We look forward to having a great year with 5C! raak0@eq.edu.au and atpoo0@eq.edu.au

6A - Mrs Shelley Whittaker

Kia ora, Mrs Whittaker greeting you from 6A for 2021. I am incredibly pleased to be working with a new team this year and I would like to thank the awesome team I worked with in 2020. I am looking forward to preparing our students for High School, already they have had perfect attendance for Week one, keep it up. They have settled into school routines quickly and have shown that they can make good choices. I look forward to seeing what the new year will bring. Kia ora koutou katoa. swhit353@eq.edu.au

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This is the only site directly checked by admin.

6B - Miss Sarah Bailey

Welcome to 6B in 2021! My name is Sarah Bailey and this is my second year teaching Year 6 at Denison State School. I am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and fun. My aim is to foster a warm and inviting classroom where students can feel supported, valued and can grow as an individual. In the classroom, we will work together as a team and treat ourselves and others with kindness and respect. Year 6 is an incredible year, filled with lots of exciting events. I look forward to working with you during your child's final year of primary school. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to email me at sxbai4@eq.edu.au

6C - Miss Ashleigh Kvapil

Welcome to a new school year! My name is Ashleigh Kvapil and this is my second year teaching here at Denison. I am so excited to be teaching year 6 again and getting to know the students. We will be making plenty of amazing memories in 6C as we celebrate the students' last year at primary school and get them ready for high school. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at akvap0@eq.edu.au

Student of the Week

Awards for
the week ending
29 January

Prep A	Keira	Settling into school with ease. Your positive attitude and happy demeanour are infectious. Keep up the great work superstar!
Prep B	Charlie	A Wonderful start to Prep. You have followed routines and been a kind and caring classmate. Congratulations!
Prep C	Kajarah	Settling into her new classroom beautifully. She has made a wonderful start to school. Keep it up Kajarah we are super proud of you.
Prep D	Spencer	Settling into school routines and being a kind and helpful classmate to others. You've made a wonderful start to Prep!
1A	Indiana	Your excellent effort during writing tasks!
1B	Leilani	Putting in your best effort all week and being a wonderful role model. Well done Leilani!
1C	Ameelia	A positive start to year! You are always ready to learn and contribute to our classroom discussions.
1/2D	Arden	Attempting all tasks with a smile on his face. Arden you've shown Mrs G and myself that you are a superstar by giving all tasks 100%.
2A	Hunter	Being polite and courteous to everyone. Your positive attitude and helpful nature has set a high standard for our class. Well done!
2B	Piper	Being very organised and helpful in the classroom. Thank you!
2C	Seth	Your informative holiday recount. You followed the bookwork expectations and presented your work neatly.
3A	Tyler	The fabulous start you have made to year 3. You are organised, listening well and following directions carefully. Well done! I am proud of you!
3B	Clinton	Your leadership, by supporting other students to be organised and ready for the school year ahead. Great to see!
3C	Aria	The helpfulness you have displayed in the classroom. Keep up the great work Aria.
3/4D	Brae	Starting the year with 100% effort in your school work, and 100% in your behaviour. Well done Brae!
4A	Maddox	The informative contributions you made to class discussions this week. Well Done!
4B	Stirling	Completing your set tasks on The Twits. You have started this term with confidence and I am so proud of you.
4C	Zachary	The effort you have shown this week to get work done! You worked hard and completed all tasks. You are a year 4 legend!
5A	Pacey	Following class expectations the first time from day 1 of 2021. Well Done Pacey!
5B	Brodie	Your amazing start to 2021. It has been wonderful to watch how you always strive to do your best. Keep up the awesome work.
5C	Billy	Your enthusiasm and high quality work in Math and being an engaged and positive learner!
6A	Addison	Your ability to settle quickly and confidently into your new class and school. We welcome our to our community.
6B	Dharini	The positive start you have had at Denison State School. We are so glad you are a member of 6B.
6C	Cameron	Starting the new school year with a positive attitude, being organised and helping his peers. Keep up the amazing work Cam!!!

