



# DEEBING HEIGHTS STATE SCHOOL

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Principal – Andrew McDonald

Fortnight ending Thursday, 26th August 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-



3A Bridget G  
3A Elijah D  
3B Cooper L  
3B Kenny M  
3C Caspian M  
3C Ryder L  
4A Kohen A  
4A Zoey E  
4B Harrison B  
4B Sophie P  
5A Tiffany P  
5A Preston P  
5B Bella R  
5B Paige F  
5/6A Braiden S  
5/6A Aiden R  
6A Neve I  
6A Jack H  
6A Emalee D



Prep A Henry N  
Prep A Sophie N  
Prep B Alyssa S  
Prep B Violet P  
Prep c Nate S  
Prep C Racquel J  
Prep D Eli B  
Prep D Livia P  
1B Dale E  
1B Samarah J  
2A Evelyn B  
2A Samantha B  
2B Emma K  
2B Rubi S  
1/2A Amelia H  
1/2 A Destiny D  
2/3 A Elliot S  
2/3A Xavier N  
2/3A Maia M



Student Absence Line: 3280 3266

## 2021 Term Dates

### 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

Book Week 21st August — 27th August  
Book Week parade—27th August  
Premier's Reading Challenge Ends—27th August  
Father's Day Stall—31st Aug & 1st September  
**Student Free Day—3rd September**  
School Photo Day—7th September  
Rewards Day—17th September  
Yr 3 Signature Science Show —13th October

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL



## 2022 Enrolments

The enrolment process for 2022 students is now open. We have a large amount of interest already so we are working our way through those that have expressed interest already and who live in our catchment area. If you have a child to enrol, please contact the office to organise an enrolment interview. If you know of another family in catchment that has a child to enrol, please encourage them to get in early. Early notification helps us recruit the best staff possible. If you're [enrolling a child for Prep](#) in 2022, don't forget to bring your child's birth certificate with you. Children must be aged 5 years by 30 June 2022.

## Performance and Development Culture



At Deebling Heights State School, we use a collaborative approach to support teachers to improve teaching practice and support improved student learning outcomes. The process involves the Principal/Deputy Principal observing each teacher teaching a lesson at least every term, negotiated between the teacher and Principal/Deputy Principal. Feedback is given regarding the lesson at a follow up meeting. During the follow up meeting, feedback is also provided regarding walkthrough observations, which are three-minute snapshots of what is happening in each classroom. Walkthroughs happen almost daily, at random times and data is collected to reflect on. During these meetings, we also analyse student assessment results and look at the differentiated supports that are in place for students. From the information collected from lesson observations, walkthroughs and our reflection meeting, we identify priorities for professional development and support.



## Calculate your enrolment date

Does your child have a little brother or sister aged under four? Wondering when they can start kindy or school? The new [kindy calculator on The Early Years Count](#) website can help you find out the year they can attend kindy, Prep and Year 1. All you have to do is enter their birthday into the calculator.

The Early Years Count website also has information and activity ideas for families with children under eight-years-old, to support their development through five ways — play, care, talk & listen, read & count and encourage. Visit the [Early Years Count website](#) to get started.



## Help kids cope with summer storms, floods and fires

It's been a big year for dramatic news, and some children may feel anxious as storm and cyclone season approaches.

The Triple P — Positive Parenting Program can help you support children's coping skills and resilience, and free Triple P is available state wide thanks to the Queensland Government. For more information, visit the [Triple P website](#).

**Andrew McDonald**  
Principal

# From The Deputy Principal

## Parent Teacher Interviews



In addition to providing written reports twice per year, part of our regular reporting process includes conducting Parent Teacher Interviews at the end of this term. These interviews provide an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress at school. Interviews will be conducted in the coming weeks. Classroom teachers will be sending out information about how to book an interview over the next few days. Parent Teacher interviews are an important aspect of the feedback cycle and all parents are encouraged to take the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with their child's teacher.

## Book Week



Every year the Children's Book Council of Australia brings children and books together through Book Week. During this time, schools and public libraries spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators.

