



# Denison State School Newsletter

Term 3, Week 8, 2024

## Mrs Dyer's Diary

Thank you all for a great week at Denison State School and I am delighted to share my first newsletter message with you as Acting Principal.

It has been a pleasure to observe the students from Prep to Year 6 in their classrooms. I am impressed by the learning that is occurring. A big part of this success is due to our dedicated teachers, who excel in establishing clear routines and expectations from the very start. Their efforts are truly making a positive impact on our students' learning experiences.

As I engage with our students, I am reinforcing our core values and high standards for what it means to be a student at Denison State School. Here are some key areas I am focusing on:

- Following our school expectations of: being SAFE, being a LEARNER and being KIND.
- Playing respectfully and walking safely around the school.
- Being the best learner that I can be when I'm at school

This week, we bid farewell to our esteemed School Officer, Steve, who is retiring after many years of dedicated service. Steve has been an integral part of the Denison school community, ensuring that our grounds and facilities have always been maintained to the highest standard. His commitment and hard work have not only kept our environment welcoming and safe but have also contributed greatly to the positive atmosphere at Denison State School. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Steve for his years of service and wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement. We will certainly miss him!

Last week, we celebrated Book Week with great enthusiasm. It was truly fantastic to see our students dressed up in costumes that reflected their favourite book characters. The creativity and excitement were evident as the children showcased their literary heroes and heroines. A special thank you goes to our families who helped bring these imaginative costumes to life and supported the week's activities.

In addition, the Book Week display in the library was a highlight of the celebration. We are grateful for the wonderful contributions from our families, which greatly enhanced the display and made it a memorable part of our Book Week festivities. Mrs Heslin, our dedicated librarian, deserves a big thank you for her efforts in organising and showcasing the display. Your support and participation helped make Book Week a tremendous success.



### Queensland Road Safety Week (QRSW)

This week is Road Safety Week which is a joint initiative between the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and is a key event in Queensland's road safety calendar. Please continue to be vigilant when using our school car park and when dropping students off and picking them up. Student safety is our absolute priority. We all have an important part to play in ensuring our pick up and drop off procedures occur safely every day.



### Denison State School Carnival

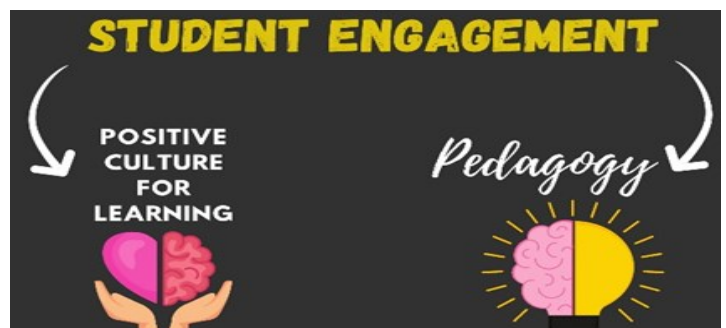
I'm eagerly anticipating our Carnival this Friday evening and hope to see you all there! I encourage you to support this exciting event and our dedicated P&C by signing up to volunteer. The P&C plays a crucial role in organising and supporting the many activities we offer our students, and their financial contributions make a significant difference. This Carnival is a major fundraiser for our school, and your involvement is vital to its success. Whether you can lend a hand for an hour or the entire evening, your support would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to enjoying the Carnival with you!

### Student Free Day - Friday 30 August

School will be closed on Friday. Staff will not be at school on this day.

Kind regards,  
Leigh Dyer—Principal



### Important events coming up.....

30th Aug	Student Free Day
30th Aug	Denison State School Carnival
2nd - 6th Sept	Year 6 Camp
10th - 11th Sept	Story Fest
12th Sept	Prep & Year 1 Fire Truck visit
13th Sept	Last Day of Term 3
30th Sept	First Day of Term 4
22nd - 25th Oct	Year 5 Camp



# Classroom Bulletin

## Prep

**Jade Wearne, Kerry Taft & Nikki Mottram**



In Prep we are continuing to have a lot of fun with our rhyming patters and creating our own rhyming sentences. We are focusing on our simple sentence structure. Thank you, parents, for your support with our new weekly homework folders. It's so great to see students excited to get their new home readers each week. We have been working hard all term to earn Gotchas and Prep has now reached our Gotcha goal. We celebrated

on Tuesday with a Teddy Bear picnic. Our students were so excited to share their celebration with their Year 6 buddies. Stay tuned for lots of photos of our picnic fun.

