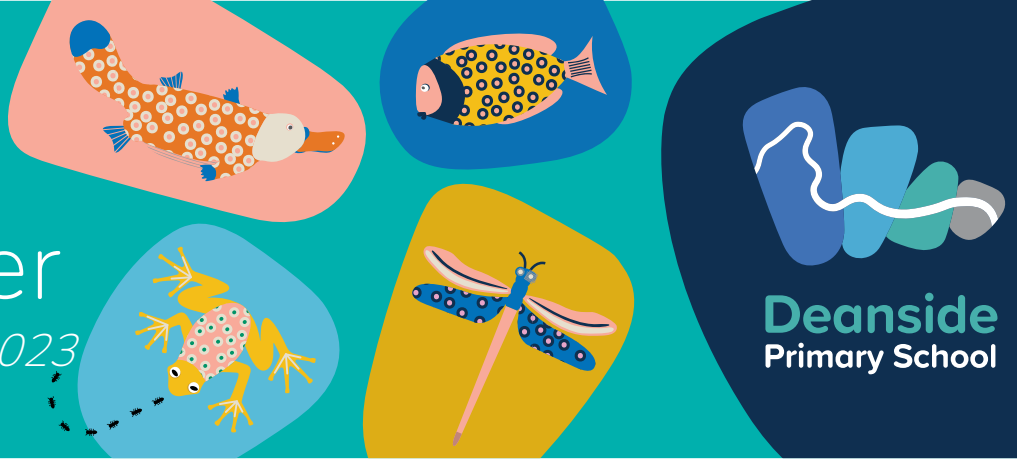


Week 4, Term 3

# Newsletter

Friday 4th August 2023



## Important Dates

- Monday 7th August- Tuesday 8th August: Teeth on Wheels
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August: Science Week
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August: Teeth on Wheels
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August- School Council
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August: Book Week & Book Fair
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August: Grade 5/6 Interschool Sports
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August: Incursion- Author Visit – Amy Adeney
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September: 5/6 Interschool Sports

## Principal Report

Dear Deanside Community

In the blink of an eye, a fortnight has passed, and we are putting together another bumper edition of our fortnightly newsletter. Grab yourself a 'cuppa' and catch up with all the latest news.

### NAPLAN results

This year, the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has introduced new standards for NAPLAN reporting. Four proficiency standards have replaced the previous 10 numerical bands and national minimum standards used in previous years' reporting:

Exceeding: the student's result exceeds expectations at the time of testing.

Strong: the student's result meets challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.

Developing: the student's result indicates that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.

Needs additional support: the student's result indicates that they are not achieving the learning outcomes expected at the time of testing.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate our Grade 3 and 5 students on the way they have tried their personal best to achieve their highest possible results.

I would like to thank all the teachers who have supported these students through their educational journey.

More than half of the students are exceeding or strong results on the proficiency scale. We look forward to unpacking this data further to ensure we can continue to target the individual needs of our students learning.

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## Students of the Week Week 2 - Term 3

Prep A – Guntas Manes

Prep B – Madhav Shah

1/2A - Yehen Jayasundara  
Mudiyanselage

1/2B - Jaxon Abramiuk

1/2C - Maniana Tofilau-Peau

1/2D – Jye Abramiuk

3/4A – Shreya Raj

3/4B – Akachi Mathew

5/6A – Ozgur Kizilkan

5/6B – Lj Johnson

5/6C - Aj Johnson

Grade 3 (15 students)

Exceeding or strong students: Reading: 73%

Exceeding or strong students: Writing: 76%

Exceeding or strong students: Spelling: 80%

Exceeding or strong students: Grammar & Punctuation: 60%

Exceeding or strong students: Numeracy: 50%

Grade 5 (17 students)

Exceeding or strong students: Reading: 67%

Exceeding or strong students: Writing: 50%

Exceeding or strong students: Spelling: 53%

Exceeding or strong students: Grammar & Punctuation: 53%

Exceeding or strong students: Numeracy: 53%

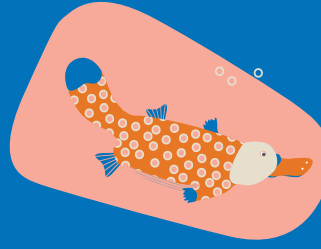
2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese



## Road Safety

I cannot stress the importance of being a cautious driver when driving around school zones. Children can be very unpredictable and sometimes their instincts to walk across the road or chase a ball are difficult to control. I urge families to slow down when coming and going from the school so that accidents do not occur.

