



## DEEBING HEIGHTS STATE SCHOOL

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Principal – Andrew McDonald

Fortnight ending Thursday, 22nd July 2021

### *Priority 1: Excellence in Teaching*

*Consistently implement evidence based, high impact teaching strategies*



### *Priority 2: Excellence in Learning*

*Enhance systems and processes for making student growth visible in an inclusive environment*



### *Priority 3: Excellence in Partnerships*

*Implement a dispersed leadership model that supports the sustainability of effective systems and pro-*



## Welcome to Term 3



### **Are your details up to date?**

**If any of your contact details or emergency contact information has changed please notify Admin.**

### **Bell Times**

First Bell:	8:50am
Lessons Commence:	8:55am
Morning Break:	11:00am - 11:40am
Afternoon Break:	1:00pm—1:40pm
School Concludes:	3:00pm

If your child is late (after 8:50am) please ensure they go to the office before attending class to receive a late slip.

Student Absence Line: 3280 3266

### 2021 Term Dates

#### Term 2

19th April—25th June

#### Term 3

12th July—17th September  
Pupil Free Day September 3rd

#### Term 4

5th October—10th December

### Parade

9am Friday

### P&C Meetings

2nd Wednesday of the Month at 6:30pm  
in the Resource Centre.

### Date Claimers

Bandtastic 21st July—22nd July  
100 days of Prep 23rd July  
Lone Pine excursion 30th July  
BINGO Night 31st July  
Yr 3 Signature Science Show –11th Aug  
Book Week 21st August — 27th August  
Student Free Day—3rd September

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everybody had a safe and happy holiday.

Please note for forward planning, that this school term is ten weeks long and students will break up for the **Spring holidays** at 3pm on Friday September 17<sup>th</sup>. School resumes for students in Term 4 on Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup> after the Queen's Birthday public holiday. Please also note that across Queensland, schools have a student free day on Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## NAIDOC 2021



NAIDOC Week was celebrated nationally from 4 to 11 July and at Deebling Heights State School from 12 to 16 July. It provides an opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate the rich history, diverse cultures and achievements of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the oldest continuing cultures on the planet. Thank you to Kylie Dixon and the NAIDOC week team of Rebekah Rae, Dominica Balancio, Sue Collins, Dave Wenck, Cristy Baldwin, Leisha Mason and Melissa Warren for organising this event.

This year's NAIDOC theme, Heal Country, calls on all of us to continue to seek greater protection for our lands, waters, sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration and destruction.

## Other Events

Thank you to the Year 1 and Year 2 teaching teams for organising the Fire Education visit this week.

Thank you to David Wenck for organising the end of term 2 Rewards Day activities. Students had a lot of fun with their movie and snacks to celebrate. Thanks also to Jarryd Verrenkamp and the Student Council for organising the Pyjama Dress Up Day on the last day of term 2.

## New School Closures URL

The Department of Education's school closures website has a new URL.

The site is still the same great source of state and non-state school closures – but there's a new link to use next time you need to visit.

To find out if our school is closed, particularly during a disaster or emergency event, visit [closures.qld.edu.au](https://closures.qld.edu.au).



## Be Aware of Allergens

We encourage all students and families to be aware of allergens and anaphylaxis in certain foods, bites and stings. By working together, we can help reduce the risk of allergic reactions and anaphylaxis in our school.

Students should be aware of things that may cause a reaction for some people, avoid sharing food with their friends, wash their hands with soap and water before and after eating and help to clean surfaces where food is eaten or prepared.

## Is your child getting the flu?

The signs and symptoms of influenza in children could include a sore throat, fever, chills, headache, stomach and body aches, feeling tired, coughing, a runny nose, no appetite, or diarrhoea.

If your child is ill, parents and carers are reminded to keep them at home and contact the school to let us know.

If you have any concerns about your child's health, please seek medical advice.



**Andrew McDonald**  
Principal



# From The Deputy Principal



**NAIDOC Week** celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, but by Australians from all walks of life.

During the week our students participated in a range of activities such as traditional games, traditional stories, art and dance. On Monday, we had a visit from Ipswich State High School students who taught us traditional games and traditional dances culminating in a whole school dance performance at the end of the day. It was wonderful to see our whole school dancing together as one. The students from Ipswich State High School were a credit to their school, to the school's Indigenous program, to themselves and to their Country.