## YEAR 1

**Brooke Kropp & Zoe Tyson**

Year 1 students are continuing to work hard on writing their retells and adding exciting adjectives to their sentences. In Maths, the students are skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Students are enjoying skip counting as high as they can. Some students last week skip counted to 1000 in 10s. So impressive! As the weather is warming up, please remember to send a water bottle and a hat with your child each day. How amazing were all the different book week costumes that everyone wore last Friday. Well done Year 1!



## YEAR 2

**Rebecca Anderson & Breanna Ellis**

As we approach the final few weeks of the term, please remember that 'Everyday counts' more than ever. Having a big breakfast and healthy options for lunch supports healthy habits and behaviours during prime learning time. By now you would have received a text/information about the upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews. Remember times are limited so if you require an interview and miss out please contact your child's Teachers to arrange this.



## YEAR 3

**Amber Bishop, Tamikah Knickel & Bec Shaw**

Here we are in week 7, only one week to go until our school sleepover. Parents please ensure you have checked your emails and school bags for the program and if you have any particular issues with regards to food, speak with your classroom teachers. Over the next couple of weeks we will be busily working on the computers to produce our multimodal narratives. All students are writing a story based on a character they have designed that has a fear and needs to demonstrate courage and bravery. We have already seen some wonderful planning and ideas from students, we can't wait to see the final product!



## YEAR 4

**Ben Earl & Kayla Mitchell**

Our Grade 4 students have had an exciting few weeks filled with hands-on learning and exploration. In Science, they've been making ochre paint, delving into traditional methods and the significance of ochre in First Nations cultures. Our study of how town councils work has given the students an insight into local government and the importance of civic participation. We've also journeyed around the world, learning about the diverse cultures of Brazil and Tanzania. In English, students have been mastering the art of constructing TEEL paragraphs to enhance their writing skills. We're proud of the enthusiasm and creativity they've shown!



## YEAR 5

**Shelley Whittaker, Craig Parrish & Hope Ponte**

The end of term is fast approaching as our Year 5 students strive their best to complete their assessments. They should be commended for their effort to persevere through such difficult tasks and timeframes. We have had many exciting things happening lately. We have been privileged to have representatives from the North Qld Cowboys run an activity session with students, book week parade and more of our students participating in representative sport. Mrs Pethers and Mrs Dyer have now handed out school leadership applications for next year. If one of your children is desiring to take part in this process, we ask that you support them and discuss with them the qualities of great leaders and what might be expected of them. We have been having many leadership discussions and activities over the last few weeks. It has been great to see so many students willing to lead their peers in 2025. We also ask that if anyone is able to, to please help out with our School Fete on Friday the 30th of August. Information can be found on our Denison State School Carnival Facebook and Instagram pages. Our cohort will be running the Candy Lane Stall.



## YEAR 6

**Sarah Bailey, Jess Walters & Rhys Macalpine**

Where has the term gone? We are getting into our assessments at the moment, everyone is working super hard trying to get everything finished. Please make sure your child is getting enough sleep, as this is one of the most tiring parts of the term (and year), especially leading into camp. As we are leaving bright and early on Monday morning, please make sure all notes are handed into the office (health/medication) so that we can get away smoothly on Monday morning. The bus will be leaving at 6am sharp, so please arrive at school ready to go from 5:30am onwards on Monday (02/09).





# Student of The Week

Awards for Weeks 6 & 7

Class	Week 6	Week 7
Prep A	Archer	
Prep B		Flynn
1A	Jordyn	Elijah
1B	Shree	Curtis
2A		
2B	Charlotte	Max
3A	Addison	Cooper
3B	Arthur	Stella
3C	Lucas	Matthew
4A	Ryker	Lila
4B	Archer	Ameelia
5A	Skye	Bailey
5B	Eilijah	Oscar
5C		Cooper
6A	Lani	Charli
6B	Piper	Alice
6C	Lincoln	Amelia

## Mrs Heslin's Happenings

After a fabulous Bookweek Parade last Friday, this week we continue our Bookweek celebrations in the library with the students engaging with the best books of 2024 and doing some fun art activities around these books. In week nine, Prep to Year 4 students will be participating in the Biggest Child Safety Lesson which is compiled by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Information about these lessons from previous years can be sourced by visiting Daniel Morcombe Foundation <https://danielmorcombe.com.au/>. During the final week of the term our focus will be RUOK. For our Prep to Year 4 students this involves age-appropriate lessons focusing on kindness and friendship. The Biggest Child Safety lesson and the RUOK lessons are curriculum aligned.

