



## DEEBING HEIGHTS STATE SCHOOL

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Principal – Andrew McDonald

Fortnight ending 28th April, 2022

### *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 2



### Are your details up to date?

A letter has been sent home with your child, please complete the details, if any of your contacts or emergency contact information has changed since enrolling your child.

### Bell Times

First Bell:	8:50am
Lessons Commence:	8:55am
Morning Break:	11:00am – 11:40am
Afternoon Break:	1:00pm – 1:40pm
School Finishes:	3:00pm

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

Parents collecting children early must get an early departure slip from the office before getting their child.

Please contact the student absence line if your child is going to be away.

Student Absence Line: 3280 3266

### 2022 Term Dates

#### Term 1

7th February—1st April

#### Term 2

19th April— 24th June

#### Term 3

11th July—16 September

#### Term 4

4th October—9 December

#### Parade

9am Friday

#### P&C Meetings

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

#### Date Claimers

Labour Day Public Holiday—2nd May  
Mothers Day Stall —4th & 5th May  
Mother's Day—8th May  
NAPLAN—10th-20th May  
Ipswich Show Holiday—13th May  
Year 2 Incursion—26th May  
Under 8's Day—26th May  
End of Term—24th June

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to term 2. Please note for forward planning, that this school term is ten weeks long and students will break up for the **Winter holidays** at 3:00pm on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>. School resumes for students in Term 3 on Monday July 11<sup>th</sup>. Please also note the Ipswich Show Holiday on Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Show holidays

With the Ipswich Show Day just around the corner, it is timely to remember Queensland State schools receive only one show holiday annually. At Deebling Heights State School, that day is the public holiday on Friday 13 May. Elsewhere across the state, schools close for either an appointed show holiday or a day in lieu if the area does not have a show. To find out more about show holiday dates across the state visit <http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/travel/holidays/show/>

## Events

Thank you to Mr Verrenkamp, Mr Wenck, Mrs Cameron, Mrs Crookes, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Roots and Miss Sellers for preparing and organising our ANZAC Day parade and especially the time they invested in personalising it to our community. Please congratulate your children for the very respectful behaviour they showed.

Thanks to our HPE teacher, Mr Scott for organising the 2021 Cross Country. Our year 3-6 students seemed to have a great time and there was lots of good team spirit and cheering and encouraging from our students. Thank you to our Facilities Team and our staff helpers for their support with set up and pack up.

Thank you to Mr Wenck and Ms Sheraton for organising our end of term 1 Reward Day Easter Hunt and sporting games. Students had a lot of fun celebrating their great behaviour. Students needing to improve their behaviour were involved in goal setting activities for improved behaviour. On Rewards Day we also had our Easter Bonnet Parade. It was a fun finish to the term for our students. Thanks to Mrs Scott and Mrs Whannell for their organisation of the event.

## Staffing Update

Congratulations to Kylie Dixon for being selected for a curriculum leadership position in another Ipswich school from Term 2 this year. Thanks to Kylie for teaching Prep B this year and leading our year 1 teaching team. We welcome Alison Boettcher to teach Prep B.

## NAPLAN testing — 10 to 20 May

Our students in Years 3 and 5 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests will be conducted in all State and non-State schools across the country from 10–20 May. This year, students are completing their testing online.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is available on the [ACARA website](http://www.nap.edu.au/). (<http://www.nap.edu.au/>)

## Winter Uniform

With colder weather just around the corner, please organise your child's navy blue winter uniform ready. Please ensure that winter clothing is clearly named as they are often removed as the temperature rises through the day, and can be easily lost.

## Does your child know how to call 000?

It is important everyone knows what to do in an emergency. Head to the Kids Corner at the [Queensland Fire and Emergency Services website](http://www.qfes.qld.gov.au) ([www.qfes.qld.gov.au](http://www.qfes.qld.gov.au)) to prepare today.



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## Helping Families Through Life's Ups and Downs

Family and Child Connect is a free, unlimited and confidential service that can connect families to practical support to help them bounce back in tough times. Family and Child Connect can connect you to local services for:

- managing your child's behaviour
  - building better family relationships
  - stopping violence at home
  - budgeting and managing money
  - alcohol, drug or gambling problems
- housing, health care or other community or government services.



