



Denison State School Newsletter

Term 3, Week 10, 2024

A Note from Mrs Dyer

Thank you to Our School Community

As we commence this week, I would like to take a moment to celebrate the incredible success of our recent fete. It was truly a spectacular event that brought together our school and the wider community in a meaningful and joyous way! A huge round of applause goes to our dedicated P&C and fete committee for their hard work and meticulous planning. Their efforts ensured that the event was not only enjoyable but also a fantastic showcase of community spirit. We were thrilled to see the participation of local groups such as the SES Cadet Unit, SES, Queensland Ambulance Service, Queensland Fire and Rescue, JJ Richards, Emerald Town Band, Adams Family Theatre, and various dance and gymnastics groups. Their involvement added a vibrant touch to the evening and highlighted the strong community bonds that we cherish. Our students also played a pivotal



role in the event. Many were actively involved in the preparations and in making the night special. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Dewhurst's technology students, who crafted delightful items for sale, and to our amazing school choir, whose performance was just beautiful. We are deeply grateful to all our sponsors for their generous support, and to every family and friend who attended the event. Your presence and enthusiasm contributed to making the fete a memorable occasion for everyone involved. Thank you for being such a vital part of our school community!

Prep experience days for 2025

Enrol by 14th October to be eligible to attend:

These sessions will provide you with an overview about Denison State School and allow you to connect with the people who will be there to support you and your child in the transition to school. Key information will be shared by the Prep Team.

- Help your child gain confidence to begin 'big school'.
- Children will have the opportunity to: meet some of the teachers experience the classrooms and playgrounds become familiar with the facilities and school environment meet other children
- Parents will have the chance to: meet key school leaders receive tips and targets to support their child to have a positive start to school engage with other members of the school community.
- Session dates and times are available on enrolment.

Staffing

Mrs Rebecca Shaw commences her leave at the conclusion of this term. We sincerely thank Mrs Shaw for all her fabulous work teaching our Year 3C students and wish her all the very best as she prepares for the arrival of her baby. Replacing Mrs Shaw will be Miss Breanna Ellis. We are also excited to welcome back Ms. Jen Tai, who will be returning to teach Year 2A next term. After 18 years of devoted service, we would like to recognise Mr. G - affectionately known as Chappy - as he concludes his role as Chaplain at Denison State School. On behalf of the entire school community, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. G for his unwavering commitment and the genuine care he has shown to both students and staff throughout his tenure. His contributions have made a lasting impact, and we deeply appreciate his dedication.

Teacher Aide Appreciation Week

Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week is the perfect time to celebrate the wonderful work teacher aides do in schools. We take time to acknowledge, appreciate and recognise the positive impact teacher aides have on the lives of students, teachers and families.



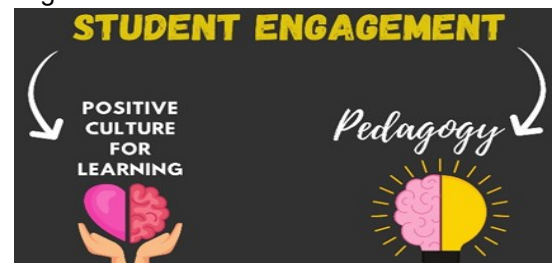
Year 3 Camp

Year 3 camp was a fabulous experience for all involved. Thank you to our dedicated Year 3 teachers for providing this experience for our students. I would especially like to acknowledge the staff of Fairburn Dam Outdoor education centre who provided the opportunity for our students to explore the stars through telescopes and learn about constellations from different cultural perspectives.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent-Teacher interviews. Our teachers appreciate the opportunity to share your child's learning progress and value your support in addressing any academic, behavioural, or social-emotional concerns. We hope that the insights provided during these meetings, you a clear picture of your child's performance. Together, we can set achievable yet challenging goals to ensure that each student flourishes throughout term 4.

Leigh Dyer
Principal



Important events coming up.....

10th - 11th Sept
10th Sept
12th Sept
13th Sept
30th Sept
7th Oct
30th - 11th Oct
22nd - 25th Oct

Story Fest
2025 Prep BBQ Meet and Greet
Prep & Year 1 Fire Truck visit
Last Day of Term 3
First Day of Term 4
Kings Birthday Public Holiday
2025 Prep Interviews
Year 5 Camp



Classroom Bulletin



Prep

Jade Wearne, Kerry Taft & Nikki Mottram

WOW! Time sure flies when we are having fun in prep. As we look back on our term, we have learnt all about the weather and what activities we can do in different types of weather and how we should dress for the weather. In English, we have learnt all about rhyming word families and our students have become rhyming SUPERSTARS. In maths, we have been sequencing events and identifying different activities we do on different days of the week. We have also been having a great time asking our classmates Yes/ No questions and recording and interpreting data. We hope everyone has a restful school holiday. We can't wait to dive into Term 4 when we get back.



