



DEEBING HEIGHTS STATE SCHOOL

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Principal – Andrew McDonald

Fortnight ending Thursday 16th March, 2023

Our Vision

Excellence in Teaching



Excellence in Learning



Excellence in Partnerships



Our Shared Beliefs

All teachers can teach to high standards, given the right assistance

All students can achieve high standards, given the right support at the right time

Excellence is achieved through collaboration not isolation

Our Priorities

Incorporate evidence based, high impact teaching strategies into our instructional program

A focus on growth, impact and inclusion

A focus on vertical collaboration, capability development and external partnerships

3A Ayash R
3A Zahlee W
3B Elaina P
3B Joanne J
3D Duke N
3D Taya R
4A Allen J
4A Caitlin M
4B Abigail F
4B Layla M
4C Izzy P
4C Josh
4/5A Levi M
4/5A Samuel G
5A Archer M
5A Ella S
5B Charlotte L
5B Gavan C
5/6A Lafaele L
5/6A Mallydia N
6A Charlotte B
6A Malachi C
6B Abigail H
6B Clara D

Prep A Enrick S
Prep A Quinn B
Prep B Lionel L
Prep B Tiara D
Prep C Kaleah S
Prep C Noah B
Prep D Ayla B
Prep D Joey S
1A Adelyn F
1A Hayden K
1B Blaze E
1B Elaina B
1C Aria J
1C Vincent H
1D Belle L
1D Noble T
2A Eden M
2A Levi M
2B Summer B
2B Kobe D
2C Walter P
2C Alisha A
2D Alexander S
2D Bobbi M

Student Absence Line: 3280 3266

2022 Term Dates

Term 1

23 January—31st March

Term 2

17th April— 23rd June

Term 3

10th July—15th September

Term 4

3rd October— 8th December

Parade

9am Friday

P&C Meetings

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

Date Claimers

Harmony Day—24th March
P&C Pyjama Disco—24th March
Interschool Sport—24th March to 16th June
Cross Country Yr 3-6—28th March
NAPLAN—15th to 27th March
Rewards Day— 31st March
Easter Parade—31st March
Last day of Term— 31st March
School Returns—17th April



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN testing this week



Congratulations to our year 3 and 5 students for putting in a great effort with their NAPLAN Testing this fortnight, from 15-27 March. Further information is available on the [ACARA web-site](http://www.nap.edu.au/). (<http://www.nap.edu.au/>)

As it is NAPLAN this week, I remind parents again that, research shows students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Visit the Department of Education and Training website for more information: www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts

P&C

At the P&C's last meeting, the Annual General Meeting was held. Thank you to Christine Stevens (President), Jade Franklin (Vice President) and Chantal Nicholson (Secretary) for continuing as our P&C Executive. Unfortunately the Treasurer position was not filled at the Annual General Meeting. The Treasurer supports the financial management of the P&C. If you are interested in the Treasurer position, please contact the P&C at pandc@deebingheightsss.eq.edu.au.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day will be held on Friday 24 March. Harmony Day/Week is a time to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity because everyone belongs. Join us in celebrating our school's multiculturalism! Students are encouraged to wear orange to recognise Harmony Day. Visit the [Harmony Week web-site](#) for more information. Normally we celebrate the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence with Harmony Day, but from this year, the National Day of Action has moved to 18 August.



HARMONY WEEK

CELEBRATES HOW ALL
OF OUR DIFFERENCES
MAKE AUSTRALIA A
GREAT PLACE TO LIVE!

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Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be offered at the end of this term to discuss student progress and to discuss future goals and ways to support your child's learning. Please keep an eye out for further information regarding Parent Teacher Interviews.

Support for families



We all need a helping hand from time to time. Oneplace is an online community services directory created to help Queenslanders easily find local support.

There are more than 58,000 services listed in Oneplace offering support with parenting, domestic and family violence, legal and financial issues, mental health and counselling, housing and food assistance. Oneplace highlights all the information you need to know, including the distance from your current location to a service, the cost of the service, any eligibility requirements and transport options. The best part is that Oneplace is easy to use and it's free.

