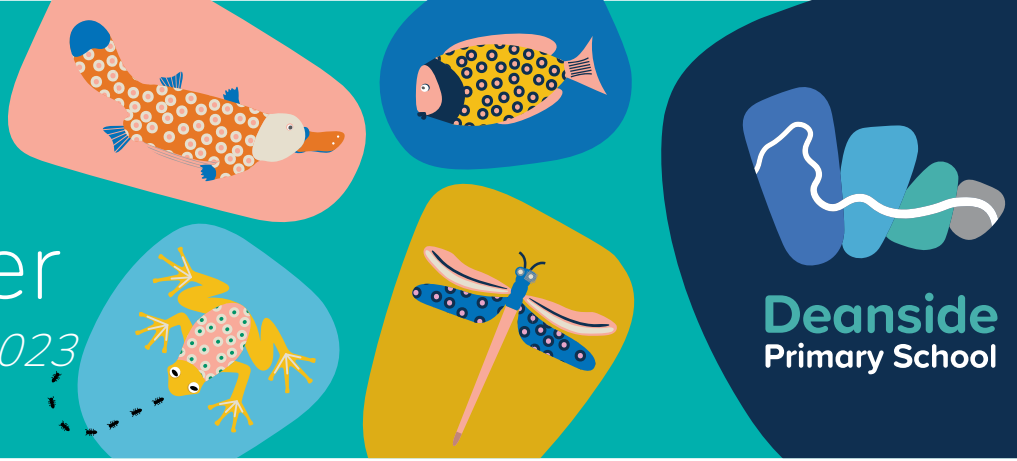


Week 2, Term 4

# Newsletter

Friday 13 October 2023



## Important Dates

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October: School Council Meeting
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October: Whole school photo day
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October: Grade 1/2 Excursion Werribee Park Mansion
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November: Prep Excursion Werribee Zoo
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November: Curriculum Day (student free day)
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November: Public Holiday (Melbourne Cup)

## Principal Report

Dear Deanside Community

It is hard to believe that we are now in Term 4. We have such a busy term ahead. We look forward to meeting our new 2024 Prep children during transition. We are also looking forward to meeting new students/families as they enter the school into various year levels.

Thank you

I want to begin by acknowledging and thanking my staff and especially Ms Lina for supporting the school during my unexpected leave at the end of term 3. I am pleased to say that my knee arthroscopy went well and I continue to work through my physio to build the strength back in that leg. Thank you to the community for your well wishes.

### NEW Shaded area

Over the recent holidays we were able to complete the new shaded area project. It is great that this is now done in time for the warmer weather and the provision of shade as the weather begins to heat up.



Mr Mubeen

This week I was privileged to have Mubeen join me for lunch from Prep B. He decided to use his dojo points to have lunch with me. We had a great chat. He especially loved sitting in my chair and being

called Mr Mubeen. Keep up the great work Mubeen!

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## Students of the Week Week 9 - Term 3

Prep A – Nuha Khan  
 Prep B – Blake Tofilau-Peau  
 1/2A- Abdullah Cheema  
 1/2B – Sukhroop Kaur  
 1/2C- Tahlia Vallone  
 3/4A – Eden Bearryman  
 3/4B – Jane Leota  
 5/6A -Savreet Sekhon  
 5/6C – Josi Lave

## Week 10 - Term 3

Prep A – Steven Johnson  
 Prep B – Mubeen Khan  
 1/2A – Nathan Thomas  
 1/2B – Gurshaan Singh  
 1/2C – Telsa Vaofusi  
 1/2D – Sukhnaaz Kaur  
 3/4B- Aukistina Vaofusi  
 5/6B – Sienna Kerry  
 5/6C – Nene Matueny

## Magpies

Currently we have a magpie nest on the roof of the gym with a number of babies in it. The Father Magpie is particularly protective of his babies and has been swooping. We have noticed that if students and teachers walk in groups, they are less likely to be swooped. The babies will probably leave the nest in the next few weeks, so we will be experiencing ongoing magpie visits for at least another month.



Some simple tips for dealing with swooping magpies include –

- do not stop - walk away quickly (don't run).
- eye contact will make the magpie less likely to swoop.
- wear sunglasses on the back of your head.
- wear a hat with a pair of eyes drawn on the back.
- wear a helmet, or even an ice cream container on your head (you can draw eyes on the ice cream container if you wish).
- walk with an umbrella open above your head.

