

Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 3

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to families, students and staff. A very special welcome to our new students and families. We are very excited about 2023! We are really looking forward to working with you all in some capacity. Our main form of communication will be the fortnightly newsletter which will be emailed, along with a hard copy sent home.

Principal Report

Social Emotional Learning – You Can Do It!

At Deepwater PS we encourage and promote resilient life-long learners. We have a long standing social and emotional wellbeing and positive rewards program called You Can Do It! (YCDI). The YCDI qualities we teach, model, acknowledge, reward and award are; **Organisation, Resilience, Getting Along, Confidence,** and **Persistence**. You will have already noticed that students are receiving Good News Stories which provide a brief description of how a student has been spotted displaying a YCDI quality. Please encourage conversation about these Good News Stories. We look forward to sharing more information about our You Can Do It! system with you throughout our future newsletters.



School and Office Hours

The Forbes Street gate opens at 8:30 and there is minimal supervision between 8:30 and 8:45 while teachers plan and prepare their learning materials for the day. Students must remain under the shade shelter until full supervision and morning play commences at 8:45 am. There is no requirement for students to be at school before 8:30 unless utilising Before School Care.

Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 am until

3:30 pm. The Office is closed on Wednesdays. We do have an answering machine so please leave a message because we check these at recess, lunch and before home time.

Annual Walking, Cooking, Emergency Contacts Notes and other relevant notes

Last week some important notes went home. Please return these as soon as possible. Thank you to families who have already returned notes. The permission to publish remains current for returning families. However, if you need to change this, please contact the office.

Fridge for Students

Students have access to a fridge on the verandah of the classroom. They are encouraged to utilise this, especially in the warmer months.

TheirCdre Before and After School Care

TheirCare have hit the ground running with a FANTASTIC Before and After School Care program, as requested by parents in school consultation feedback surveys! This service provides breakfast, afternoon tea and plenty of FUN games and activities in-between.

TheirCare along with Deepwater PS encourage all families to register with this service in case of emergencies.

Please keep an eye out for future correspondence from the TheirCare Educator.

Key Learning Areas

Below is a summary of the units of work students will be studying this term.

English

In English this term we are studying a range of quality picture books which all have the common theme of friendship and gardens. Students will make personal connections and develop knowledge of text and language features as they engage in a range of speaking and listening tasks as well as reading activities. Students will develop and adjust their oral language skills and vocabulary for the written mode when composing their own texts. Written texts will include descriptions, event sequences and a narrative.











<u>Happy Birthday</u> Samantha 7th Jan Oliver 1st Feb Torah 1st Feb

Mathematics

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This semester we will continue to implement the new syllabus in line with the curriculum reform. There is a strong focus on working mathematically and finding connections across different maths strands to enrich learning experiences. Students will engage in hands on learning through targeted activities for each outcome.

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This semester students will engage in learning activities in line with the new syllabus. Working mathematically skills are embedded across the strands of maths to teach students communicating, reasoning, problem solving and understanding. The maths learning areas are number and algebra, measurement and space, statistics and probability.

Science

In Science this term, students are learning all about 'Pollination' and how important the transfer of pollen is between flowering plants and reproduction. We have planted our broad bean seeds in clear plastic cups, which allows us all to observe what happens when our seeds begin to open and the root system begins to grow. Not only have our roots systems grown but we have very healthy green shoots above the surface of the soil. This week we are exploring the important role bees play in the pollination of plants.

We have also started our "Science Curiosity Table" which involves the students bringing along some things or objects that they have found or are interested in. Already some students have contributed to our collection and we are enjoying sharing, observing and displaying our 'curious' items. Please encourage your child/children to continue bringing their interesting scientific items along to school, so that we can continue to discuss, hypothesise and perhaps come to conclusions!

History and Geography

History and Geography will be taught in term 2.

Personal Development Health and Physical Education

In PDH we are building on our knowledge around the concept of Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds. Students will make connections with our English texts and science content. They will engage in planning and preparing the school vegie garden to then be able to cook some simple, healthy and delicious foods. Students will learn about making simple swaps and all about the importance of eating the colours of the rainbow.

Creative and Performing Arts

This term our music program has a focus on Scotland. Students will be learning about Scottish music and instruments. They will have opportunities to listen, respond to and compose music. Students are learning a song called 'Three Craws' which is a Scottish nursery rhyme. Students will perform this song at the Glen Innes Celtic Festival.

Sport

This term our sports focus is on Tennis. We will have a tennis coach come and teach students some drills and skills specific to tennis. Mr B has turned our undercover COLA into a half size tennis court for students to practise at recess and lunch.

Canteen is available each Friday.

Contact the school if you need a menu.

Term I	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4	13 th Feb	14 th Feb Play group @ 9.30am	15 th Feb	16 th Feb Book club due	17 th Feb Library day Sports day Canteen Homework due
Week 5	20st Feb	21 nd Feb Play group @ 9.30am School Counsellor	22 rd Feb	23 th Feb	24 th Feb Library day Sports day Canteen Homework due
Week 6	27 th Feb	28 th Feb Play group @ 9.30am	1 st Mar	2 nd Mar	3 rd Mar Library day Sports day Canteen Scripture Homework due
Week 7	6 th Mar	7 th Mar Play group @ 9.30am	8 th Mar	9 th Mar	10 th Mar Library day Sports day Canteen Homework due
Week 8	13 th Mar	14 th Mar Play group @ 9.30am	15 th Mar	16 th Mar	17 th Mar Library day Sports day Canteen Scripture Homework due













Learning is fun!







Brimmed Hats All students must bring and wear their brimmed school hat each day. Our school sun safe policy is, "No hat...play in the shade!"

Back to School Vouchers are accepted at school for uniforms.

Playgroup

Every Tuesday at 9.30am Run by CentraCare and it's free! Come along and have some fun! Next week we will be painting with ice.



Expressions of Interest – Term 1 Parent Teacher Meeting

As we get to know your child and their learning needs, we'd love to have a chat about making some personalised learning goals for English, mathematics and a social area. Please complete and return this EOI <u>if</u> you would like a PT meeting so we can start to organise these for later in the term.

Student/s name:



Encourage children to 'Eat A Rainbow'

Offering a wide range of colours in children's food is not only visually appealing, but also ensures that they are receiving a great variety of nutrients!

Encourage children to eat a rainbow and incorporate different coloured fruit and vegetables during Crunch&Sip at school.



Fruit and vegetables are colourful, with each colour providing different health benefits.

Purple/Blue	Red	Orange/yellow	Green	Brown/white
Healthy heart + brain	Healthy heart + brain	Healthy eyesight +	Healthy eyesight +	Healthy heart + bones
& memory function Beetroot Red cabbage Blackberries Blueberries Purple grapes Plums	Tomato Red capsicum Strawberries Cherries Raspberries Watermelon Red apples	immunity_ Carrot Rockmelon Sweet potato Pumpkin Pineapple Mango Corn Orange Peaches Nectarine Apricot	<u>immunity</u> Spinach Avocado Green apple Green grapes Peas/ Snow Peas Broccoli Kiwi fruit Celery Cucumber Green Capsicum Beans	Cauliflower Brown pears Mushroom White peaches Bananas Potatoes Dates Parsnips
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