From The Deputy Principal

Harmony Day – wear orange on Friday 24th March

Harmony Day is a special day that celebrates unity and diversity in Australia and around the world. It is about inclusiveness, respect and creating a sense of belonging for everyone, regardless of their cultural or ethnic background.

Harmony Day is an opportunity for us to learn from each other, share our stories and experiences, and appreciate the richness and variety of our multicultural society. Harmony Day is also a chance for us to stand up against racism and discrimination, and promote equality and social justice for all.

On Friday 24th March, we will celebrate Harmony Day by **wearing orange**, which is the official colour of harmony. Students are encouraged to wear something orange on the day and will participate in classroom activities to acknowledge this important day.

We can also show our support for harmony by being kind, respectful and friendly to everyone we meet, and by speaking up when we see or hear something that is unfair or hurtful.

In the past we have acknowledged the National Day Against Bullying and Violence on the same day as Harmony Day. Please note that this day of action has been moved to August.

We look forward to joining together to celebrate our differences and similarities, and to recognise that everyone belongs this Harmony Day.



How we teach reading at our school

The science of reading is a body of evidence that explains how and why people learn to read. We all agree that learning to read proficiently is fundamental to a student's success at school and in later life.

Understanding the cognitive science behind how students learn to read and the research on effective instruction is a priority for the teachers at Deebing Heights State School. This week teaching staff participated in professional learning based on research from experts in the field such as Pamela Snow and Jennifer Buckingham. By using evidence based professional development, teachers can deliver the best outcomes for our students.

I am constantly in awe of the quality of teaching and learning in our school and am really pleased to report that this doesn't end with our students. All of us are life-long learners and not a day passes when we are not open to evaluating and reflecting on what we do and what we need to do to take our teaching from good to great.

Rewards Day

As the end of term approaches, lots of students are thinking about Rewards Day. This is a celebration for students who **consistently display** appropriate positive behaviour and follow Deebing Heights State School rules; Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe and Be a Learner.

This term P-2 students will participate in an Easter Hunt while 3-6 students are rewarded with an inter-class game on the oval. Please chat with your child about making positive choices and staying on track for Rewards Day.

Rewards Day will be held on the last day of term.

SCHOOL RULES

We are LEARNERS

We are RESPECTFUL

We are RESPONSIBLE

We are SAFE

Student Resource Scheme (SRS) Fees are now due.

Families who haven't yet paid for their child's SRS have received a reminder letter in their email.

Payment plans are available, please contact Nikki Mensforth by emailing bsm@deebingheightss.eq.edu.au or fill out a form at the office.

The SRS includes access to Reading Eggs and Mathletics, as well as art supplies, books for the Spelling Mastery program and stationery for Prep students

Families who choose not to participate in the SRS must supply these resources to the school instead, you can receive a list of materials to supply from Admin.

Students with unpaid SRS at the end of term, or with no active payment plan in place, may have their access to SRS resources, Reading Eggs and Mathletics suspended.



SPORTING NEWS

The last couple of weeks has been busy with various sporting trials for South Zone, Western Ranges and MetWest for Touch, Cricket, AFL, Basketball and Netball.

Congratulations to the following students for making representative teams:

Western Ranges Cricket Team: Colten R

South Zone Basketball Team : Colten R

Western Ranges Touch: Sophie M

South Zone Netball Team: Sophie M, Seizha H, Chloe W, and Ella S.
Jessica J

South Zone Touch: Elijah D, Dash M, Sophie M and Ethan H.

Western Ranges AFL Team: Cooper L

Boys South Zone 10-11 Rugby League team: Bentley T

Year 5-6 UNITE Challenges in PE: The block.

All students were separated into teams on their 'block of land'.

Challenge: Build freestanding house of hoops, hoops only. It cannot collapse when touched. Bonus points if someone is able to stand or put part of their body in it without it collapsing. They also need to create a clothesline and hang the extra bibs there.

They can only get 1 item from Bunnings at a time and must take 2 people to go to Bunnings. 1 person had to drive the car (scooter board) and the other person can only grab one item. They had to enter Bunnings through the highway and entrance to Bunnings.