Family and Child Connect services are provided by trusted, local organisations who are experienced in working with families. To find out more about Family and Child Connect,

## Spark Their Future – Why Persistence Matters

Not giving up easily and sticking at things when the going gets tough is an essential skill at school, work and in life. There are things you can do to help your child [develop persistence](#), a trait that will help them at school and beyond. Remind your child that when they find something hard, persistence – or refusing to give up is what will give them the best chance of reaching their goal.

The [Spark their Future](#) website has tips to help you develop your child's persistence 'muscles', check out the [tip sheet](#).



**Andrew McDonald**  
Principal

# From The Deputy Principal

## NAPLAN

This year, our school will be moving to NAPLAN Online. NAPLAN is a nationwide point in time measure through which parents, teachers, schools, education authorities, governments and the broader community can determine how well young Australians are developing literacy and numeracy skills. Tests are conducted for students in Years 3 and 5 in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy. Students will participate in NAPLAN tests within the test window of 10-20 May. Please note that whilst most tests are completed online, the year 3 Writing test will still be completed as a paper-based version.

Please find below a number of useful links that can assist students with their preparation as well as provide parents/carers with additional information. In addition, an information brochure for parents has been attached to the newsletter.

Insight into the student experience when completing NAPLAN Online.

<https://mediasite.eq.edu.au/mediasite/Play/c560099f88f3401d9ab2bb60062dcd441d>

Public demonstrations site that allows students and parents to familiarise themselves with the type of questions that students will encounter during the tests. Please note that the questions and levels of difficulty will vary greatly from the demonstration site.

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

## Lunchtime Clubs

Lunchtime clubs are up and running again this term with lots of additional activities organised to help support our students during their playtime. These include Basketball, Junior and Senior Music Club, Junior and Senior Coding Club, Gardening Club and Club Strike Force with Mrs Cameron. Gotcha Gang leaders are also out and about in playgrounds, providing positive examples to younger students and helping organise games and equipment for playtime. Additional to clubs, the library is always open during first and second break and students are encouraged to enjoy puzzles, drawing and board games during their visits. Students also have access to the oval, playgrounds and undercover areas. A special thankyou to all our staff who help supervise during play and eating time, whether it be a club or a rostered duty, your time spent with our students is valued and creates a positive and enjoyable lunchtime experience for everyone.

## ANZAC Day

Last Friday we hosted two separate ANZAC Day assemblies, firstly with our senior students and then with the juniors. I would like to thank Mrs Cameron along with Mr W, Mr Verrenkamp, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Crookes for their organisation of the event. I would also like to thank our special guests, Squadron Leader Adam Cross and Mr Paul Rogers, Deputy President Ipswich RSL for joining us to commemorate this special day. If you were in attendance, you may have noticed two portraits of Diggers which were drawn and donated by one of our talented staff members, Mrs Jodie Binskin. Thank you Mrs Binskin, these will be on display in the library shortly. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the behaviour and respect shown by our students throughout both assemblies, another proud moment when our students demonstrated just how amazing they are.

## You can help stop the spread of head lice

Head lice are common in children (particularly between the ages of 3 and 11 years) and have nothing to do with personal hygiene or cleanliness. While head lice don't carry disease, their bites can cause itching and skin irritation. To reduce your child's risk of getting head lice you can ensure long hair is tied up, discourage the sharing of brushes and combs, and minimise head-to-head contact with others. Remember, anyone can get head lice. These critters have no preferences for hair colour or type, age or ethnicity. Check out this [fact sheet](#) for more information.

**When an outbreak of headlice is reported at DHSS, you will receive an email notification from the office. Please follow the steps to help prevent the spread of head lice in your child's classroom.**



Beth Strow

Deputy Principal

# School Safe Parking

Parents, please remember that you need to park legally and drive safely around schools for your children's, and others, safety.

**SCHOOL SAFE**



## School Entrance Reminder

Parents please be mindful that access to the school grounds at pick up and drop off times is via the front gate off the carpark on Rawlings Road and not via the staff carpark on Bottlebrush Drive. Deliveries do occur at this time and safety is our main concern.

Thank you for your support.

## Sports News



### Student Resource Scheme

Your Student Resource Scheme has been invoiced and is due on 7th March 2022.