On Friday the Yugara Dance group visited our school to perform traditional dances including the Mosquito Dance, which means Deebing. Elders talked about Country and shared stories and dances about Kookaburra, Snake, Trees and Rain. Everyone enjoyed the performance and teachers even got to join in.

We would like to thank our amazing NAIDOC Week team consisting of Mrs Dixon, Mrs Balancio, Miss Rae, Mr Wenck, Mrs Mason, Miss Mel, and Miss Cristy. Their many hours of additional meetings, organisation and preparation is very much appreciated by our staff and students. I would also like to thank our many other staff members who have volunteered their time to provide additional lunchtime activities for our students. It was a wonderful way for us to learn about, and embrace, our First Nations' culture and understanding of Country.



## **Creating safe, supportive and inclusive environments:**

Commencing this week, students from Years 1-6 will be participating in Rumble's Quest, an online game that has been created to measure student well-being. Students complete challenges and answer questions about the way they experience the world around them.

We are using this measure at school as part of our student wellbeing framework. Rumble's Quest takes students approximately 45 minutes to complete. The information we gather will help our school set directions for student support, and to inform teaching and learning strategies.

We know that a supportive environment that combines a focus on wellbeing with a focus on learning is optimal for success at school. For more information about Rumble's Quest you may like to view the following video at

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

Beth Strow  
Deputy principal





## NAIDOC Week

Last week, our school celebrated NAIDOC week. We had a variety of lunchtime activities to immerse our students in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture including boomerang painting, echidna making, turtle weaving, clap stick painting and story book reading. We have also had some of our Year 6 students playing Traditional Indigenous games on the oval at play time. Tuesday, we had a visit from Ipswich State High School Indigenous Dance group who taught us some dances, read some stories and played some games with us. There was a display in our library of puzzles, games and artefacts. In the library we had a "Heal Country" themed poster competition where students had to create a poster that showed how they can heal Country and what it means to them. The winners for each division were: Prep/Year 1: Margaret 1A, Year 2/3: Wynter 2/3A, Year 4/5: Zahara 4A and Year 6: Isabella 6A. You will also notice that some of the rocks that we painted last year have been placed in the shape of a sand goanna (the Yuggera totem) outside the library. To finish up the week, we had the Yugara Dancers come and perform some dances for us, namely the mosquito dance as mosquito in Yugara language means Deebing. It was lots of fun joining in on the dances, especially when the teachers got up to do the brown snake dance. It has been a great week celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Thank you to the teachers and students for all of your help in making it such a huge success.

NAIDOC COMMITTEE





## SPORTING NEWS

Last Term in the final two weeks we held our Senior and Junior Athletics carnivals. Mrs Williamson was very grateful that we were able to have these events as they were cancelled last year due to COVID.

Our Senior carnival experienced crazy, thick fog which slowed down our races in the morning. Beautiful sunshine appeared by lunchtime and a great day was had by all. Our Junior Carnival ran smoothly with lots of fun had. Thank you to the Student leaders who ran all the events and to the Parents who came and cheered on their child.

It was great atmosphere.

Winner of the Athletic Shield was JOYCE



2021 Age Champions	
<b>9yr girls:</b> Jessica Jaboon	<b>9yr boys:</b> Lincoln Dixon and Ethan Harris
<b>10yr girls:</b> Sophie McGeehan	<b>10yr boys:</b> Benji Beaman
<b>11yr girls:</b> Jordyn Reid	<b>11yr boys:</b> Astin Harding
<b>12yr girls:</b> Neve Long	<b>12yr boys:</b> Kai Freylinger

Team spirit award went to GOOLMAN



On the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July, our Athletic qualifiers attended the South and North Zone Athletics at Limestone Park.

It was a fantastic two days with cold and windy rain on and off on the second day.