I placed a limited amount of each equipment (but heaps of hoops). So if they didn't plan well they may end up with 1 agility pole and needed two to make a clothesline.



Grades 3-6 Cross Country

Tuesday 28th March (Week 10)

Morning Session

Junior classes cross country will be held in PE lessons in Week 9.

Year 3 Paradise Excursion



On Monday the 6th of March, our year 3 students headed to Paradise Country for a fun-filled day of learning and animal interaction.

When we arrived, we were welcomed with a morning tea which included a delicious freshly baked damper with sultanas. Soon after, the students headed to the farm animal exhibit. We listened to a talk on goats, sheep and guineapigs before heading out into the petting areas to pat the soft goats and fluffy sheep. We were super excited to be able to watch the whip cracking, boomerang throwing, cattle dog rounding and cow milking during the first show of the day. Next, we headed to the communal grounds where we sat around the fire and learnt the tricks of the trade to master a billy tea. Then we watched the Stockhorse Show which taught us all of the useful tricks that a stockhorse can complete to help out the farmers.



In the afternoon, we listened very quietly to a talk on koalas and reptiles. We made sure to stay quiet so we didn't scare the vulnerable koala. Shortly after, we entered the Wild-life Walkabout exhibit that housed kangaroos, more koalas and Tasmanian devils. We roamed freely as we interacted with the kangaroos and looked in on the koala and Tasmanian devil's enclosures. The next two stops were dingos and meerkats. We listened to information about their habitat, diet and behaviours. To end the day, we attended Shaun's Aussie Adventure show. We learnt about the Save A Mate gang and watched as they worked together to save echidna from the top of Uluru.



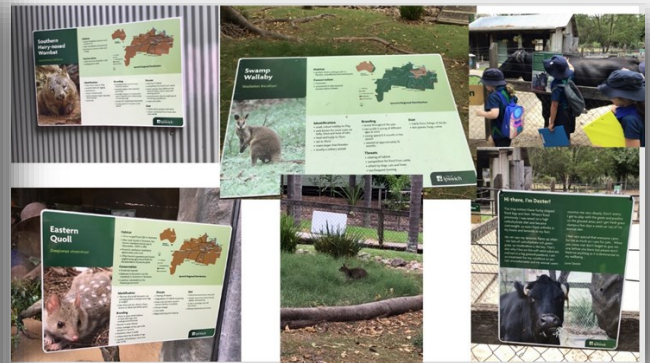
Year 3 students had a wonderful time at Paradise Country and are keen to put the knowledge learnt into their English writing in the next few weeks.



Year 1 Queens Park Nature Centre Excursion



Year 1 had a wonderful day at Queens Park Nature Centre last Wednesday 8th of March. Students identified animals and the ways we can all help conserve and protect their habitats. Students thoroughly enjoyed the day gathering knowledge and information.



LET'S GET STARTED!

HARMONY WEEK

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DHSS will be taking part in Harmony Week on **Friday the 24th of March**. The theme for this year is 'Living In Harmony', with the slogan being "Everybody Belongs". If you would like to participate, students, staff and the community are all welcome to wear orange on next **Friday 24th March**.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

MUSIC CLUBS

Due to very little interest in Jnr music club, all students from years 2-6 are welcome to join in at both music club practice sessions.

Music Club sessions: Monday & Wednesday 2nd break

UPCOMING PERFORMANCE: Friday 24th March for Harmony Day/ National Day of Action Against Bullying, students in the Senior Music Club will perform at Assembly. Please wear orange.

Class Drama Performances

Students from all year levels are beginning preparation for their class drama performances. This is a time where students get to dress up and have fun performing in different roles for their assessments.

While it is not absolutely necessary, students from **some** year levels are allowed to bring in costume items from home (in a labelled bag), with the permission of a guardian.

Years 2 & 3 are focusing on particular coloured clothing to represent their character.

Years 4 – 6 are taking on varied roles, which may or may not need particular clothing. Each student is aware of their role and whether they would like something from home or not.

*Clothing must be appropriate – appropriate lengths of shirts and pants/skirts, including shoulder coverage please.