Preferred method of payment for all invoices is via BPoint by clicking on the link on your invoice or through the QKR payment app. The payment window is also available for over the counter payments however please note this is only open Wednesday 8:30—9:15am for cashless payments.

If you are experiencing financial hardship families are able to set up direct debit agreements with the school. This may be for a one off payment, or for a series of instalments in order to pay off your SRS or any excursions or camps over time. Please contact our administration for further information.

Nikki Mensforth  
Business Manager

### 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 our improvement goals on our facilities improvement wish list. Funds are needed to ensure classes assist with the costs of building 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!

## Performing Arts News

**UPCOMING PERFORMANCE:** Next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May students in the Junior Music Club will perform "Cover Me in Sunshine" at Assembly.



**CLASS DRAMA PERFORMANCES:** Students have been working enthusiastically during their drama units and are almost ready to complete their final assessment in class performances. These will be filmed during **week 4** during usual class lessons and will be shown at several Assemblies throughout the Term. See future newsletters for further information. Students from Years 2 - 6 are encouraged to bring an appropriate T-shirt to wear for their performance. Students must wear their uniform to school and change in an appropriate break before their lesson. There is no need to buy anything special for their performances – everyday clothes from home will be suitable.



### CHARLIE and the CHOCOLATE FACTORY SCHOOL MUSICAL:

We've had an amazing response from students wanting to take part in our musical, and lunch time auditions will begin next week in the music room. The auditions are very informal and held in a group setting. Students will be notified when they need to attend their audition.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**DEEBING HEIGHTS SS AUSKICK**

**When: Tuesdays April 26th - 3:10pm till 4:10pm**  
**First Session: COME N TRY FOR FREE MUST REGISTER**  
**Cost: \$80 (6 Sessions)**  
**Includes benefits pack, ball, bag & more!**

Register Here For Come N Try

Register Here For Payments

For more info Contact: Chris.Ryan@afl.com.au or Phone: 0439 136 996

**ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER**

## ENROL NOW

FOR 2023

Enrolment forms for 2023 are available through the school website and office. Out of Catchment enrolments for 2023 are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Contact 3819 5333 or visit [www.ripleyvalleyssc.eq.edu.au](http://www.ripleyvalleyssc.eq.edu.au)

**COMMUNITY OPEN DAY**

**7<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
9AM-12PM

To register for our Community Open Day, Please complete the online EOI link, <https://ripleyvalleyssc.schoolzineplus.com/form/213>  
 Food and drinks will be available to purchase on the day. We will be only showcasing our programs. Trial dates will be advertised via school socials.

**OUR EXCELLENCE PROGRAMS**

- Ignite Program
- Dance Academy
- Football Academy
- Esports Program

For more information please contact Mr James Dunn [jdunn232@eq.edu.au](mailto:jdunn232@eq.edu.au)

*Achieving excellence together*

Call or email to book a trial  
 0404 807 150 | [scott@grasshoppersoccer.com.au](mailto:scott@grasshoppersoccer.com.au)

## GRASSHOPPER SOCCER

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

**MINI 2-3 Y/O**  
**MINI 3-4 Y/O (PRESCHOOL)**  
 15 MIN CLASSES  
 \$50 FOR 6 WEEKS

Children are introduced to their first ever soccer ball, kick, shooting, dribbling, goalkeeping and more. Children will get introduced to the rules of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game and develop new skills.

**INTRO TO MICRO 4-6 Y/O (YEAR 1)**  
 15 MIN CLASSES  
 \$50 FOR 6 WEEKS

The children develop skills for young players. They learn the rules of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game and develop new skills.

**MICRO 6-8 Y/O (YEAR 1 TO YEAR 3)**  
 15 MIN CLASSES  
 \$50 FOR 6 WEEKS

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

**AFTER SCHOOL (PRESCHOOL YEAR 6)**  
 15 MIN CLASSES  
 \$50 FOR 7 WEEKS

All the Grasshopper Soccer fun at school every day after school. Based on the Grasshopper Soccer Micro Program.

