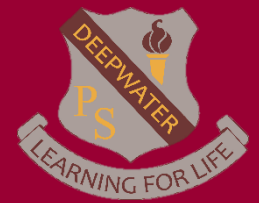




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Term 1 Week 5

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Relieving Teaching Principal's Report

This year is 140 years since the founding of Deepwater Public School. It seems fitting to have a theme running through the year where we learn about the history of the school. Students will be researching and learning, and during 2024 we will bring to you the interesting information they discover.

Tennis Lessons

We will be walking to the courts this Friday for our tennis lessons. Please return any outstanding walking permission notes. The staff accompanying will be Mrs Wheatley, Mrs Karen Carr and myself. Our coach, Greg, and his assistant, Bethanie, will provide all the equipment. Students are improving in their skills and some are also improving in their squeals and shrieks each time they connect with the ball, a la Maria Sharipova.

Classroom routines

This year we have 21 students, as follows: 5 in Kinder, 2 in Year 1, 3 in Year 2, 3 in Year 3, 3 in Year 4, 4 in Year 5 and 1 in Year 6.

Mondays to Thursdays start with English in the first session, until recess, then Maths is in the second session, up to lunch time. In the afternoons, the students have lessons in Creative Arts (Monday – Mrs Carlile), Geography (Tuesday – Mrs Carlile), Science (Wednesday - Mrs Johansen) and Personal Development and Health (Thursday- Mrs Thomas).

On Mondays to Thursdays, the class starts and ends the day as one, but breaks into groups for explicit teaching during English and Maths.

On Fridays, we have tennis in the first session, spelling tests, library and wellbeing in the middle session and scripture alternating week about with Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM).

The following teachers are on class:

Mondays and Tuesdays Mrs Carlile, Ms Slattery.

Wednesdays Mrs Carlile, Mrs Thomas, Ms Slattery. Mrs Johansen conducts Kindergarten Best Start Assessments.

Thursdays Mrs Thomas, Ms Slattery

Fridays Mrs Wheatley (when available), Ms Slattery

Introduction to the Classroom

On Monday afternoon 11th March from 3.10 to 3.40 pm, I'll hold an Introduction to the Classroom Meeting where I'll explain and show you the classroom organization, the timetable, and the syllabuses, including the new English and Maths syllabuses for Years 3 to 6. The children can come as well and help me show you how we work and learn together.

Student Leadership

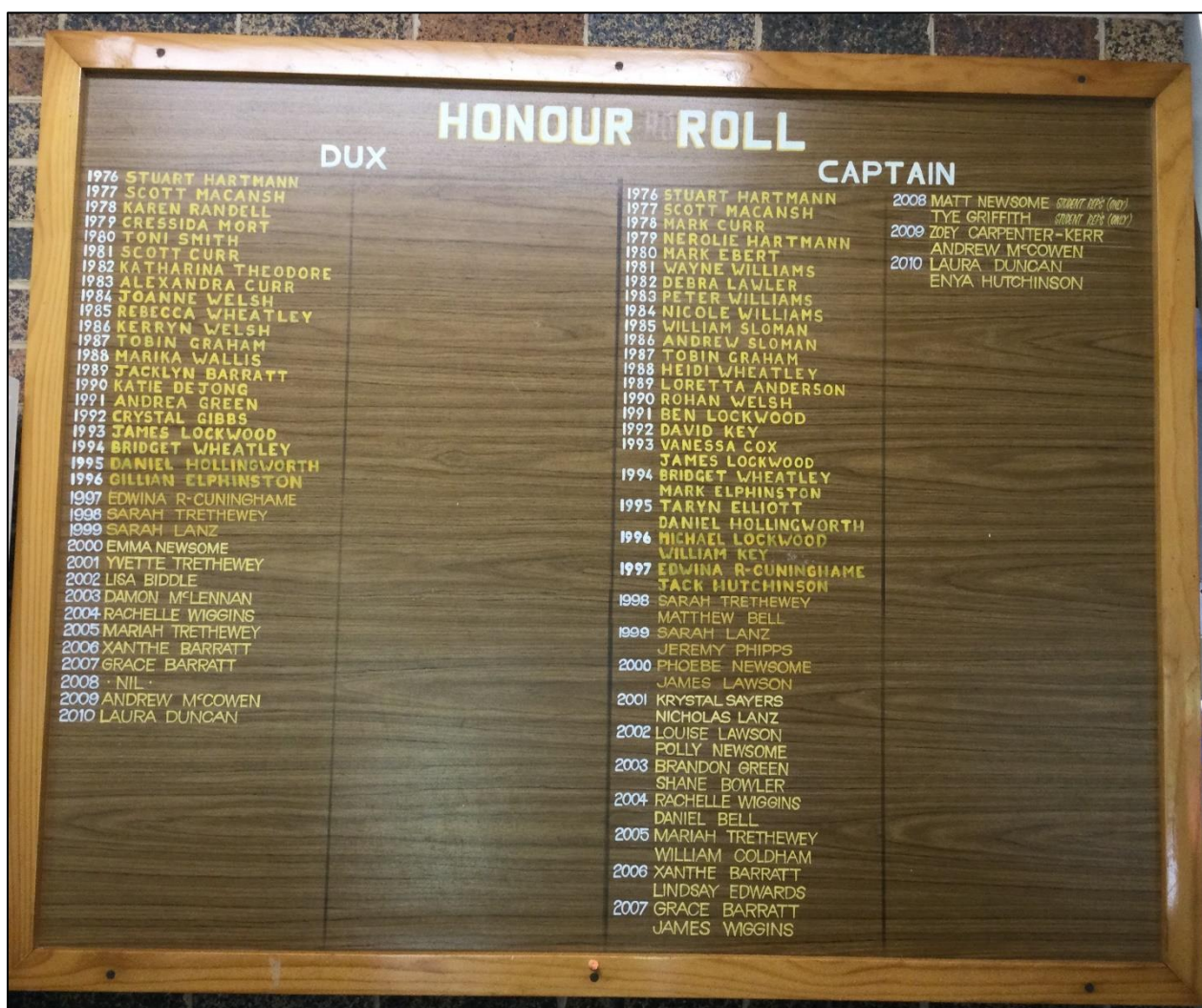
I would like to propose adding an extra level to the existing student leadership structure.