Support Services

Welcome to 2021

It has been so lovely to see your smiling faces this week. Your children appear to be refreshed and ready to learn for another year. In 2021, *Support Services* has a new title: *Inclusion Services*. The team is excited about this change as it more aptly reflects what we are trying to achieve as a school. More information about Inclusive Education later in the article. The Inclusion Team this year includes: Sharon Morris (Head of Inclusion); Bev Forbes (Early Years Inclusion Teacher); Megan Strange (Upper Years Inclusion Teacher); Nikia Duncan (Inclusion Support- Social and Emotional Well-Being); Marietta Sedgwick (Guidance Officer); Gemma Hunter (Speech Language Pathologist); Bree Minz (Speech Language Teacher Aide). Inclusion Services is located at the back of the library. Our Mission is: Make a difference! If you have any questions about *Inclusion Services* at Denison, please contact me via the school office or email me directly smorr107@eq.edu.au

Yours sincerely

Sharon Morris
Inclusive Education



Denison State School is an inclusive educational environment. Inclusive education means that students can access and fully participate in learning, alongside their similar-aged peers, supported by reasonable adjustments and teaching strategies tailored to meet their individual needs. Inclusion is embedded in all aspects of school life, and is supported by culture, policies and every day practices.

At Denison SS, inclusion is about maximising the outcomes of all students through identification and reduction of barriers to learning. It is about setting high expectations, valuing and celebrating diversity and employing high quality, evidence-based teaching practices focused on success for every student.

All Queensland State schools are required to adhere to the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (DSE). Schools and teachers are therefore legally obligated to make reasonable adjustments to ensure students with disability are able to participate in education on the same basis as students without disability.

Message from the Guidance Officer

Hello everyone.

This year, Denison State School is continuing to offer a 7-day fortnight Guidance service. As a Guidance Officer I am available to students and families who wish to seek assistance and support relating to personal and educational issues. I offer counselling services as part of my role. Ideally, counselling is short term and is directly linked to the student's ability to engage in learning. When counselling is judged likely to be long term or involve other members of a family, it is appropriate for me to consider referring the student on to another agency. I can help with educational and personal matters/issues such as: bullying; grief and loss; family and peer relationships; self-esteem; stress; study habits and skills; time management; behaviour; anger; coping strategies.... there are many issues you might wish to seek assistance with.

If you would like to make a time to speak with me, please contact office administration. I work at Denison State School every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and even week Tuesdays. I am available to be contacted via email at all times. I am looking forward to continuing supporting students and families in the Denison community this year.

Regards,

Marietta Sedgwick
Guidance Officer

Denison, Woorabinda and Duinga State Schools
Base school phone 07 49807333
Email msedg1@eq.edu.au



LIBRARY NEWS

Firstly, I would like to introduce our library staff. Mrs Jean Self is our Library Teacher Aide. She is a very long-time employee of the Department. Mrs Self has an awesome

memory for names and will be sure to know the names of our many students very early in Term One. Mrs Self is also an avid reader. I am Maree Heslin, the Denison Teacher-Librarian and I work full time in our library. As well as having a strong interest in reading and promoting reading, I like to dabble in many crafts and have a passion for workplace wellbeing for staff and students. At Denison, all students attend a forty-five-minute library lesson each week and during this time they are read to, engage in an activity that relates to the book that has been read and borrow books. Borrowing is compulsory for all students and all students are expected to bring their library bag on their library day. For those students reading longer books there is an option to renew. However, they still must bring the books and library bag to school on their allocated borrowing day. For Term One, the borrowing timetable is as follows and borrowing will commence in Week 2 of this term:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
1A, 1B, 1/2D, Prep C, Prep D	5A, B and C (Even weeks), 6A, B and C (Odd weeks), 3/4, Prep A	2A, 2B, 2C, Prep B, 1c	4B, 4A, 4C	3A, 3B, 3C

In Week Four of this term the library will be hosting our major fundraiser for the year. This is our annual Scholastic Bookfair. This is co-ordinated by the P&C and they will require helpers to ensure that the fair is adequately staffed as it is a very busy event. If you are able to assist with this please contact the P&C via the Denison P&C Events Facebook Page. All monies raised during this event are used to purchase resources for the library. The students in Year One to Year 6 will visit the Bookfair with their classes on Monday and Tuesday 15th and 16th February and shopping will commence on Wednesday 17th February and end on Friday 19th February after first break. Should you have any queries about this even please do not hesitate to email me mhesl5@eq.edu.au. We are very much looking forward to sharing some great reading experiences with your children in 2021.