## Raffle

Our School Council - Parents and Friends Sub Committee will be organising two raffles this term.

Raffle 1 - Diwali fundraiser (October/November)

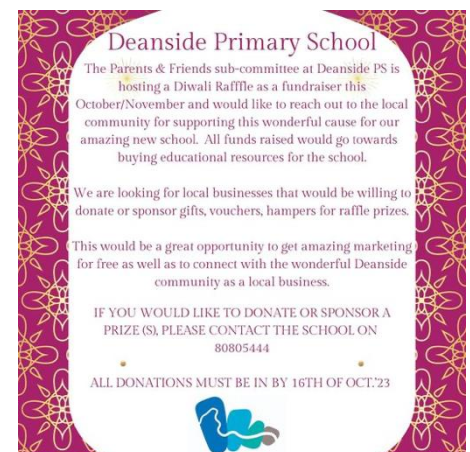
Raffle 2 - Christmas fundraiser

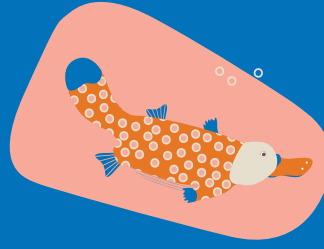
(November/December)  
Please see the

correspondence to see how you can support our Parents and Friends in developing prizes for our first raffle.

Details of the Christmas Raffle will be shared at a later date.

All money raised will go towards school resources; with a focus on increasing our Numeracy resources for 2024.





## Teacher Games

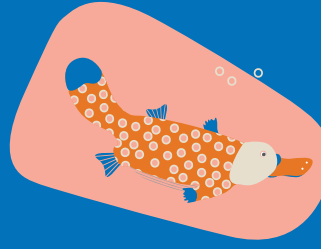
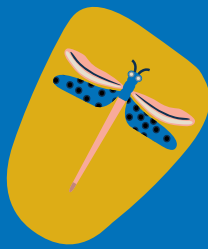
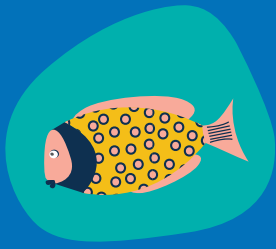
The Victorian Teachers' Games (VTG) took place during the first week of the school holidays - from Saturday 17 to Wednesday 20 September 2023, in the Latrobe City Council region of Victoria - Traralgon.

The VTG is a multi-day, multi-sport event that gives education professionals a chance to participate and connect through sport, recreation, wellness and social events.

The unique event draws more than 2,200 attendees each year. With options to participate as an individual, or as part of a team, the VTG has a range of low and high intensity events over the four days.

I am proud to say that team Deanside was victorious and received a GOLD/SILVER medal for the Nerf Gun Battle. #deansideproud





## Hats

We are now heading into high UV days with Summer quickly approaching. Students all must be wearing a broadbrim hat for any outside activities. If a student does not have a hat on they will possibly miss outside activities and recess breaks. Please support the school SunSmart policy by ensuring your child has a broadbrim hat to wear. To support families with getting access to a school hat, they can now be bought through the school reception for \$20.

## Thunderstorm asthma — be prepared this pollen season

Grass pollen season, which runs from October to December each year, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of thunderstorm asthma. For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

Deanside Primary School will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe when the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases.

Many of our staff are trained in asthma first aid, and we will monitor the VicEmergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater level of risk.

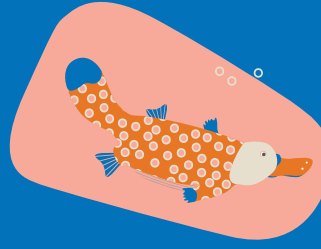
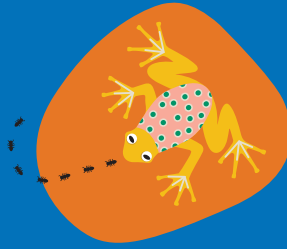
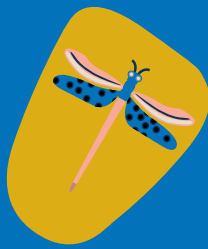
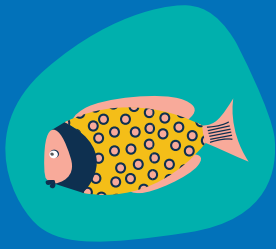
### *How you can prepare?*

During pollen season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:

- If your child has ever had asthma: talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect your child from the risk of thunderstorm asthma, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.
- If your child has hay fever: see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing: it is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.
- Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.