I also want families to take great care when turning from Meadows Drive on Taylors Road. This intersection is a very busy one between 3:30pm and 4:00pm. Please slow down, be patient and wait for the safest opportunity to turn as we want to avoid any accidents in this location.

After the motor vehicle accident last week I have raised my concerns with Melton Council as well as the Minister of Education to highlight the needs of faster action with road and footpath infrastructure in the school area. If I receive any correspondence, I will share it in a future newsletter.

## Parking

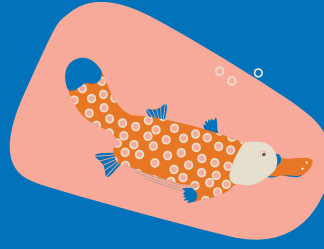
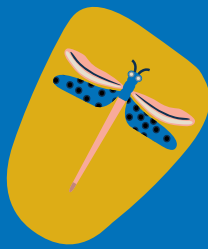
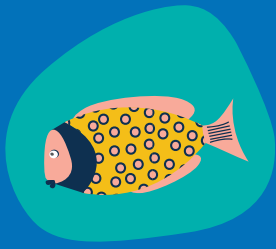


Parents are reminded that the streets around the school are narrow. We are sharing the road with many construction trucks and trade vehicles. Therefore, we need to remember to navigate the streets at signed speeds as well as park in signed areas appropriately. It has been brought to my attention that some parents have parked their vehicles illegally at the back entrance. Often cars are left with the rear of the vehicle still partially on the road.

This creates a road hazard as vehicles need to drive around the car on the narrow road. We simply ask that you take the time to park your vehicle accurately before leaving it and helping our community to remain safe. In addition to this, please do not park in neighbours' driveways or in the staff car park.

Melton Council have been asked to support the school by adding lined parking bays as well as regular visits to monitor safe and legal parking.

Melton Council have also added signs to the kindergarten at the back of the rear of the school. Please show respect to this facility by not parking in their designated car park as it is only for the staff and visitors of that centre.



## 100 Days of Prep

It was great to see our Grade Prep children celebrate 100 days of Prep. Students and Teachers came to school dressed as someone 100 years old! They also accessed a range of different activities connected to the number 100! It was great to see students (and staff) get into the spirit with the dress up day. Thank you to our staff and families for supporting the event and creating a great memory for students. 100 days of jammed packed learning at Deanside!

## Principal's Day

This Friday 4th August is Principal's Day. I have had the pleasure of working with a large number of Principals and Assistant Principals in my career. Each one of them has taught me something that I have taken and been able to use in my everyday life. The role of a Principal can be challenging at times, but it is a hugely rewarding position and I am honoured to be the Principal of Deanside Primary School.

I would like to personally thank and recognise our amazing Assistant Principal - Lina - for her unwavering commitment to Deanside Primary School. The time and effort she puts in to every day is to be highly commended. The school is truly blessed to have an Assistant Principal that is dedicated and professional. We are very lucky to have her support, knowledge and sense of humour to keep the learning going at Deanside Primary School. Thanks Lina!

## Medication

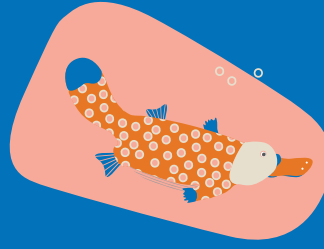
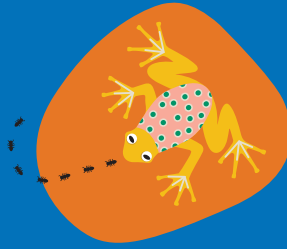
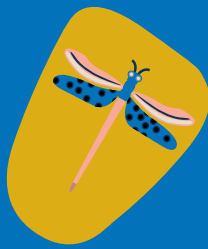
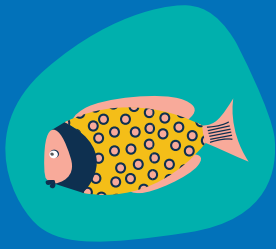
Families are reminded to not send children to school with medications. All medications must be dropped into the main office and families are required to sign a medication administration form. All medicines will be kept in and administered in the First Aid Room. This is a safety requirement for all schools.