Maree Heslin and Jean Self



Welcome back everyone! I hope you are all rested from the holidays and ready for a busy 2021 hopefully jam packed full of performances. I have had a wonderful week one already teaching the foundations of Drama to the grade ones to grade sixes. All students have participated in articulation and voice projection games and also games that encourage improvisation, creativity and confidence. We have all had so much fun already and I look forward to discussing unit themes with each class next week. All students will plan, perform and respond to their particular Drama theme for assessment and to grow their knowledge and skills in the area of Drama. I am also looking forward to starting a Mother's Day Choir and enjoying live vocal performances once more. I will be at the Hall if you have any questions. mpodo3@eq.edu.au

Yours in The Performing Arts and Denison SS talent,
Monique Podolak



WHAT'S ON IN SPORT AND PE?

TERM 1 DENISON EVENTS 2021

Denison Year 4-6 Cross Country – Friday March 12th

Denison 4-6 Swimming Carnival – Wednesday March 31st

Swimming and water safety Classes 3/4, 4,5,6 Begins week 3!

SENIOR SWIMMING PROGRAM TERM 1

Swimming and Water Safety lessons begin for students in the year 3/4 class and all year 4, 5 and 6 classes 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 provide a **medical certificate**. **Blue swimming medical forms** must be returned in order for students to attend lessons and parents can discuss fee payment plans with the admin team if necessary.

LESSON TIME	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
9.00am – 9.45am	4C	5A	6A
9.55am – 10.40am	4B	5B	6B
11.45am – 12.30pm	4A	5C	6C
12.35pm - 1.20pm	3/4		

Swimming Volunteer HELPERS needed!

We are always in need of parent/carer helpers in swimming classes. Extra helpers in the water, under the guidance and instruction of Miss L, provide much more practice time and improve learning outcomes for all our students. If you can help our students by coming along to the any of the classes please just let Miss L know and come down to the lessons at the pool. It is so fantastic to have you there to help us!! All helpers welcome. Volunteers are not required to pay pool entry. **Volunteers help all children** achieve more.

Year 3 Scoot Scoot. Students in classes 3A, 3B and 3C classes begin their scooter-riding unit in PE this week on Friday 5th February. Parents/carers are reminded to please return permission forms to the school office so that your child is ready to participate.

TRIALS FOR EMERALD DISTRICT Netball and Rugby League

All students turning 10, 11 or 12 this year and who play CLUB Netball or Club Rugby League are eligible to trial for the ED teams coming up soon. Please see Miss L if you are keen on either of these sports trials. These are not a 'come and try the game' events. Players must have experience with the sport.

TERM 1 UPCOMING SPORTS TRIAL DATES 2021

ED Rugby League – Feb 11th

CH Rugby League - February 25th

CH Basketball – Feb 19th

ED Netball – Feb 18th

CH Netball - March 12th

ED Soccer and Rugby Union - March 4th March

ED Touch Football - March 25th

ED Cross Country - March 26th

CH Soccer – March 30th

CH Touch Football – May 5th



Remember to be active every day! laur14@eq.edu.au
Miss L

Deno Readers

Sunflower

Ivy



Date Claimers

Feb 8th

Feb 8th

Feb 8th

Feb 11th

Foyer Display 3A

Swimming 4-6

P&C Meeting

EDS—Ruby League



TUCKSHOP NEWS!!

Online ordering only please, no over the counter sales will be available.

Volunteers are needed all the time, please come and see us, or message us if you can help.