P-2 Easter Bonnet Parade 2023

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Hundreds of years ago the custom of the Easter Parade began as a religious tradition. Everyone welcomed new members by singing and by wearing their best clothes and hats. Today Easter parades are not only for religious purposes. All over the world, Easter is celebrated by parades of people wearing fancy Easter bonnets. In keeping with this theme, Deebling Heights State School is holding a special Easter Bonnet parade. We invite parents and friends to come along and join in our Easter celebration.

The parade will be held on **Friday March 31 at 9am**.

Prep to Year 2 classes will be invited to parade their Easter bonnet or hat. Students will be given the opportunity to create a bonnet at school however, if you wish, you may create your own bonnet at home with your child.

Each student who participates in our Easter Bonnet parade will receive a raffle ticket to enter the draw where one lucky student from each year level will win a special prize.

Please notify your child's classroom teacher if you do not want your child to participate in this activity.

Yours Kindly

The P-2 Teachers of Deebling Heights State School

Join us for a disco and **PARTY IN YOUR PJ'S!**

Friday 24th March

Prep- Yr 2 5pm-6:15pm

Yr 3-6 6:30-8:30pm

Entry only \$6

Entry & Meal deal \$10

Sausage, Popper, Giant Freddo & 2 glow bracelets

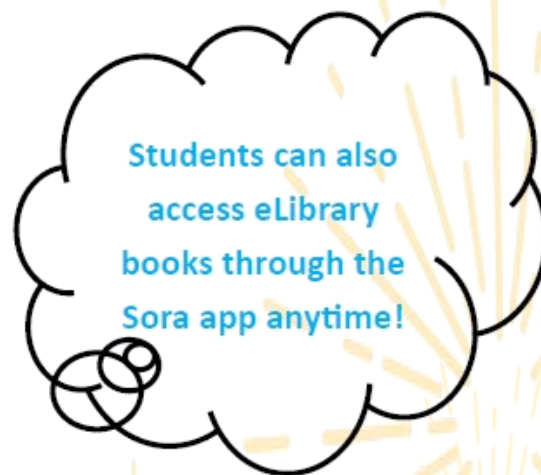
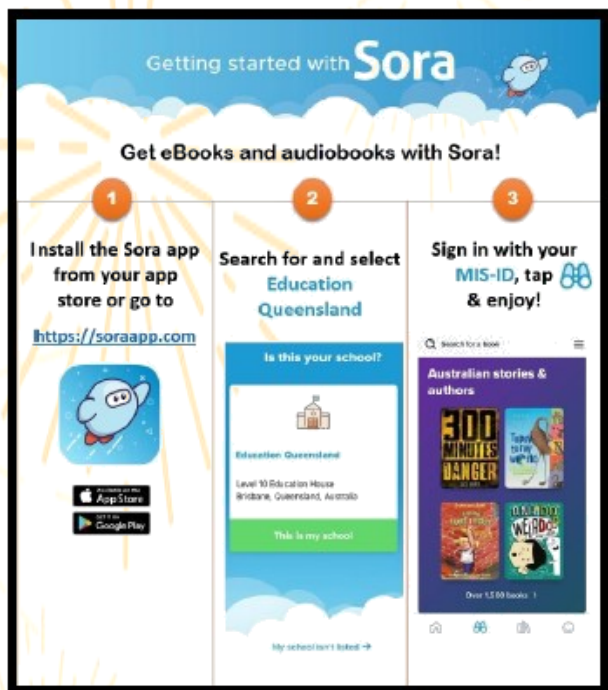
**Cash
&
Eftpos**

**Glow Items
for sale**

**Food & Drinks
Available
on the night**

**Meal Deal orders MUST be placed on QKR by 3pm Tuesday
21st March. ***NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN*****

DHSS STUDENTS ONLY



COMMUNITY NOTICES

2024 Excellence Academy Trial Day

Ripley Valley State Secondary College

Providing young aspiring students opportunity to develop, apply and improve their skills and knowledge in Dance, Esport, STEM and Football/Futsal

To register, please complete EOI application form through weblink: <https://ripleyvalleyssc.schoolzineplus.com/form/237>

Dance



IGNITE



Trial Dates: 24th March, 9th June & 8th September

Football



eSport



JOIN THE BLUES

COME & TRY HOCKEY
FOR FREE



HANCOCK



BROTHERS

TRAINING IS EVERY THURSDAY STARTING FEBRUARY 2ND 2023

AT IPSWICH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Primary School Aged from 5:00pm | High School Aged from 5:45pm

For our come & try training afternoons, children will only need closed in shoes and a water bottle.
We have hockey sticks available for children to borrow.