Protect yourself this pollen season – managing asthma and allergies matters.

- If your child has an asthma plan, please make sure the school is provided a copy so that we can follow the appropriate individual steps.



## Parking

Over the holidays Melton City Council supported the school by adding in clear line parking and parking bays around the school. Parents are asked to ensure they read and be familiar with the signage around the school. There are some red zones, that are designated for 'Drop off and Pick Up Zone, allowing families to drive into the space, allow the children to get out of the car or enter the car on the curb side. It is a very simple and effective way of getting children in to and out of the car if our community support this process.



## Conservatory Drive

It is great to see the progress on Conservatory Drive, it is anticipated that it will be open for use this Term. Thank you to families for your patience while we continue to work with developers on completing this project. We look forward to it opening and hopefully reducing the traffic congestion on to Taylors Road.

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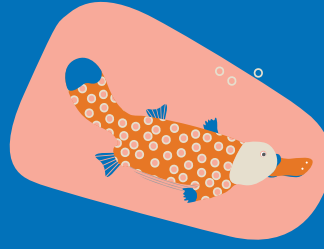
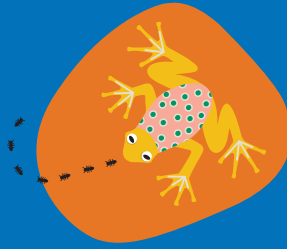
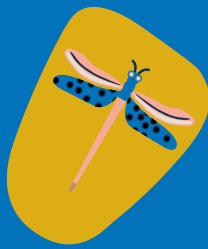
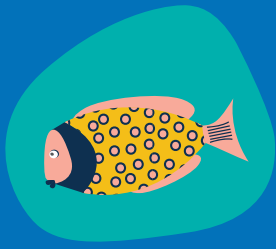
If you have not yet enrolled your younger children starting school next year, please make contact with Sue or Shana in the office (8080-5444) to begin the enrolment process. In addition to this, if you are moving from Deanside and not attending Deanside Primary School in 2024, please email the school on [deanside.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:deanside.ps@education.vic.gov.au) to inform us in writing. This will support my planning and organisation for 2024.

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HOLD the date! Working Bee coming up!

On Saturday 28th October from 10am to 1pm, our Parents and Friends Group are organising a school working bee.

The focus of the working bee is a general school 'tidy up' collecting any rubbish, pulling out weeds, blowing paths and trimming garden beds.

We are seeking volunteers from our school for this event. If you can bring items such as gloves, weeding tools, wheel barrows, watering cans, trimmers, blowers, and your own PPE (protective goggles/ear muffs – if you're bringing personal power tools)

The School will supply a BBQ and drinks at 12:30pm.

Please keep an eye out for more details via Compass to express your availability to attend.

Curriculum Day and Melbourne Cup

Reminder to families that on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November we have a Curriculum Day and on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November it is the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday. Both days are pupil free days

Assembly

Reminder that assembly occurs each Friday at 3pm in the gym. All parents are always invited to attend this event to listen to school announcements and celebrate achievements.

School Values

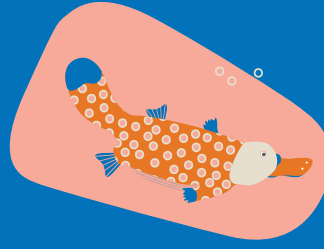
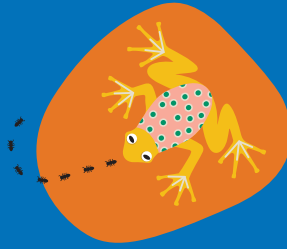
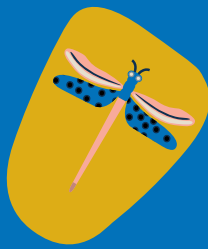
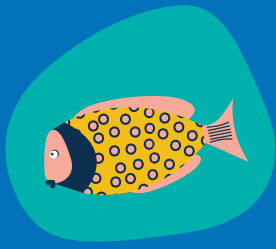
Our School values are important to us. Remember to Respect, Be Responsible, Strive for Excellence and show genuine Care for others and the environment.