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## Enrolments

Parents looking to enrol their children in grade Prep are required to supply the following information when enrolling:

- Proof of residence in Deanside
- Proof of age (birth certificate or passport)
- Immunisation certificate



All other year levels require Proof of residence in the Deanside area (<https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/>). We will then be able to contact the current school to arrange a transfer of student details. Tours will be held throughout the term on Tuesday's at 10am. Bookings through the office are essential for the school tours.

## School Values

Our School values are important to us. Remember to Respect, Be Responsible, Strive for Excellence and show genuine Care for others and the environment.

Stuart Telford  
Principal

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## Author Incursion

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of August, we will have a special visit from Amy Adeney, a children's book author! She will be doing some fun workshops about reading and writing with all students in our school. We cannot wait to learn more about what authors do!

Students have the opportunity to pre-purchase books! To order go to: [www.lamontauthors.com.au](http://www.lamontauthors.com.au) and select "Buy our Author's Books". All orders must be completed by 11th August to receive the books to be signed during Amy's visit.



**AMY ADENEY**

On 25th August Amy will be visiting our school to talk to students about reading and writing. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn even more about the practices of professional authors and how they write the interesting and engaging stories we love.

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## Book Week 2023

Our annual celebration of the CBCA Book Week is fast approaching! During the week from August 21<sup>st</sup>- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> students will participate in a range of activities in classrooms and over the whole school, celebrating some amazing books, authors, and a love of literature. We will also hold a dress up day for students and staff, which we are really looking forward to! We can't wait to see everyone in their costumes, and bring along the book your book character is from if you have it.



CHILDREN'S  
BOOK WEEK

#CBCA2023  
19 to 25 AUGUST



**Deanside PS**  
Book Week  
**Dress up day!**  
Wednesday 23rd August

Dress up as your favourite book character or around the theme of 'Read, Grow, Inspire'  
Bring the book along to share!

A whole school costume presentation will begin at 9.10  
Families welcome to attend!



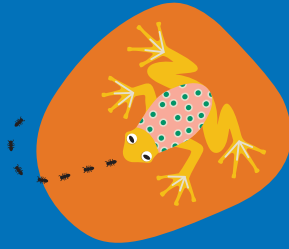
## Book Fair 2023

During Book Week, Deanside Primary will be hosting its very first school Scholastic Book Fair! The Book Fair is designed to give children access to more books they want to read, from relevant new-releases to classic award winners, and all proceeds benefit our school too!

Your child will be provided with the opportunity to browse the books for sale at the Book Fair and create a wish list of books that they may like to purchase. The Book Fair will be open to families to purchase books on Thursday 24th August at 8:30 - 8:50am and after school from 3:30 - 3:50pm. Catalogues will come home with students next week.







## News from Prep A and Prep B

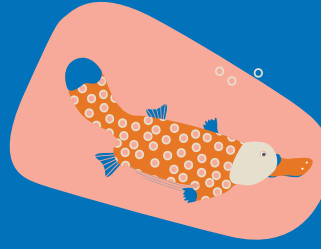
HAPPY 100 DAYS OF PREP! We had lots of fun celebrating our 100 days!

Dressing up as 100-year-olds, making fairy bread, dancing, singing, playing, drawing, making amounts to 100 and more. Our Preps have worked so hard to achieve their 100 days of school and we are so proud!

Miss Jade and Miss Merryn







## News from 1/2A

1/2A have had some fun experimenting the pushes and pulls on the ground with our toys as well as balls in water!

We discovered the force of water and gravity. We learnt that when objects are dropped, there is a downward pull of gravity, however when it is in water, some of these created an upward push! We created diagrams and explained it using force arrows. Check out our amazing work on Showbie!



