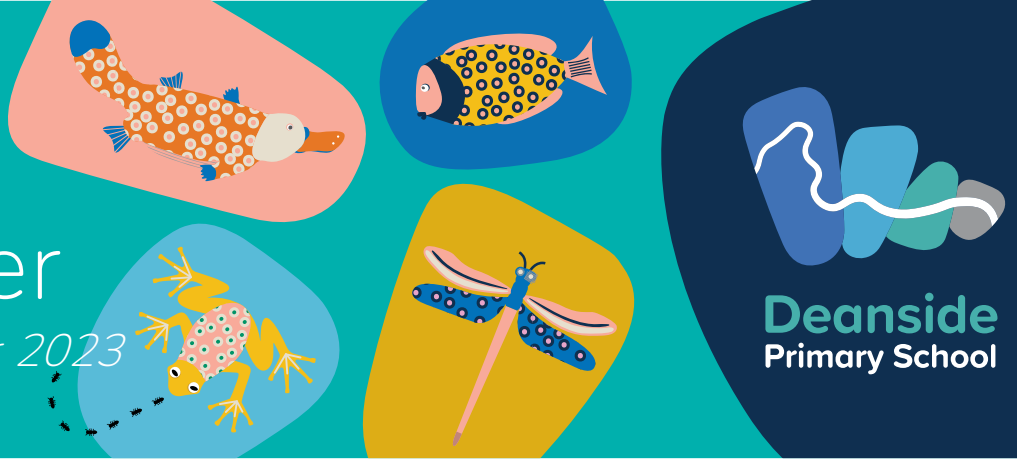


Week 4, Term 4

# Newsletter

Friday 10 November 2023



## Important Dates

- Wednesday 15th November: Prep 2024 transition session 2.
- Wednesday 22nd November: Prep 2024 transition session 3.
- Friday 24th November: Year 1/2 Camping Program- Dinner & Movie at school. 4:30pm-7:30pm.
- Wednesday 29th November: School Council Meeting 9:00am

## Principal Report

Dear Deanside Community

It has been a very busy two weeks since our last newsletter. There is still so much learning and experiences happening for the students this term. It is great to see the ongoing enthusiasm towards school from the students and staff.

### 2024 – NEW Staff

Since our last newsletter we have been able to recruit more staff to join us in 2024. I am proud to introduce the following staff members who will begin their education journey with us next year.



Melanie Soulsby

Hello, everyone! I'm Mel. I've been teaching primary and secondary students for the past 14 years in various roles. I love engaging in messy, hands-on projects, and I'm often found whipping up a storm in the kitchen or creating art in my garage. My household is quite busy with three kids aged 13, 11, and 9, along with a dog, a cat, and four

chickens. We enjoy going on adventures and creating our own when we play Dungeons and Dragons.

I am thrilled to be joining Deanside Primary In 2024 as your Kitchen Garden Teacher. I can't wait to work with the students to help them develop their skills and passion for growing and cooking fresh produce. I'm also looking forward to collaborating with members of the community to learn more about your family recipes, gardening wisdom, and to have your support on some exciting future projects.

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Respect

Responsibility

Care



## Students of the Week Week 3 - Term 4

Prep A – Zaki Alith  
 Prep B – Shahan Gohar  
 1/2A- Inayat Wahi  
 1/2B – Ishka Saha  
 1/2C- Manveer Goraya  
 1/2D – Pia Verma  
 3/4A - Hailo Hodgetts  
 3/4B – Namidu Akmeemana  
 Jagoddage  
 Summer Varilla  
 5/6A - Rachel Bijoy  
 5/6B - Arav Nand  
 5/6C – Sumaya Ali

## Week 4 - Term 4

Prep A – Jarrell Amores  
 Prep B – Chidubem Ogbogu  
 1/2A – Peyton Gemmell  
 1/2B – Sidak Gondara  
 1/2C – Harmehar Singh  
 1/2D – Nirupa Pulipati  
 3/4A - Isaac Chau-  
 Assavatheptavee  
 3/4B- Larina Johnson  
 5/6A - Aadya Thathai  
 5/6B – Aarav Bishla  
 5/6C – Jasmine Hunjan



Joy Moodley

Hi there Deanside families and friends. My name is Joy Moodley, and I am delighted to be joining the Deanside Community at Deanside Primary School in 2024. I will be in the tutoring role next year. I've been a passionate and dedicated classroom teacher for more than 30 years and am looking forward to commencing in my new role. I love

working with, and watching children grow and excel academically, socially and emotionally. Some of my hobbies are ballroom dancing and craft. I also love cooking. I hope to meet many of you next year. Enjoy the rest of this year and have a blessed and safe festive season. Best wishes, Joy

### 2024 – Canteen Service

We are hoping to open our onsite Canteen at Deanside Primary School in 2024 and will require a Canteen service to manage both the initial set up and the ongoing day to day running.