This week our school has been celebrating Book Week with the theme "Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds". Every playtime has been jam-packed with activities for our students to experience a wide range of books and foster a love of reading. School staff have been conducting read aloud sessions followed by a craft activity related to the book.

I've seen cockroaches in cupcakes, from the story "Your Birthday was the Best", and colourful birds from the story "Busy Beaks", just two of the books enjoyed so far this week.

Our prep students were treated to an author visit from Brooke Graham who wrote a story which was short listed in the illustrator category of the awards. "Go Away Worry Monster!" is a story all about how to make our own Worry Monsters disappear.

Students have also had fun solving the mystery of Professor McDonaldore's malfunctioning wand. Somehow he managed to de-age our school staff and children have been asked to match up the photographs from the past with a list of teachers, teacher-aides and office staff in a fun activity which has drawn lots of attention.



As a culminating activity, all students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite character from a book and parade with their class this **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August**. **Prep-Y2 classes will parade in the hall at 9am. This will be followed by our usual Upper School Parade at 9.30am, when students from Y3-6 will have a chance to parade in costume.**

All of these activities help to highlight the importance of reading and would not be possible without the dedicated and hard-working staff at our school. A big thank you to Miss Sellers, Mrs Whitman, Mrs Banks, Mr Woods, Ms Mason, Mrs Roser, Mrs Keidge and Mrs Gallagher for their organisation of this week. Each of them has spent time planning and setting up colourful displays and activities for our students to enjoy. A thank you also to the additional teachers, teacher aides and the Gotcha Gang who have helped run activities during lunch breaks.

Beth Strow

Deputy Principal







## DEEBING SHIELD

### Deebing Heights Gala day Overview

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Morning, Middle and Afternoon Sessions

Grades 5-6 in Sport House teams.

#### Featured Sports/ Activities:

Basketball

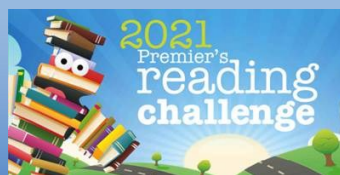
Soccer

T-ball

Ultimate Disc

Bin ball

League Tag



Just a reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge ends this month. All student record sheets must be returned to the office before **27<sup>th</sup> August.**

## PERFORMING ARTS NEWS 13

### CLASS DANCE UNITS:

Filming of the class dance performances has been completed, and these performances will be shown at several assemblies from week 9.

Congratulations everyone – your dances are fantastic!

See future newsletters for further information and a schedule.

Students will be completing their final dance assessments in class this week, then starting MUSIC units next week.



## Help stop the spread of COVID-19



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



### ALICE IN WONDERLAND SCHOOL MUSICAL:

Rehearsals are back on, so it's essential that all students come to lunch time rehearsals.

Whole Cast – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> break in the hall  
Singers and Musicians – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> break in the music room

Dancers – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> break in the music room  
Our performance will be postponed until early Term 4, so stay tuned for a revised performance date.

The P&C meet on the 2nd

Wednesday of the month during term time at 6.30pm in the Library. .

Next meeting will be Wednesday 8th September

All Welcome!!

## Pupil Free Day

Friday 3rd of September 2021

Deebing Heights State School will not be open. Camp Australia will be available for vacation care, please visit <https://campaustalia.com.au/>



## Defence Club News 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Families,

We have had a few busy weeks of events and excursions and I am looking forward to book week parade tomorrow. Even though I haven't finalised my costume.

In defence club we have invited our friends to join in our games of monopoly and uno. I have even had to pull out the rule book as things have changed since I last played.

We have made caterpillar fridge magnets to celebrate school national tree day 1<sup>st</sup> August where we discussed Australians putting their hands into the earth and to give back to our community. This topic lead into National Science week, where the theme is Food: Different by design which honours United Nations International year of the Fruits and Vegetables. I am also looking forward to our school's science fair next term based on this topic to see our year 5 and 6 students' ideas on display.

I have been catching up with students with Defence members away to participate in small group activities talking about our experiences and creating art projects to present to loved ones.