Ms Melissa

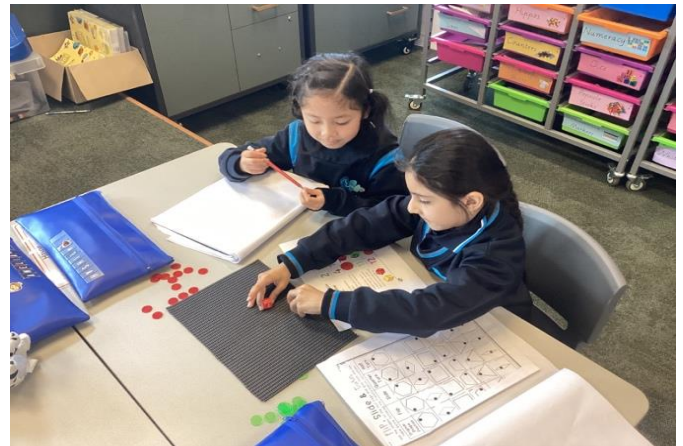




Hello from 1/2B!

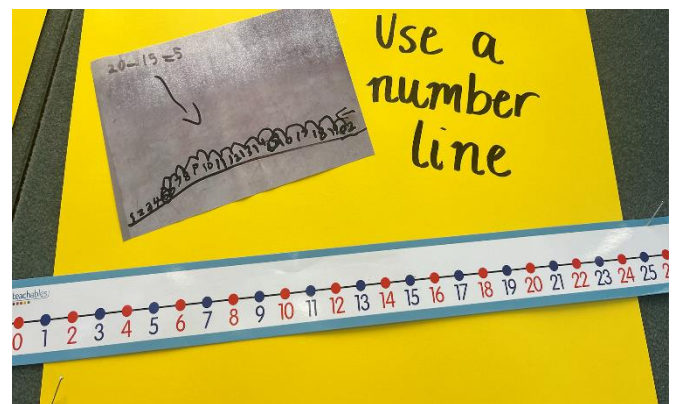
We have been learning about Addition and subtraction in Numeracy. Some of the strategies we have learnt include adding double and near doubles, counting on, using a number line and bridging to 10 using our friends of 10! We are on our way to becoming clever Mathematicians!

Miss Maddi



In 1/2C this term we have learning about additive thinking. We have learnt a range of effective strategies to help us add numbers together quickly and accurately. We have most enjoyed warming up our brains with games before each Numeracy lesson. We can't wait to apply these skills to subtraction next week!

Ms Danielle





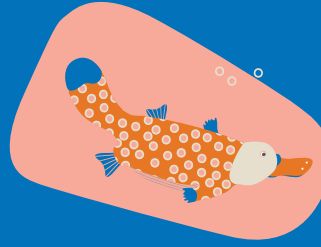
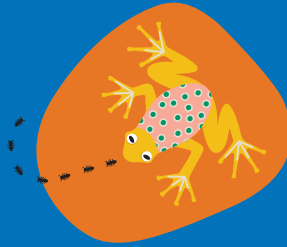
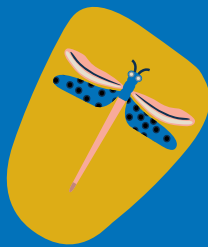
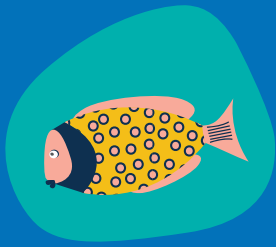


This fortnight in 1/2D we have been getting to know each other and becoming a team. All the students have settled in well and have shown the school values of Excellence, Respect, Care and Responsibility to each other and me. They come into the classroom ready for learning every day and are producing some great work in all areas of the curriculum.

We spent our first two days together setting up our classroom for learning and together have discussed and decided on the classroom expectations. The students had some great ideas on what learning should look, sound, and feel like and these have been put into place to ensure our classroom is a welcoming and calm place to learn.

Mrs Stirrup



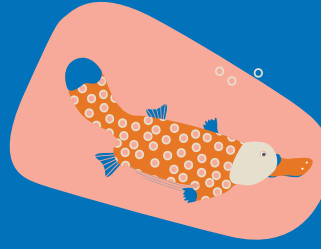


This fortnight in Grade 3/4 students finished off their learning of Multiplicative Thinking by exploring Division and its associated strategies. Students learned how to divide 2 digits by 1-digit numbers and demonstrated their knowledge in their Showbie Portfolio Task. Students continued to explore Poetry text types and features in preparation to write their own free-verse poem. Some of our students represented Deanside Primary School in District Athletics on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of July. They all did a fantastic job competing and made our school very proud. Another fantastic hardworking fortnight for our lovely year 3/4 students!