If you or someone you know would love the challenge of starting this project from the ground up, whilst working in an inclusive and supportive environment - please submit an application as described via the Expression of Interest located at – [deanside.vic.edu.au](https://deanside.vic.edu.au)

**SEEKING CANTEEN SERVICE**

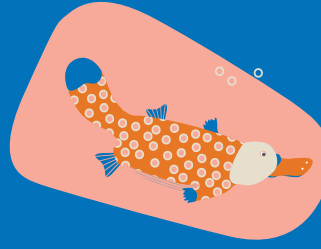
Expression of Interest Close:  
Monday 20th November 2023  
at 4:00pm

**Canteen Facility includes:**

- ✓ Storage/Pantry
- ✓ Two Fridges
- ✓ Microwave
- ✓ Two Serving Windows
- ✓ Own amenities

EOI located at  
<https://deansideps.vic.edu.au>

**OPENING 2024**



## Werribee Zoo Excursion



Last week I had the opportunity to join our Grade Prep students on an excursion to the Werribee Zoo. I want to congratulate our students on the way they focussed on their learning as well as constantly displaying our school values.

Thank you to our staff for organising this memorable event for the students.



## School Working Bee

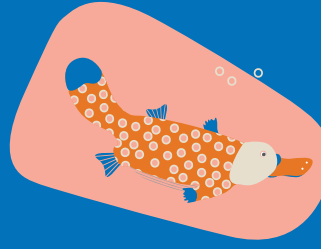
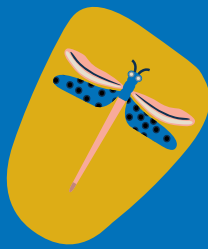
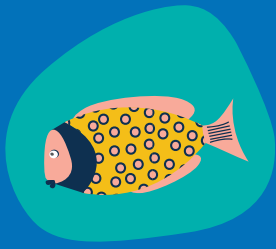
On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October we held our first School Working Bee. I want to thank those who were able to support this event and help tidy our school. There were a lot of weeds to pull out and together we achieved a lot. The school is looking so much nicer!

## Extended Holidays

From time-to-time we recognise that families will take holidays, some of these may include extended holidays overseas. If families are planning holidays, it is highly encouraged that they are planned during school holidays so that learning time is not missed. In the event of holidays being taken, parents must inform the school in writing. Simply send an email to [deanside.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:deanside.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or write a letter that captures the location of the holiday, the departure date and return to school date.

Teachers cannot create additional plans for those children absent from school due to holidays being organised during the school term. If families are choosing to take a holiday during the school term, we would encourage families to –

1. Provide access to appropriate reading material for your children and ensure they read every day for at least 10 minutes. Involve your children in purchasing books that they can connect with (fiction and non-fiction).
2. Access maths books that allow children to reinforce their numeracy knowledge, age appropriate books can be purchased at Kmart/Big W.
3. Students can write a diary of their holiday adventures. If you have an iPad, capturing photos and use appropriate apps to write about photos are a great way to capture memories and also share with their class on return.



4. Use the holiday to educate children globally e.g. visit appropriate tourist attractions and connect as a family. Take time to read about the history and plaques displaying information.
5. Parents should remain connected with the school while on holidays and read Compass posts, newsletters and social's post on Instagram/Facebook.

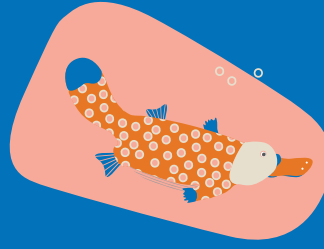
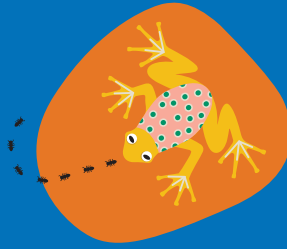
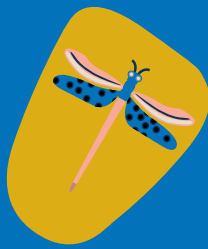
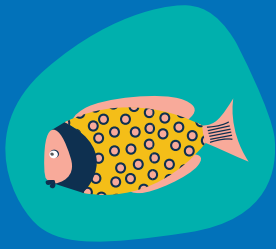
School Raffle – Delayed 😞

Unfortunately, we have had a production issue with the Diwali raffle tickets. Circumstances beyond our control has seen the raffle book delivery delayed from the provider.