Recently I was impacted by the recollections of a former pupil, now a successful business owner, who told me with enormous pride that he had attended Deepwater PS as a child, that he had been school captain and his name is still on the honour board in the school. I found his name and each time I see it, I recall his deep connection to this little school.

Being captain has an effect that lasts. It has the power to build a child's positive self-image and to improve their future lives.

Our lovely board contains the names of many now prominent citizens, and our students enjoy picking out the people they know and telling their stories. These past captains obviously inspire our young people. We are in the process of updating this board and any help would be appreciated. If you have any information from 2010 on the missing details below, please contact the office.

Please contact me if you have any concerns about a proposal to reinstate school captains to the student leadership structure.



Director's Visit

Our Director of Educational Leadership, Mr Chris Bice, will be visiting the school next Monday 4th March. He will meet staff and students and maybe help us paint during art. I think we can find a spare paint shirt.

Until next week, take care.

Von

Ms Veronica Slattery

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5	26 th Feb Kinder Best Start Assessments	27 th Feb	28 th Feb	29 th Feb	1 st Mar Library Scripture Canteen → Tennis at local courts
Week 6	4 th Mar Playgroup @ 9.30am	5 th Mar	6 th Mar	7 th Mar Glenrac Bush Kids First Aid 9.15am	8 th Mar Musical performance at GIWIS Library Canteen
Week 7	11 th Mar Playgroup @ 9.30am	12 th Mar	13 th Mar Naplan Yrs 3 & 5	14 th Mar	15 th Mar Library Scripture Canteen → Tennis at local courts Theircare closed today
Week 8	18 th Mar Naplan Playgroup @ 9.30am	19 th Mar	20 th Mar P & C AGM new date	21 st Mar Harmony Day	22 nd Mar Library Canteen → Tennis at local courts
Week 9	25 th Mar Naplan Playgroup @ 9.30am	26 th Mar	27 th Mar	28 th Mar	29 th Mar Good Friday
Week 10	1 st Apr Easter Monday	2 nd Apr Life Education Van visit – Healthy Harold	3 rd Apr	4 th Apr	5 th Apr Small Schools Cross Country at Red Range PS.
Week 11	8 th Apr Playgroup @ 9.30am	9 th Apr	10 th Apr	11 th Apr ANZAC day event at GIWIS	12 th Apr Library Scripture Canteen Tennis at local courts Last day term 1



Reminder

Friday is Library day

Bring your bags to borrow and return books



Chase loved sharing with the students Ms Karen's wobbeongs shark jaw.



A fresh start for the new year

Our school is proud to be a SWAP IT school - encouraging students to eat everyday foods to help them grow, learn and play!

Start the year strong by packing lunchboxes full of everyday foods and drinks.

What's in an everyday lunchbox?

- **Veg & Fruit Break:** Fresh vegetables or fruit
- **Recess:** Vegetables or fruit and one other everyday snack e.g. air-popped popcorn, reduced fat yoghurt, rice crackers
- **Lunch:** A sandwich, wrap, roll or alternative such as pasta salad
- **Drink:** Water and/or plain milk
- **Something to keep the lunchbox cool:** e.g. an ice brick

An everyday lunchbox gives kids energy to learn and play all day at school.