Borrowing will continue up until week 9 with all outstanding books being due for return in week 10.

Kind regards, Maree Heslin



## PBL

### Positive Behaviour for Learning

Be Kind Be Safe Be a Learner

This fortnight our PBL focus falls in the domain of Being Safe with the key message moving safely around the school and following teacher instructions whilst doing this. For students this means walking and not running, listening to teacher instructions, being quiet and looking in the right direction. The purpose of following these rules when moving around the school is to be safe and to show respect to other students who may be learning or who may be sharing the path as they transition to other classes and to breaks. Listening to teacher instructions and following these instructions is also a way to show respect to the teacher. From a home perspective this could be reinforced by discussing the importance of moving safely and being respectful of others in spaces



that are shared with other people e.g., shopping centres. PBL works best when the whole school community is on board and we thank you for working with us to ensure that your child has the support they need to be successful every day at school.

## HOLIDAY CLINICS



**DATE:** 17/9/2024  
**AGE:** 9-12 years  
**TIME:** 11.00am - 1.00pm  
**COST:** \$49  
**WHERE:** St Brigid's Catholic Primary School, Emerald



## ABSENT NOTIFICATION

All Absences are to be sent to the school via **SMS 0426 305 726**. Please no phone or email absences. Please include a reason and a return date if the absence is longer than 1 day.

Thank you.

**P&C meetings - First Wednesday of each month 6pm in the Library.**



### WHAT'S ON IN SENIOR SPORT AND PE?

**Steven Bell and Josh Hannay Under 10's** - TRAINING UPDATE! All players remember your training commitments this week. If you cannot make it for any reason, you need to let Miss L know the day before.

**Tuesday 27/8/24** - at **St Brigid's School** oval 3.15-4.50pm  
Mini games training against other school teams.  
**MOUTHGUARDS!**

**Thursday 29/8/24** at **Denison SS** oval 3pm-4pm.

#### Handball Competition

Miss L will be running Handball competitions over the next 3 weeks during 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> lunchtimes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Add your names to the HANDBALL competitors list on the Tuckshop noticeboard if you wish to play. You must play from the start and cannot join later in the week. So get your names down to play!

**Week 8 – Year 5 students**

**Week 9 – Year 3 students**

**Week 10 – Year 4 students**

**Term 4 week 1 -Year 6 students**

#### Jump Rope For Heart Update!!

Heart Foundation

## Jump Rope for Heart

Our bi-annual *JRFH program* will now be held further into term 4. This program helps thousands of Aussie children and adults who live with heart disease and is the best way to help fund vital research!! It is a **fantastic physical activity and fundraising program** that has been operating by the Heart Foundation for over 37 years. It's a great way for your child to have **fun, keep fit, learn new skills** and also helps to **raise funds for vital heart research and education programs**. New JUMP OFF date to be advised in week 10!

#### **STUDENTS OF DENISON CONTINUE TO SIGN UP & GET A HEAD START!**

Simply sign up to our school *Jump Rope Program* by clicking on and following this link!

<https://www.jumprope.org.au/parents>

Once parents have registered, please share the link to their online fundraising page via e-mail and through social media channels with friends, family, and work colleagues from anywhere in the world. This helps to raise money for vital heart disease research and for our school rewards! We have great incentives of student prizes and school rewards for our great school, for all of the hard work we put into keeping the program running in our school community.

**BONUS NEWS FLASH!** - There are 4 x **\$250 vouchers** from Hart Sport to win for our great school! So how does our school receive tickets in the \$250 vouchers?

Denison SS will receive 1 x entry into the draw for every 10% of students who register for Jump Rope for Heart between Monday 8th July 11:59PM and Friday 27th September 2024 AEST!

Sponsorship forms outlining student fundraising prizes, and a parent information letter will go home with all students by end of term. Let's skip to it and join in the fun! **More information yet to come.** Thank you in advance for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!

Remember to be active every day!

**Miss L** - [llawr14@eq.edu.au](mailto:llawr14@eq.edu.au)

**Ngaire Linde** - [njlin0@eq.edu.au](mailto:njlin0@eq.edu.au)

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## Celebrating Queensland's School Crossing Supervisors for 40 years of service

This year, Queensland's School Crossing Supervisor Scheme celebrates 40 years of keeping kids safe as they travel to and from school.

We'd like to say a big thank you to our wonderful School Crossing Supervisor/s, for everything you do for our students and school community! You do a great job keeping our students and other pedestrians safe as they cross the road in peak drop-off and pick-up times.