Please update your information on quickcliq.com.au when you know your class and teacher.

Please note we do have Gluten Free, Lactose Free and Dairy free option, just ask or contact us if needed.



Relief Tuckshop Convenor Position Available

We are looking for a reliable and enthusiastic person to fill the position of Relief Tuckshop Convenor (immediate start). You will be responsible for preparation and serving of food, drinks and snacks; maintaining and cleaning the tuckshop and supervising tuckshop volunteers for a school of approximately 550 students and staff when current convenors are on leave.

Blue Card required. Food Safety certificate and experience preferred. Training will be provided.

Please email your resume and expression of interest to pandc@denisonss.eq.edu.au

Applications close 3pm Monday 8 February 2021

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the parents and carers who volunteer their time to help within the tuckshop. Without them the Tuckshop would not be able to open every day.

We welcome new faces to the tuckshop. It's a great way to meet friends and become a part of the school community.

You can choose your roster days and volunteer monthly, weekly or daily. You can also alternate monthly days with a friend. We encourage volunteers to arrive as early on the day as possible – it gets us all off to a great start.

You don't need to be on the roster- we'd love you to drop in anytime. As little as 15 minutes after drop-off is a real help.

If you are unable to assist at these times, you can still help the Tuckshop by donating any of the following items:

- Macaroni pasta
- Spiral or shell pasta
- White long grain rice
- Sugar
- Tomato paste
- Plain rice crackers (gluten free)
- Paper cupcake or muffin cases
- Cocoa powder
- Tinned pineapple
- Tinned beetroot

We welcome all suggestions – its never too late to join the Tuckshop. Please contact Rowena or Kayla on 49807333.



Thank you for supporting the Denison State School P&C Committee.

Denison State School Tuckshop



Summer Menu
Menu is Effective from:
Term 1 2021

Tuckshop is Open:
Monday to Friday 8.30-1.45pm



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Convenors:
Rowena Reeves and Kayla Sullivan
Phone: 4980 7333
tuckshop@denisonss.eq.edu.au

Weekly Specials – 1st Break only

Monday

Monday Munch - Sandwich, juice, baked item, popcorn and fruit.....\$8.00
Hot Dog.....\$4.00
Hot Dog with Cheese.....\$4.50

Tuesday

Pizza (Bacon and Cheese, Hawaiian).....\$4.50
Massaman Curry and Rice.....\$5.50

Wednesday

Sushi.....\$4.50
Crispy Chicken, Tuna&Avo, Tuna&Cuc, Tempura Prawn, Garden Salad, Sweet Chilli Chicken, Salmon&Avo.....\$4.00
Meat Pie.....\$4.00

Thursday

Chicken Caesar Salad.....\$6.50
Noodles (Beef/Chicken).....\$2.50

Friday

Sausage Roll.....\$3.50
Beef Burger.....\$6.00
Chicken Burger.....\$6.00

Sandwich/Wrap Bar – (Both breaks)

White and Multigrain GF available
Vegemite.....\$2.00
Honey.....\$2.00
Cheese.....\$2.00
Ham & Cheese.....\$3.50
Ham, Cheese and Tomato.....\$4.00
Chicken and cheese.....\$4.00
Egg & Lettuce.....\$4.00
Salad.....\$4.00

Chicken/Ham Wrap.....\$6.00
Salad Wrap.....\$5.00

Light Snacks (Available both breaks)

Boiled Egg.....\$0.50
Cruskits x with vegemite.....\$1.00
Pikelets x2 (jam optional).....\$1.00
Popcorn.....\$1.00
Baked item.....\$1.50
Fresh fruit piece.....\$1.50
Yoghurt Berry Crunch.....\$3.00
Cheese & Bickies.....\$2.50
Fruit Salad (made fresh daily).....\$4.50
Snack Box (carrot & cucumber sticks, dried fruit, cheese & rice crackers).....\$4.00

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Hot Food – 1st Break only

Chicken Fingers.....\$3.50
(x 5 and served with carrot sticks.)