Stuart Telford  
Principal

**PROTECT**

Protecting children & young people  
from abuse is our responsibility





## Homework Grid Family Survey

Thank you to all the families who responded to our survey regarding Homework. We appreciate the honest feedback provided by our families. The results have been very helpful in understanding the wants of our community regarding homework.

Homework is really a tool to support the learning that is taking place in the classroom. It is meant to be a way for students to practice what they have already learnt to do, which in turn allows them to build independence. This focus of homework is to build fluency in their learning. It should not be challenging or difficult to do on their own.

Some of the feedback included:

- 73% of our families believe that our Home Grids are a useful tool to support learning.
- 81% of students are reading between four nights and seven nights a week.
- 60% of families are maintaining a record of reading at home.
- An overall number of comments were positive towards maintaining the grids as a way for students to complete their homework over the 2-week period.

Our School Improvement Team will now take this feedback and make some changes coming into 2024.

## Curriculum Day

We have 2 curriculum days this term to support our teachers professional learning. The dates are:

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

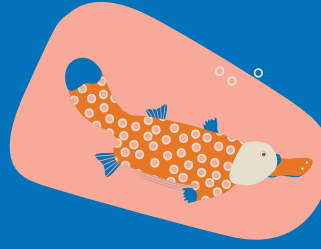
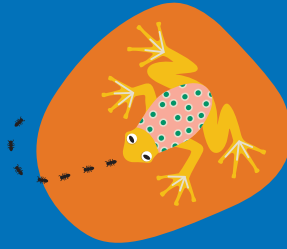
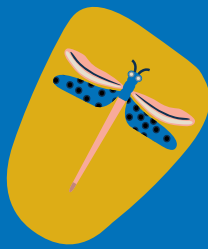
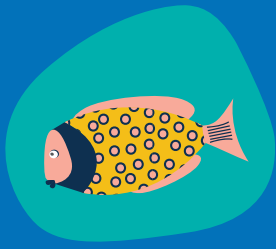
Our focus for Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November will be on beginning to develop our understanding of Mathematics in the classroom, and building clarity on how we engage students through high quality Numeracy Lessons, which support all students. We are so lucky to engage the services of a consultant from the Mathematical Association of Victoria (MAV) to support our learning.

If you require care for your children on these days, please contact Shannon at Big Childcare.

Thank you,

Lina Stephens

Assistant Principal



## News from Prep

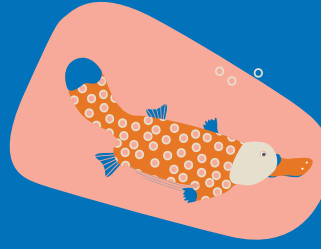
The Preps have had an extremely successful start to Term 4!

We are now working on our next writing unit: Write to Describe. To commence this unit, students have tuned into their five senses to describe our wonderful playground. On this day, we enjoyed writing in the sunshine whilst thinking about what we could see, hear, touch, smell, even taste (food from our brain break). In the following days students used this writing piece to transfer their ideas into sentences with upper cases at the start, finger spaces in between words and full stops at the end. We are very proud of our amazing writers!

Miss Jade & Miss Merryn







## News from 1/2 Grades

As we start Term 4, the students have been busy getting back into routine and enjoying all the fun activities. During our rainy days, we were watching movies and catching up on our fun holidays!

The students have been learning about recounts. This week they have been practicing Oral Retelling. We played Fruit Salad and had to recount what we did using the 5 W's. We also created a pop-up set to orally retell The Three Billy Goats Gruff with puppets.