**Grasshopper SOCCER**

[GRASSHOPPER.COM.AU](http://GRASSHOPPER.COM.AU)

## Deebing Heights Defence School Mentor News

Last week Deebing Heights State School commemorated ANZAC Day with commemoration parades for the senior and junior students, families, community, and Defence personnel. We would like to sincerely thank, Squadron Leader Adam Cross, and Paul Rogers, Deputy President of Ipswich RSL, for taking time from your busy schedules to share the knowledge and history of ANZAC Day and express the importance of courage, endurance, equality, and mateship to the next generation.

We would like to particularly thank one of our staff members Mrs Binskin for donating two stunning sketches she drew of diggers to the school and Mr Nue for loaning his three service hats for display during the ANZAC ceremony. Thank you to the Defence students and their friends for contributing to the display in the school foyer.



Defence club will continue to run on Monday and Fridays during term 2 for defence students in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> breaks on Monday and Friday.

If your ADF member is away from home for service this term, please let me know or encourage your student to call into Defence club as we have planned activities to support them. This week will be working on something special, for Mother's Day.

Defence Member and Family Support Branch upcoming activities – tickets through Eventbrite app

- 4<sup>th</sup> May An ADF members and families webinar: Crisis and recovery
- 6<sup>th</sup> May An ADF families event: Mother's Day morning tea, Amberley
- Path to Wellbeing QLD RSL and DMFS: Creating Healthy Habits
- 17<sup>th</sup> MAY online event, please see your emails for details.

Kind Regards

Karen

**Defence School Mentor | Deebing Heights State School. Monday 8.30am-3pm and Friday 8.30am-3pm**

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ITEMS  
FROM  
\$2-\$10

# Mother's Day STALL

Wednesday 4th May

Thursday 5th May

## HALL MEETING ROOM

Students will shop during allocated class times. Please send your children along with some loose change to pick out a gift.

*Stall opening times:*

Thurs 4th May: 3-3:20pm | Fri 7th May: 8:30-8:50am



# 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



[Register free and book](#)

# Enriching Outside School Hours Experiences

At Camp Australia we guide children's growth before school, after school and on their holidays. Our engaged educators foster a safe, inclusive environment where the children can relax, have fun and grow.



## What is OSHC?

OSHC stands for Outside School Hours Care. An OSHC service provides education and care for primary school-age children (generally aged 5 to 12 years) outside school hours and during school holidays. Depending on your school, it can cover Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care.

At Camp Australia, our vision is 'To support families in achieving their dreams' and to do that we take a unique approach to OSHC based on over 30 years of experience.



## Tailored programs that children love

Our passionate educators observe and engage your child when designing the experiences they can expect in our service. Our tailored programs provide enrichment and enjoyment, and are centred around learning outcomes.

OSHC is a great place for your child to meet new friends and bond over shared interests. We design programs that bring children together so they can connect and grow outside school hours.

At Camp Australia, we understand that term time and holidays are two very different times in a child's year, so we have made a clear distinction in our service offerings.

*Your OSHC by Camp Australia* provides enriching experiences for children during term – before school, after school and on pupil free days. At *Your OSHC* we give children a supportive space to continue their development, build confidence and socialise with their friends.

*Rocketeers by Camp Australia* takes children on extraordinary adventures during their school holidays. The holidays are a child's time, and our exciting and varied Rocketeer's programs ensure that your child has the best school holidays.

## The most engaged Educators in OSHC

Our educators are passionate about inspiring children. Supported by a national team of specialists, they focus on providing a safe environment where children can learn, play and connect.

Encouraged to bring each of their own skillsets and passions into their services, they provide a stimulating and tailored experience.

## Easy, hassle-free care

Camp Australia's flexibility provides families with care, how and when you need it. Your OSHC Before School Care starts early in the morning, and After School Care goes into the evening and our Rocketeers school holiday programs run all day – so you can work around your life schedule.



# Your OSHC.

OSHC that Inspires.

Every program is tailored to the likes and interests of each child in our service. Our educators design experiences that will inspire your child's confidence, independence and imagination.



At Your OSHC, we provide enriching experiences that bookend your child's school day.

In any one week, children could be participating in science experiments, active play, creative expression and more – we believe in learning through experience so that each child can grow into who they want to be.