Our students represented our school to a high standard of behaviour (as always), sportsmanship and athletic ability, with most students making it to the next level or just missing out. The Western Ranges Athletics will be held at UQ on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of August. Good Luck to the students who made the next level.



## Book Week is coming!

This year the Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week will be held **Week 7 of Term 3** from 21-27 August 2021. The theme this time is **Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds!**

Book Week is all about **celebrating books!** We organise fun activities during playtime based on special short-listed books and readings of these great stories. The library often gets splashed with theme decorations and there's something fun to do **every day!** Last year the theme was **Curious Creatures, Wild Minds** and there was a competition to guess which "curious creature" belonged to which teacher ... this year there will be another exciting competition...

And of course, we will have a **Dress-Up Day** where you get to come to school dressed as a book character!

Lock Book Week in for **Week 7 of Term 3**, start thinking about your costume (it doesn't need to be costly or super fancy!) and stay tuned for more information as Book Week gets closer!

Happy reading!



### Important Safety Message

For the safety of our students, please be mindful of where you are parking.



ACROD bays are solely for people with a valid permit – following these Local Laws ensures we provide and ensure safety of people with disabilities.

Please find more information from the ICC website

[ipswich.qld.gov.au/live/parking/disability-parking](https://ipswich.qld.gov.au/live/parking/disability-parking)

### PERFORMING ARTS NEWS 11

#### CLASS DANCE PERFORMANCES:

Students have been working enthusiastically during their dance units and are now busy rehearsing for their class performances.



These will be filmed in week 6 during usual class lessons and will be shown at several Assemblies. See future newsletters for further information and a schedule.

#### ALICE IN WONDERLAND SCHOOL MUSICAL:



Our Alice in Wonderland performance will be on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> (week 9)** in the hall following Senior Assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

Students have been working hard to learn their lines, songs and dance routines, and are busy with extra lunch time rehearsals so they are fully prepared for their performance.

The P&C meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month during term time at 6.30pm in the Library. Previous P&C meeting was cancelled. Next meeting will be Wednesday 11th of August.

All Welcome!!

#### Voluntary Building Contribution

\$50 per new student or \$25 per returning student

##### How we use the funds collected:

The Voluntary Building Contribution of \$50 per new student and \$25 per returning student will be used directly to achieve two improvement goals on our facilities improvement wish list. Funds are needed to ensure classes assist with the costs of building multipurpose courts and a senior playground over the next four years.

The P&C will contribute 50 cents in every \$1.00 donated by our families and the school will co-invest by moving funds allocated to other facilities improvements on the wish list. This strategic partnership between parents, P&C and school should make these building improvements possible within the next four years.

The success of this initiative is contingent upon an 80% payment rate or above.

##### How to Pay:

Download the QKR app and choose the "Voluntary Contribution" from the menu!



**eBooks Digital Library**

Login with your MIS ID  
Read thousands of your favourite books, at home or at school, on almost any device!

**Step 1:**  
Download Sora app or go to <https://soraapp.com>

**Step 2:**  
Click **Find My School** and select **Education Queensland**

**Step 3:**  
Sign in with your MIS ID

**Step 4:**  
Browse and read!



## Help stop the spread of COVID-19

1.5m

adults stay 1.5 metres away from each other

practise good hygiene

keep your child at home if they're sick

Visit [www.qed.qld.gov.au](http://www.qed.qld.gov.au) for more information

Queensland Government

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**WESTERN POWER**  
T20 SPECIFIC COACHING CLINICS

Western Power Clinics are back this June!  
Want more info?  
Visit: [www.westernpowerpl.com.au/events](http://www.westernpowerpl.com.au/events)

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**Comedy for a Cause**  
SATURDAY 28TH AUGUST 2021  
Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm / 18+

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[comedyforacause.net/RV](http://comedyforacause.net/RV)

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**GRASSHOPPER SOCCER**

A fun and all year round non-competitive soccer program for children aged 2-12.

**MINI 2-3 Y/O**  
PINT SIZE 4-5 Y/O  
(PRESCHOOL)  
45 MINS CLASSES  
\$100 FOR 8 WKS

Children are introduced to their first soccer ball kick, shooting, dribbling, goal keeping and more. Children will get introduced to Pint size 1 v 1 Grasshopper Soccer Big Game.