Ms Melissa, Ms Danielle, Ms Maddison and Mrs Stirrup

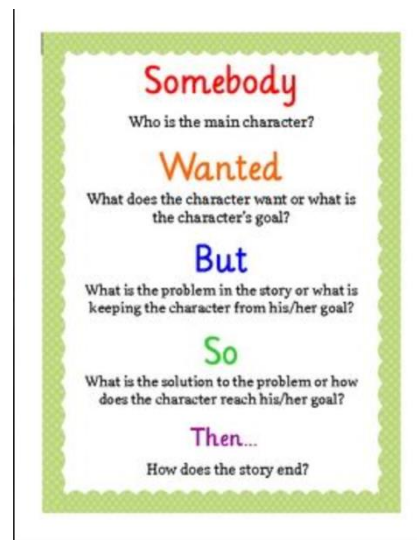
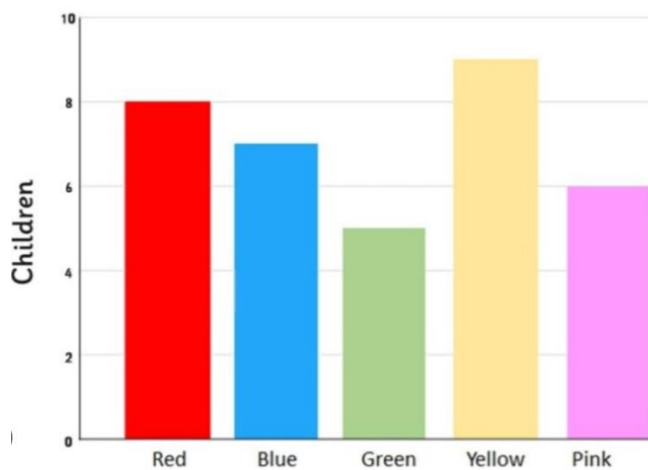




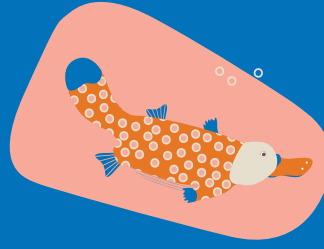
## News from 3/4 Grades

This fortnight in Grade 3/4 students adjusted back into learning ready for Term 4. Students were involved in the re-start program, where we re-established expectations and routines in order to have a successful term. We began our unit of Summarising in reading where students are learning how to summarise both fiction and nonfiction texts effectively. In Numeracy, students began the unit on Data and Statistics and have been learning about how to collect data and information to represent it on a range of graphs. It was a fantastic start to the term and we are very proud of how well our 3/4s have settled back in!

Favourite Colour



Ms Jules and Miss Jess



## News from 5/6 Grades

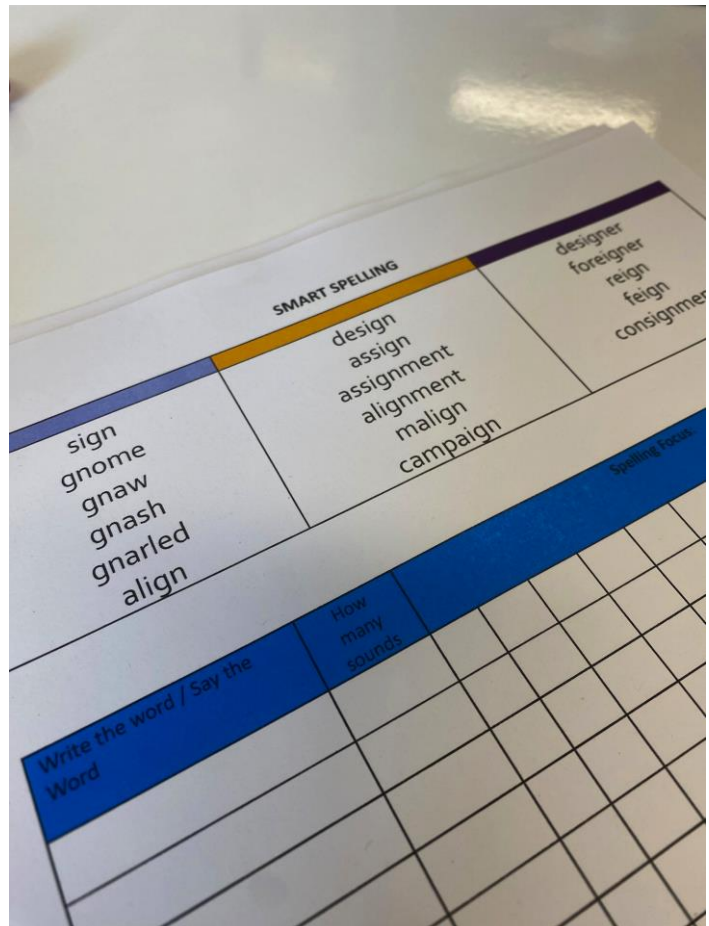
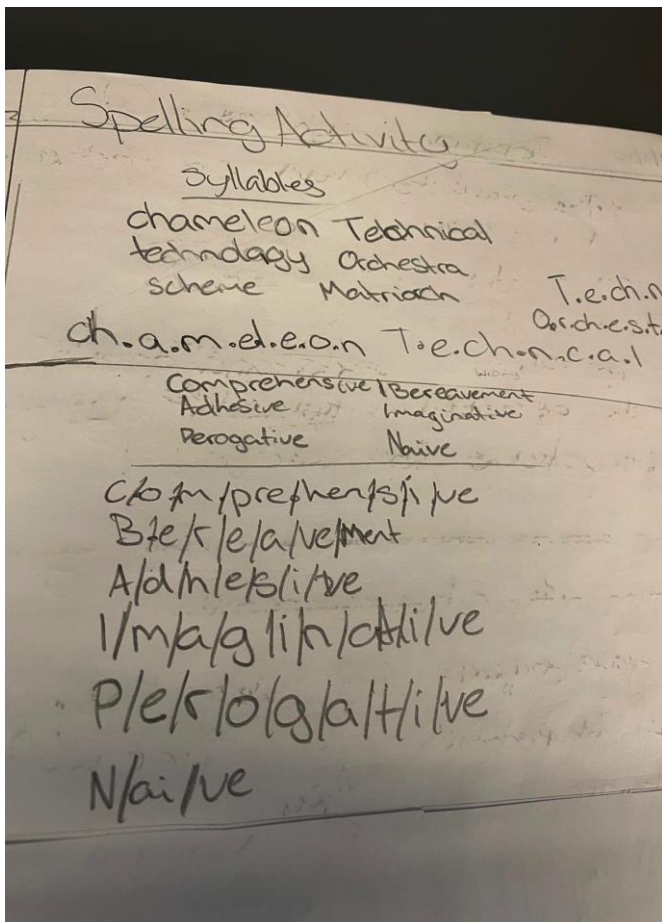
In Spelling this week, Year 5/6 students have been focusing on the digraph, 'gn' which makes an 'n' sound, as in gnome.