Why not say a big thank you the next time you see them on duty! You can also show your appreciation for School Crossing Supervisors by slowing down, following directions and being courteous while travelling in our school zone.

#### **Did you know?**

- The School Crossing Supervisor Scheme is operated by the Department of Transport and Main Roads.
- There are more than 2000 school crossing supervisors who operate over 1300 crossings at more than 700 Queensland schools.
- There has not been a single fatality on a supervised crossing since the scheme started in 1984.



## Lost Property

**Lots of jumper without names on them...**



## Denison Playgroup

Free chat and play for families and carers with children aged birth to pre-school.

Denison State School Hall

16 Gray Street, Emerald Mondays

9am - 10:30am - Everyone Welcome !



14 SEPTEMBER, 3 - 9PM

# YOUTH FEST

BLACKWATER MAY DAY GROUNDS

IT IS ALL FREE!

12-18 YEAR OLDS ONLY

## ARTISTS

GYPSI BRUNKER  
2.45 - 3.45

CHRIS BAX BAND  
4 - 4.45

MATH

5 - 5.45

TRENT RICHARDSON

6 - 6.45

DENVAH

7 - 8

CHRIS BAX BAND

8.15 - 9

BOOK YOUR FREE BUS!

BUSES FROM  
ARCADIA VALLEY

BAUHINIA

BLUFF

CAPELLA

COMET

DINGO

DUARINGA

EMERALD

GEMFIELDS

GINDIE

ROLLESTON

SPRINGSURE

TIERI

## RIDES

SIZZLER  
SIMULATOR  
KING FLYER CHAIRS  
DODGEN CARS  
DROP ZONE  
CAMEL RIDES

## FOOD

MINI WOOD FIRED PIZZA  
ICECREAM TRUCK  
TWISTED TATAS  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
WATER & SOFT DRINK

## EXTRAS....

GLOW STICKS  
GLITTER TATTOOS  
PHOTO BOOTH

ALCOHOL, DRUG & VAPE FREE EVENT.  
THE EVENT IS FENCED WITH SECURITY PRESENT.  
YOUTH WILL ONLY BE SUPERVISED INSIDE THE EVENT.

## SPONSORS (ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

BIG W EMERALD  
BLACKWATER QUARRIES & CONCRETE  
BLACKY'S MOBILE WELDING  
BRITE CARWASH BLACKWATER  
CAPRICORN HOTEL BLACKWATER  
COLES EMERALD  
COLIN BOYCE OFFICE  
GOLDING CONTRACTORS  
HASTINGS DEERING

INTERSPORT EMERALD  
JELLINBAH GROUP  
JELLINBAH MINING  
MACKELLAR GROUP  
MAY DAY COMMITTEE  
PCC MINING SERVICES  
PIRTEK  
REGIONAL WASTE CO  
ROLLESTON COAL

MORE SPONSOR ANNOUNCEMENTS  
TO COME.



Keep an eye out for more info

@CHRCYOUTH

FREE ENTRY  
16 Gray St  
30/08/2024

# DENISON STATE SCHOOL CARNIVAL



## PROGRAM

### On Main Stage

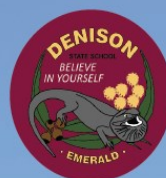
4.45pm Denison Choir  
5.20pm DancEdge  
5.40pm KOPA Dance  
6.00pm KOPA Theatre Arts  
6.20pm Boots n' All Line Dance  
7.30pm Town Jazz Band  
8.30pm Cash Raffle Drawn  
Cent Sale Prizes Drawn  
9.00pm Close

### Open 4pm to 9pm

Rides  
Food Court  
School Display  
Stalls  
Bar (Last drinks 8.45pm)

### Games

Crawchie races start 6.40pm  
Golf ball drop at 8.30pm



# Ready, Set, Prep!

For Prep 2025

Come explore Denison Prep  
All families are welcome  
Have a chat, play and meet our  
Prep teachers  
Sausage sizzle provided, please RSVP  
using the QR code

Tuesday 10th September  
4-5pm

Denison State School Prep area,  
access via carpark next to hall off Gray St.



## Take the first step to turn things around.

Children thrive when their parents have the support they need. With the right guidance, you can get through life's challenges and support your children to develop in healthy and positive ways.

It's free, unlimited and confidential.

Call 13 FAMILY (13 32 64) or  
visit [familychildconnect.org.au](http://familychildconnect.org.au).

Access to interpreters is available.