Salad Plate

(Lettuce, Tomato, carrot, cucumber, corn, beetroot served with dressing.)

Salad.....\$5.00
Tuna and salad.....\$6.00
Ham and Salad.....\$6.00
Chicken and Salad.....\$6.50

Drinks

150ml Plain Milk.....\$1.00
Plain Milk and Straw.....\$1.50
Juice (100%).....\$2.00
(A&M/A&B/Trop/Apple/Orange)
Flavoured Milk Choc/Straw.....\$2.00
Water 600ml.....\$2.50
Slushies (99% Fruit Juice).....\$2.50

Smoothies

Banana Smoothie.....\$3.50
Berry Smoothie.....\$3.50
Mango Smoothie.....\$3.50
Strawberry Smoothie.....\$3.50

Icy Treats*

Quech Sticks.....\$0.50
Vanilla cups.....\$1.00
Bulla Icy Pops.....\$1.00
Bulla Frozen Yoghurt.....\$1.50
Chocolate/Rainbow P/pop.....\$2.00

*Prep to Grade 2 – served 1st break
Grade 3 to Grade 6 – served 2nd break

Birthday Icy Treat

\$12.00
Quech fruit stick for every class member and a birthday badge.

School Crossing Supervisor

The Department of Transport and Main Roads invites you to apply for the position of a casual position of a School Crossing Supervisor at Denison State School

Relief Position available
Casual rates start at \$31.11 per hour
Training provided
Equal opportunity employer

Call Denison State School 4980 7333 now for an application package!

* All staff are required to undergo a medical, police and working with children Blue Card check which will be provided by Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads.



Queensland Government

A NOTE FROM OUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

IMPORTANT INFO

The school has engaged MSP Photography to create our school records this year and you are invited to purchase prints of your child.

On photo day, every student will be photographed regardless of whether you are purchasing or not.

Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope from the photographers. Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully.

You will have the option to order online or with cash in your student's envelope.

REMEMBER: PLACE YOUR ORDER ON OR BEFORE PHOTO DAY. This will ensure your order is processed smoothly and efficiently and will help you avoid any late fees.

Additional order envelopes are available from the school office for separated parents, blended families and grandparents. You will need to collect these on or before photo day and give it to the photographer on photo day. Be sure to write "Mum's order" or "Dad's order" on top of your envelope.

SIBLING PHOTOS

Sibling photos are only for siblings who all attend the school. Sibling photos can be ordered by collecting a sibling envelope from the school's front counter, and following the instructions on the envelope.

NOTE: Online sibling orders close at midday the day before photo day. Cash orders can still be accepted on photo day.

COVID 19

Due to the Chief Health Officer's current social distancing health directive, school photographers are obligated to social distance from all students, school staff and parents whilst visiting your school. As a result of this requirement, we have had to amend our procedures for traditional group photos, so these may look subtly different this year.

Our photographers are all trained in Covid 19 hygiene to keep you and your family safe while we are in your school.

NEED HELP?

Please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography

07 4921 3355

schoolphotos.oq@msp.com.au



PHOTO DAY IS 10TH AND 11TH MARCH 2021

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will start Wednesday 03rd February 2021. Please hand your deposit books to your class teacher in the morning.



ABSENT TEXT ...

All absences are to be sent to the school via SMS—0426 305 726
This is the only site directly checked by admin.
Please no phone or email absences. Thank you.



Help our Kids get Safely to School

Become a School Crossing Supervisor and make a real difference to the lives of school children.



Working with us you will:

- be paid a generous casual rate of pay with leave loading
- be entitled to long service leave
- have access to the government superannuation scheme



Position: Relief School Crossing Supervisor

Where: Denison State School

Hours: Up to 12.5 hours per fortnight, max of 1.25 hrs per day.

Pay: Casual rate: \$31.11 per hour includes loading

Duties: Assist children crossing roads at local schools

- Training is provided
- You will be required to undergo a medical & hold working with children Blue Card provided by the Department of Transport & Main Roads

Contact: Denison State School for application forms 49807333