Season starts 17-19 March 2023

To register, visit: www.revolutionise.com.au/hancockbrothers/registration/

To contact us, email: hbcsecretary@gmail.com



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MISSION IX PROGRAM

Deebing Heights State School

Address: 81 Rawlings Road DEEBING HEIGHTS QLD 4306

Phone: 0439 063 730 **Program Times:** 06:00 am - 06:00 pm



ROCKETEERS

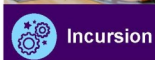
Extraordinary Holiday Adventures

**Mon
03 Apr**

Mission: Takeoff IX

Calling all racers! Get ready to rev up your engine and get into the Grand Prix spirit. Build your own racing track puzzle and a friction race car – and there's also a car photo booth for fully-loaded fun! Will you be our next race champion?

Full Fee \$71.90 | After Max. CCS* \$10.79



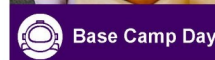
Incursion

**Tue
04 Apr**

Operation: Bunny Hop

Hop into Base Camp! Come and explore art and craft activities to make your own egg-cellent creations for the season. It'll be a day filled with all things bunnies! So, what are you waiting for? Hop to it and let's have an awesome day!

Full Fee \$59.90 | After Max. CCS* \$8.99



Base Camp Day

**Wed
05 Apr**

Adventure: The Great Rocketeers Challenge

This one is for thrill seekers and fearless warriors! From team building games, a giant obstacle course and rock climbing to Gladiator-style battle challenges, do you have what it takes to be the next Rocketeers Survivor?

Full Fee \$102.90 | After Max. CCS* \$15.44



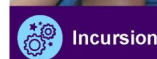
Excursion

**Thu
06 Apr**

Experience Takeover: The Wild Aussie Show

The wild is calling you! Experience a show with live native Australian animals featuring lots of reptiles. From crocodiles to lizards and snakes and more, you'll learn amazing facts and even get to pet some!

Full Fee \$81.40 | After Max. CCS* \$12.21



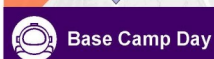
Incursion

**Tue
11 Apr**

Operation: Handball Championships

Get pumped! Our Handball Championships have begun! Do you have what it takes to become our next Handball champion? Winners will be off to the Regional Championships to compete with the best!

Full Fee \$69.90 | After Max. CCS* \$10.49



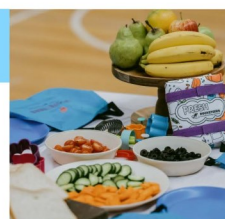
Base Camp Day

**Wed
12 Apr**

Project: Sandwich Master Class

Become a Sandwich Master and show off your delicious creation! Using healthy ingredients with shaped cutters, it's all hands-on fun. You'll make your own custom chef's hat and an eco-friendly sandwich keeper you can use for school and beyond!

Full Fee \$79.40 | After Max. CCS* \$11.91



Incursion

**Thu
13 Apr**

Adventure: Wild Putt 'n Play at Ecopark

Get ready for BIG fun at Ecopark as we have a fun day out playing mini golf, feeding the birds and animals, and playing some jumbo-sized board games!

Full Fee \$94.90 | After Max. CCS* \$14.24



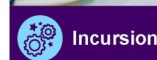
Excursion

**Fri
14 Apr**

Project: Hoop & Bounce

Bring your A-game to our Base Camp! Decorate your own basketball hoop and dunk if you dare. Then make your own bouncing ball using crystals and water! Want more? Our in-house arcade basketball game will wrap up your day in slam dunkin' style!

Full Fee \$79.40 | After Max. CCS* \$11.91



Incursion

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