Ms Jules & Miss Jess



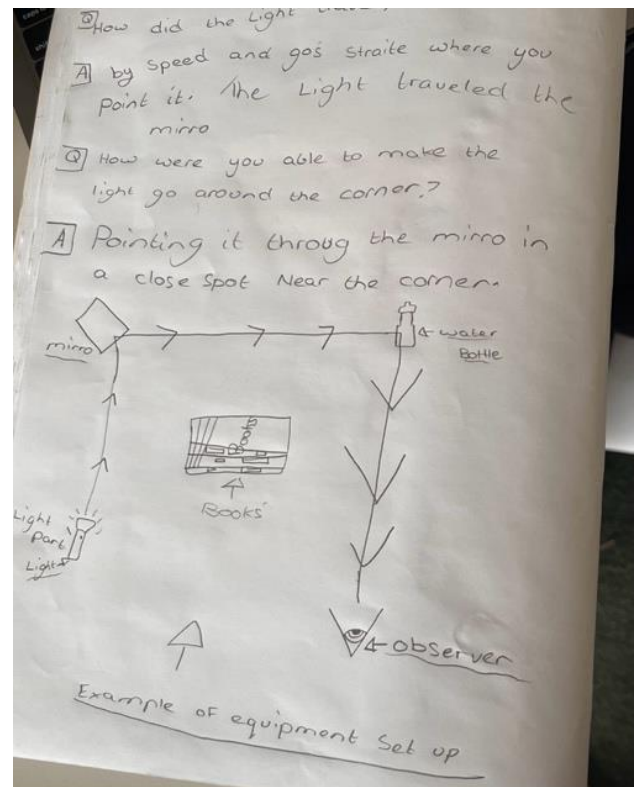
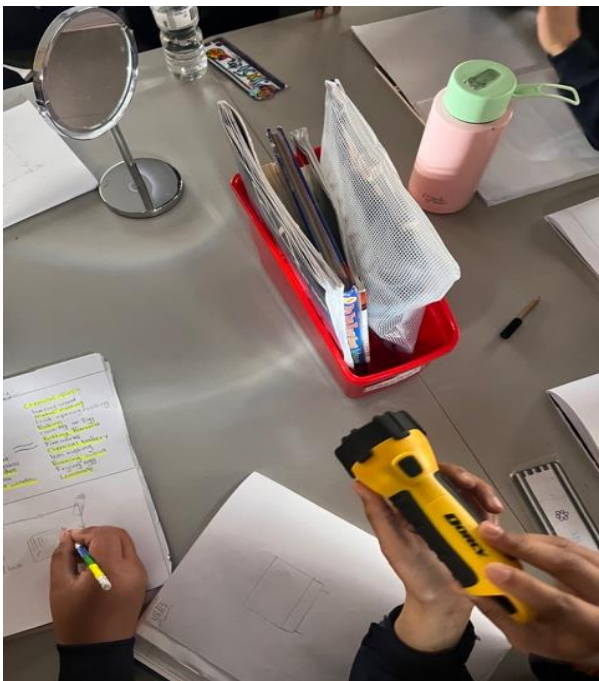




The 5/6 students have begun experimenting like scientists.

We have been investigating different light sources and how light travels in a straight line. This week we were observing how mirrors reflect light in different directions and how to light up an object around the corner. It has been exciting making new discoveries and wonderings about light in Deanside Primary School!