## Enriching and Tailored Programs

Every experience with Camp Australia is tailored to the unique children in our service. Underpinning these activities is Camp Australia's approach – the CA Way. Supported by frameworks such as My Time Our Place and The National Quality Standards, the CA Way is a structured approach to bringing programs to life - resulting in positive childhood experiences for children, and their subsequent learning outcomes.

To us, OSHC is a deliberate environment to guide children's growth.

Every session offers children the choice between different experiences including Sports, Construction, Art and Craft, Homework, Mindfulness and Games.

At Your OSHC, each term we also have at least one feature week like National Science Week, Your Creative Kids art week or National Recycling Week, and every holiday is a new mission at Rocketeers with showcase activities that will excite your child.

To find out more, speak to the Coordinator at your service who will be happy to take you through the detailed program for the service and answer any questions you may have.

For more information about the fees and times at your service you can also visit [campaustalia.com.au](http://campaustalia.com.au) and search for your school's service page.



## Food at Your OSHC and Rocketeers

Camp Australia provides children with a yummy, nutritious breakfast to make sure they start their day the right way, and a healthy and tasty afternoon snack to fuel young minds. As we cater to the likes and needs (dietary, religious and other) of the children in our service, every menu is different.

We're also passionate about cooking ensuring that, where possible, we try to incorporate at least 2 cooking experiences into our programs every week.



## ROCKETEERS

Extraordinary Holiday Adventures

The holidays are a child's time and Rocketeers is a space for children to escape the ordinary and experience the extraordinary during their school holidays.

Every school holiday break is a new mission for children to embark upon. Directed by the children, informed by family feedback and designed by our dedicated holiday crew - no two days

are the same with Rocketeers, with each day of the mission encountering new and exciting adventures that children love.

The Rocketeers experience is all about variety. Any given day could see your child competing in a sport carnival, cooking up a storm, experimenting with science and getting hands-on with construction.

To attend, your child doesn't need to be a student at the school where we operate. Visit [www.campaustalia.com.au](http://www.campaustalia.com.au) to find a Rocketeers location near you.



## Registration is FREE!

To attend our care, families must register their child.

**Why?** Registering your child means we have all the information we need to safely care for them. So, we recommend all families to register an account with us. That way, if you ever need us, you just have to book a session, as we already have all the documentation we need from you.

To register, visit [campaaustralia.com.au](http://campaaustralia.com.au). When starting your registration process, please consider:

- Do you have a Customer Reference Number (CRN) from the Department of Human Services?
- Does your child have any medical certificates/ documents?
- Medical information - do you have details of your family doctor?
- Do you have any Court Order documents?

Also ensure:

- You have your payment details at hand
- You have your Child Immunisation Certificates ready to upload

But don't worry, you can always resume your saved registration at a time that suits you.



## We recommend to always book in advance.

To secure your children's spot, we encourage you to make your bookings in advance. As we operate a childcare service governed by the Education and Care National Law and Regulations, we can only operate our services within Educator to child ratios and licensed space. The more notice we have on bookings, the better able we are to staff the service to meet your needs.

It is easy to make and manage your bookings 24/7 through our Parent Portal or Parent Portal smartphone app. Simply log onto [pp.campaaustralia.com.au](http://pp.campaaustralia.com.au) or head over to your native app store and search for Camp Australia.

Alternatively, you can call our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343. The team are available from 8am – 9pm, 7 days a week – Except National Public Holidays.



## Child Care Subsidy

Did you know you can reduce the cost of care with a Government subsidy?

We strongly recommend you apply for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) to determine whether you're eligible. Your eligibility for the subsidy is determined by:

- Your family's annual adjusted taxable income
- An activity test
- The type of childcare service

To find out if you are eligible, simply log into MyGov and complete your Child Care Subsidy Assessment.

## Fees and Times

To find out about the fees and operating hours at your service, please visit our website at [campaaustralia.com.au](http://campaaustralia.com.au) and search for your school.



## The Parent Portal app

Our industry leading Parent Portal app gives you complete access to your Camp Australia account.

Featuring a simplified booking process, easy-access billing and the ability to update your and your child's details – it's unrivalled access at your fingertips. Download the app now on the App Store or get it on Google Play.



- Simple booking calendar.
- Stress-free billing.
- Manage your account with ease.
- Contact your service with one touch.