Last week I joined Mrs Williamsons year 4 students in a game of softball and Mrs Roots dance classes to have a sneaky peak at some of the class performances that will be played at parade in the coming weeks.

On Monday I visited the planetarium with the year one defence students.

Please reach out if your defence member is away so I can make sure I catch up with your child if they don't get a chance to pop along to defence club.

I would like to thank Wounded Heroes for their support by donating stationary supplies for Defence and Veteran families for use within our school. It was lovely meeting the Community Officer Sue at the local Defence Member and Families support coffee catch up this month.

Below is information about the association and how they can help our community.

**Wounded Heroes Association** is a national community organisation doing whatever it takes to provide support to Australian servicemen and women and their families, to ease the financial, emotional, and personal hardships of contemporary military life.



They have many programs available including Individual support, recovery centres, employment programs, social engagement, hardship relief crisis line, defence shed, Op shop, gel ball at Wacol and offer support to deployed family members. If you would like further information about Wounded Heroes, please visit <https://www.woundedheroes.org.au>

## We've changed our name!



On 1 July we changed our name from Defence Community Organisation (DCO) to Defence Member and Family Support (DMFS).

Our new name reflects our vision, what we do and who we do it for. While we have changed our name, there will be no changes to any of the services or programs offered to ADF members and their families. To find out more about our name change, visit our website [Defence Member and Family Support](#).

## Kookaburra Kids Foundation



Do you know a young person living in a veteran family experiencing mental illness? The Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation offers a range of free programs specifically developed to support young people between the ages of 8 to 18 living in veteran families impacted by mental illness.

If you know a young person living in a veteran family who may benefit from support, please refer them to visit the [Kookaburra Kids](http://www.kookaburrakids.org.au) website or contact Kookaburra Kids on 1300 566 525.

## Defence Family Matters Magazine



The latest issue of DMFS's flagship magazine for ADF families, [Defence Family Matters](http://www.defencefamilymatters.org.au), is on its way to mailboxes and DMFS offices around the country!

Defence families have dealt with many unexpected challenges this year, but no matter what they've been faced with, their resilience and adaptability has shone through. To view the latest edition of DFM magazine on line, visit the [DMFS website](http://www.defencefamilymatters.org.au).



Reminder from the DCO.

The latest Defence Family Matters Magazine is out.

Kookaburra Kids Foundation support veterans and defence children.

Warm Regards,

Karen Cameron – Defence  
School Mentor  
Monday and Friday 8:30am-  
3:00pm  
E: [kcame122@eq.edu.au](mailto:kcame122@eq.edu.au)



### 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!



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# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Comedy for a Cause**  
SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST 2021  
Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm / 18+

Featuring comedians from Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festivals  
[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.

**MITE 3-5 Y/O**  
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45 MINS CLASSES  
\$50 FOR 8 WKS

Children are introduced to their first ever soccer ball, kicking, shooting, passing, goalkeeping and more. Children will get introduced to the top v1 Grasshopper Soccer Big Game.

**INTRO TO MICRO 6-8 Y/O (PREP)**  
75 MINS CLASSES  
\$55 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 4)  
75 MINS CLASSES  
\$55 FOR 8 WKS

The 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 4)**  
50 MINS CLASSES  
\$50 FOR 7 WKS

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

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**RIPLEY VALLEY State Secondary College**

**School Tours**  
for prospective enrolments in 2022 and 2023  
Thursday 26th August  
3:30pm - 4:30pm  
18 PARKWAY AVENUE  
SOUTH RIPLEY

Register to attend now:  
<https://ripleyvalleyssc.schoolzineplus.com/form/146>



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>

Enrolments for  
2022  
open now

**RIPLEY VALLEY**  
State Secondary College



**ONLINE ORDERING  
OPEN NOW!**



**School Photo Day is nearly here!!**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

- School photos are just around the corner! You can now order online, if you have not received a form, please contact MSP on 3848 3946 and you will be issued with your students shoot key.
- But hurry! Order by photo day to avoid a late fee.

**We are here to help!**  
**Please call us on 3848 3946 if you have any  
questions.**

# 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!



### Download the Parent Portal app



### 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.

[Register free and book](#)