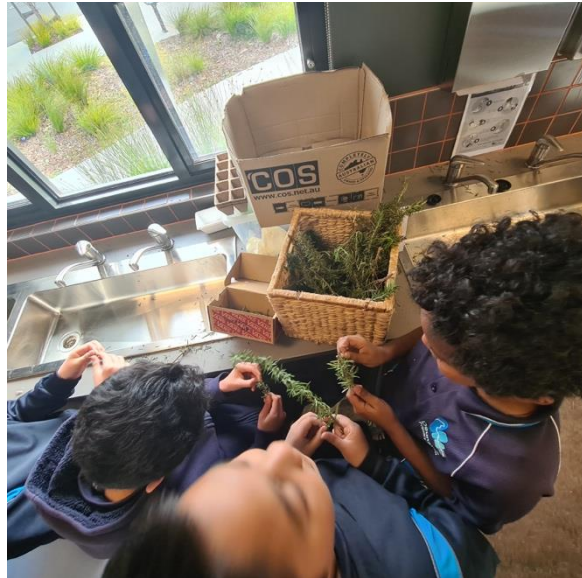
5/6 Team





In STEM this fortnight, the students have been super busy in both the STEM room and the school garden.

Prep – 2 students have focussed on the journey of food from farm to their plates. They have also participated in play-based learning where students are creating their own farms using legos and farm animals. Students are also sorting fruit and vegetables into ones they know, don't know, like to eat or don't like to eat. This has provoked discussion amongst the students about healthy eating and what they enjoy to eat.



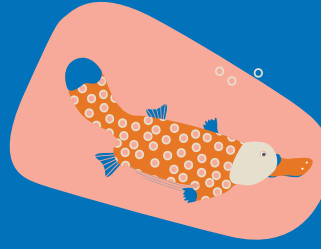
The 3-4 students have been busy in gardening planting vegetables and herbs. The students are hoping they will be able to harvest towards the end of term. They have been doing research into how to look after their seedlings and creating posters to ensure they are looked after.

The grade 5-6 students have been designing their Rosemary products using a design process. They have been carefully reading through the recipes to understand the ingredients required and the method. There is also a focus on the health and safety aspects of being in the kitchen. The students have been collaborating in groups to discuss and agree on designing aspects.



Mrs Lay





## News from Physical Education.

On Friday, July 28, Deanside Primary School had a team of 44 students attend the 2023 Caroline Springs District Athletics Carnival. At this event, the team of students represented our school in different Athletic Events such as Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, Discus, 100m Sprint, 200m Sprint, 800m Run and 4x100m Relays.

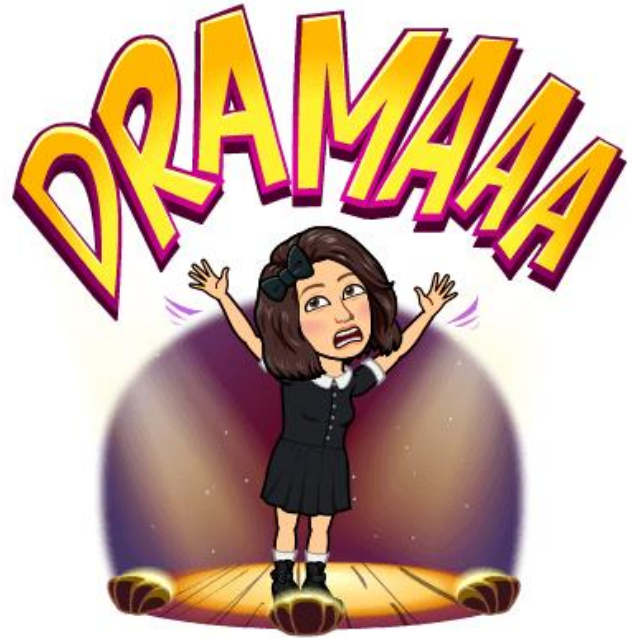
The team did an incredible job representing our school community in their events, as well as supporting fellow teammates and competitors on the day.

We are extremely proud of all of your efforts and well done to the students who received a ribbon for finishing top 3 in their event.

Finally, we would like to say a massive congratulations to AJ from Grade 5/6C Who has qualified for the Division Carnival on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> for the 100m Sprint.

Mr Laiton.





This week in Drama the students worked collaboratively in the Drama room with a range of different group activities. All lessons involved team building and creative performance. Students were introduced to what improvisation looks like within Drama and how we can work as a team to inspire ideas and performance. Seeing students' confidence and creativity continue to grow each week has been sensational. I'm incredibly proud of all students for stepping out of the comfort zone and being so brave with trying new skills. Keep up the great work Deanside!

Miss Victoria