**INTRO TO MICRO 5-6 Y/O**  
(PREP)  
75 MINS CLASSES  
\$155 FOR 8 WKS

The ultimate soccer game for young players. They'll learn the rules of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game and develop new skills.

**MICRO 6-8 Y/O**  
MICRO PLUS 9-12 Y/O  
(YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6)  
75 MINS CLASSES  
\$155 FOR 8 WKS

This program focuses more on skills development and team work in preparation for soccer club. Children will have the chance to play in the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game.

**AFTER SCHOOL (PREP-YEAR 6)**  
90 MINS CLASSES  
\$100 FOR 7 WKS

All the Grasshopper Soccer fun on your school oval straight after school. Based on the Grasshopper Soccer Micro Program.

GRASSHOPPER.COM.AU

Enrolments for 2022 open now

Enrolment forms for 2022 are available through the school website and office. Out of catchment applications for 2022 are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.  
Contact 3819 5333 or visit <https://ripleyvalleyssc.eq.edu.au/enrolments>

**RIPLEY VALLEY**  
State Secondary College

# WESTERN POWER T20 SPECIFIC COACHING CLINICS



Western Power are proud to be conducting a series of T20 specific Cricket Coaching Clinics in June.

It is our pleasure to invite boys and girls aged 10-19 to participate in our clinics, which will be focused on the development of T20 specific skills in their chosen discipline and will be conducted by high quality coaching staff.

Details as follows:

**T20 Specific Fast Bowlers Clinic - \$75 per player for 2 Days**

*Conducted by Former QLD Bulls & Brisbane Heat Fast Bowling Coach, Vic Williams*

**T20 Specific Spinners Clinic - \$75 per player for 2 Days**

*Conducted by Former Australian Test, ODI, T20 Spinner, Nathan Hauritz*

**T20 Specific Batters Clinic - \$75 per player for 2 Days**

*Conducted by Former Australian T20 Batsman, Nathan Reardon*

**T20 Gala Day - \$100 per player**

*6 hours of high quality T20 Specific Coaching focusing on a variety of skills, conducted by a range of top class coaches including, Nathan Hauritz, Vic Williams, Brett Henschell, Brendan Creevey, Kieran Daymon + MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED!*

This is an opportunity not to be missed. These clinics are not exclusive to Western Power players.



@WesternPowerCricket

For Dates, Times, Venues and to Register, visit:  
[www.westernpowerbpl.com.au/events](http://www.westernpowerbpl.com.au/events)



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# Your OSHC.

## Tailored before and after school experiences that children love.



Dear Families,

We are excited to be partnering with your school to provide our *Your OSHC* service.

*Your OSHC* is Camp Australia's brand for our tailored experiences - Before School, After School and on Pupil Free Days – that aim to inspire your child and help them grow.

Our *Your OSHC* program is tailored to your child, driving curiosity and wonder, whilst creating a unique place where children can practice real-life skills in a fun, exciting environment that challenges them to succeed. Every program is varied, with experiences centred around STEM, Outdoor Play, Sports, Group Games and Imaginative Play – no two programs are the same!

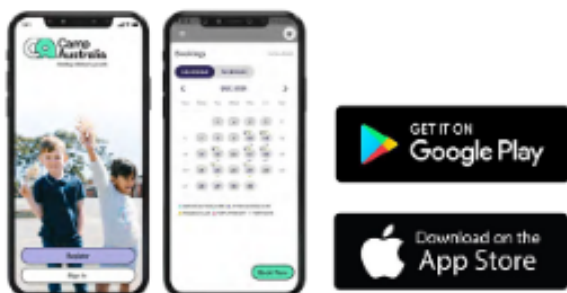


### Experience Your OSHC

To attend *Your OSHC*, you first need to register your child and book. Even if you don't plan on experiencing *Your OSHC* right away, we recommend that all families register for free, so that if you ever need us, we have all the information and documentation we need to best care for your child.

To register and start booking, click the link below or download our Parent Portal app – available on the App Store and through Google Play.

### Download the Parent Portal app



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