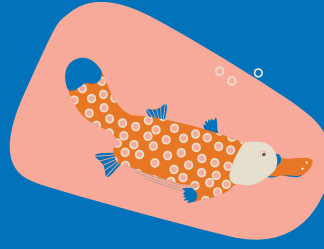
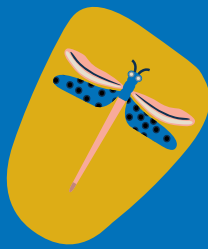
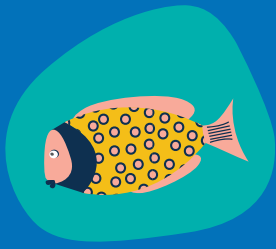
Students have selected their own spelling words containing this digraph and have both defined these words as well as broken them into their sounds.

Students have completed daily spelling activities for their selected words and will complete dictation sentences containing these words at the end of the week.

Kind Regards,

Mr Carroll, Ms B and Ms Sacco



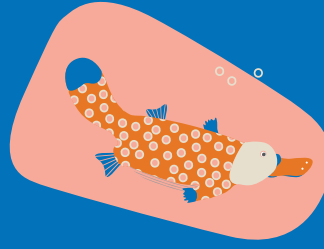
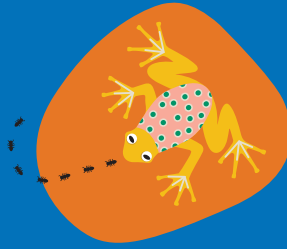
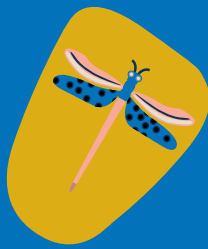
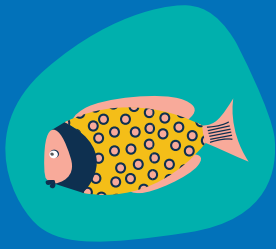


## News from STEM

Prep- Grade two students were critical and creative learners by exploring the camera and photo app this week. They utilised their iPad stylus to turn everyday objects into interesting and creative characters by exploring the different functions and features of the editing section of the photo app. Here are a few pictures of the fabulous work created by the students. Wow!

Mrs Lay





## News from Physical Education

Recently in PE, we have been extremely lucky to have Jake from AFL Victoria attend our PE sessions to take students through the AFL Primary Play Program.

Jake has spent time teaching all year levels the rules and skills involved in Football. Students have spent time in different games and activities practising the correct techniques of both handballing, marking and kicking a drop punt.

The students had a heap of fun and we thank AFL Victoria and Jake for all of his help!

Mr Laiton