YEAR 1

Brooke Kropp & Zoe Tyson

How time flies, what an incredible term we have had! Thank you to all families who assisted in anyway at the fete, our year 1 stall was a great success. We have had a huge term of learning and growth, as units of work across all subjects are being finalised, it is still important your child comes to school as much as they can. We hope you have an enjoyable holiday, and the Year 1 teachers look forward to seeing you all for a jam packed Term 4.



YEAR 2

Rebecca Anderson & Breanna Ellis

In Year 2, we are wrapping up all of our assessments. The students have been working hard innovating on rhyme and learning about alliteration and repetition. In 2A, we have used this as a chance to explore musical instruments to match the beats of our rhyme with musical instruments. In 2B students are exploring their creative side by compiling a folio of artworks. As Term 4 approaches, there will be a change in classroom teachers. Miss Ellis will be saying farewell and Miss Tai will be welcomed back. Thank you for all your support throughout the term.



YEAR 3

Amber Bishop, Tamikah Knickel & Bec Shaw

Thank you so much to all of the parents that ensured we had a smooth preparation, drop off and pick up for our sleepover. It was a wonderful night where students were able to observe the night sky through the telescopes, hear stories of the stars and constellations and enjoy a quick supper. Congratulations to the Year 3 cohort on achieving our GOTCHA target this term, our cohort will be rewarded with a Teddy Bears Picnic before the end of term. We wish to farewell Miss Shaw who leaves us at the end of this term. We are very excited to wish Miss Shaw well on her maternity leave and cannot wait to hear about the safe arrival of her baby girl, we will miss you a lot Miss Shaw!



YEAR 4

Ben Earl & Kayla Mitchell

What a wonderful term we've had in Year 4 at Denison State School! From the excitement of the school fete to relearning our expectations under the guidance of our new principal, Mrs. Dyer, the students have shown great enthusiasm and adaptability. We are incredibly proud of the progress they've made, both academically and in their personal growth. As assessments wrap up this week, we want to acknowledge the tremendous effort everyone has put in, both in and out of the classroom. With your continued support, we're confident that next term will be just as rewarding and filled with new achievements.



YEAR 5

Shelley Whittaker, Craig Parrish & Hope Ponte

What a great turnout we had from Year 5 students and parents at the school Fete. A huge thank you to those who came and helped out in any way. By now you should have had received via email the Year 5 Camp permission forms. These need to be brought back to the office at your earliest convenience. This will help with confirming plans and making adjustments, particularly for your children who require medication, dietary needs, or physical adjustments. We encourage you to download the Q Parents app, which does not require you to print out any forms and can contact the school in a much more convenient manner. Students have been working extremely hard to complete assessments in these last couple of weeks. It makes us extremely happy when we see them so proud of their finished product after all their hard work over the term. This might be in the stories they have written in English, the Math questions, or the Science and HASS investigations. It was also great to see so many of you come to our parent-teacher interview night. It is always great to check in and communicate the wins and sometimes the losses that our students are experiencing. This communication helps to support the best interests of the students both at home and at school. We hope everyone has a great and safe break over the holidays.



YEAR 6

Sarah Bailey, Jess Walters & Rhys Macalpine

We've had a great time on camp, making lots of memories! Laser skirmish, Fraser Island and whale watching to name a few. Miss Bailey, Miss Walters and Mr Mac would like to specially thank Gindie state school for coming along! We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable school holidays



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.

Student of The Week

Awards for Weeks 8 & 9

Class	Week 8	Week 9
Prep A	Baylee	Atlas
Prep B	Zack	
1A	Ella	Maverick
1B	Finn	Sam
2A	Andrew	Ava-Rain
2B	Jordan	Savannah
3A	Molly	Eden
3B	Tyler	Penny
3C	Geoffrey	Tyla
4A	Tyler	Dawn
4B	Jules	Corbin
5A	Baylee	Vladimir
5B	Macki	Maci
5C	Kaley	Rafael



Mrs Heslin's Happenings

Last week the students in Years one to Year four participated in Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson. At Denison, participation in Australia's Biggest Child Safety lesson is an annual event and this lesson is endorsed by Education Queensland. The theme this year was "Enthusiastic Consent - being completely sure that you want to do something". The video also covered "blurred boundaries" and "crossed boundaries" and there were lots of age-appropriate demonstrations of these scenarios within the video. Beyond the video, discussions were had about everyday situations that fitted these three categories. Body clues and body language were also part of these discussions.

This week the students will be returning books only and borrowing will resume in Term Three. It would be great if you could ensure that your child/children return all outstanding books.

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 a Learner with the key message of each student completing work to the best of their ability.

The key indicators for this focus are:-

- following teacher instructions
- having a go
- asking for help
- using feedback to make changes
- being prepared and organised and
- checking the classroom for helping hints



Some of the aspects of this focus e.g., having a go and using feedback to make changes fall within the scope of having a growth mindset. The mastery of tasks is quite often not a smooth road and comes only after making mistakes, facing challenges, asking questions and acting on feedback. To take this path to mastery is about having a growth mindset. For children this can sometimes be difficult. To support children on this pathway comes under the guise of a simple word. That word is "yet". Education psychologist Carol Dweck, the originator of the term "growth mindset" advises that "when kids adopt a mindset where they include "yet" into how they view their abilities, some very big, positive changes can happen!" This might look like "I can't do that maths problem....yet" or "I can't beat the next level of that game....yet". This is the way a child with a growth mindset thinks. Encouraging your child to think with a growth mindset encourages a positive frame of mind and grows resilience, intelligence and promotes personal and academic success.

If you are interested in learning about growth mindset from an adult and a child perspective, take the time to google Carol Dweck and you will find a host of information.

As we end another wonderful term at Denison, the PBL team would like to acknowledge and thank you for working with us to ensure that your child has had the support they needed to be successful every day at school this term.



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P&C Meeting

First Wednesday of each month 6pm in the Library.



PE REPORT

STEVEN BELL AND JOSH HANNAY UNDER 10'S

What a fantastic day our two teams of players had last Friday participating in the Steven Bell and Joshua Hannay Modified Rugby League Cup! Well done to everyone involved.

SCHOOLS NETBALL FUN COMPETITION

Any boys and girls in YEAR 3,4,5,6 who would like to play in the fun mixed Netball games against the other local schools can you please put your names on the sign-on sheet at the Tuckshop notice board. Games would start the week of the 14th October and run for 4 weeks. This a great chance to have some fun with your friends, learn a new game and be in fun team environment! An information letter will be sent home to those students interested in playing.

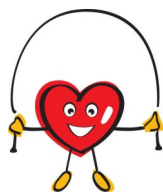


HANDBALL COMPETITION

Finals will run for the Handball competition for years 3,4 and 5 this week. Good luck everyone!

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART UPDATE!!

The JRFH program will be officially launched this week at a special assembly at 9am on Friday 13th September. 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. The Jump off date is Thursday 31st October.



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! 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? Easy as - 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! Thank you in advance for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!



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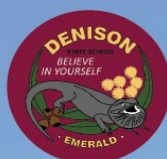
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HOLIDAY CLINICS



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



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.



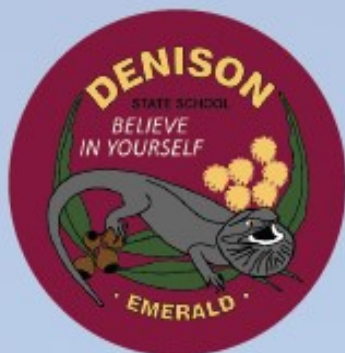
Denison Playgroup

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 !



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For Prep 2025

TRANSITION TO PREP VISITS AND ACTIVITIES

***What do you get when you enrol at
Denison State School for Prep 2025?***

- Invite to our Come Explore Denison Prep afternoon where you can, play, chat and meet our Prep Teachers. Free BBQ supplied
- An Enrolment Interview with our school Leadership including a school tour and a quick visit to the Prep Classrooms
- 4 x opportunities to experience an hour in our Prep classrooms. Get to see what it's like to be a Prep at Denison State school. You can even attend all 4 sessions if you wish
- Bump Up Day - meet your 2025 Prep classmates, your 2025 Prep Teacher and see your classroom
- Free School Hat with your sports house colour on the inside
- Welcome to school pack

**Come and pick up an Enrolment Pack
today to be part of all the fun!**

Denison State School Prep area, access via carpark next to hall off Gray St.
Call our school administration office with any questions
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