We recognise that Diwali is occurring this weekend and we are disappointed that our raffle did not align as we had planned. Next week each family will receive a raffle ticket book to sell. This still remains a very important fund raiser for our school as all funds raised will go towards much needed Numeracy Resources. Tickets are \$5. Your support in selling or purchasing these tickets would be greatly appreciated.

I want to take an opportunity to kindly thank the following people and organisation's for supporting this raffle.

Prize number	Raffle	Total value (approx.)
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	COVE (College of Vocational Education), RMIT University/ Education Hamper (\$150) State Swim, Caroline Springs (\$100) Panache By Divya Point Cook. Fashion voucher (\$50) Clove Indian Restaurant (\$100) Melbourne Art Academy Hamper (\$25-50) Being Junior Gift voucher (\$50) Royal Spices Gift Voucher General Car Service from Truganina Service Centre	\$700
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Wrapping Nest Hamper (\$70-100) Kaur Beauty Caroline Springs voucher (2 x \$25) Barm gym studio voucher (\$100) Swimming Voucher supplied by State Swim (\$100) Royal Spice 10% gift coupon General Car Service from Truganina Service Centre	\$550
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Tupps with Suz (\$100) Swimming Voucher supplied by State Swim (\$100) General Car Service from Truganina Service Centre	\$350
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	M2L creations (\$50) Bunnings gift card & product (\$50)	\$250



5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Pink Laddoo Hamper (\$50) Chaskah Indian Restaurant (\$50)	\$100
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	M2L creations Hamper (\$50)	\$50
7 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Smokin' Joes, Caroline Springs Voucher (\$50)	\$50
8 <sup>th</sup> Prize	MACE Hamper (\$50)	\$50
9 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Being Junior voucher (\$50)	\$50
10 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Melbourne Bazar Hamper (\$25-30)	\$25-30

2024

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 planning and organisation for 2024.

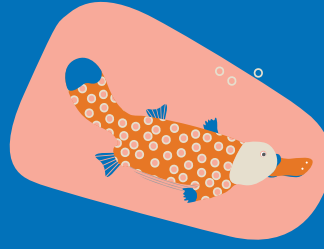
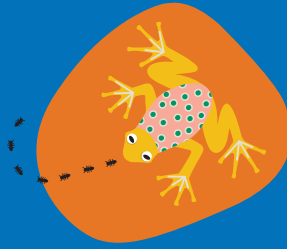
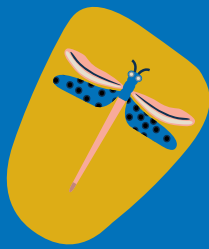
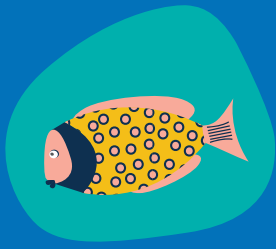
### School Values

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





## Curriculum Day – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

On Monday, our teachers took part in a day of learning, led by a Maths consultant Hannah Merino. Hannah works as a coach and consultant at the Mathematics Association of Victoria (MAV). She engaged our teachers in some hands-on maths investigations and challenging tasks, using an evidence-based learning model that focus' on student's individual needs and voice. This is the very beginning of our journey in Numeracy learning, and we look forward to welcoming Hannah back next year.

### Prep Transition Session #1

This week we welcomed our future Prep students to their very first transition session. There were some very happy and brave children who came right in and showed so much resilience and confidence. All students engaged in an interactive reading session, where they listened to a story and followed up with an independent activity. I was so impressed with their level of responsibility and excellence, as they listened to teacher instructions and worked beautifully to complete their work. We can't wait to have them back next week.

### Student Late Pick-Up

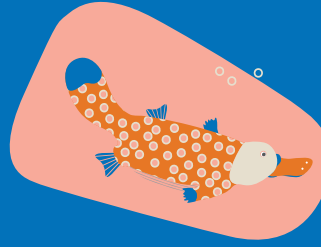
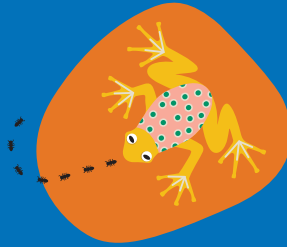
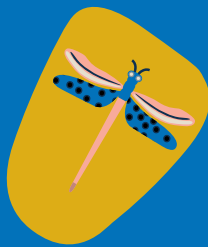
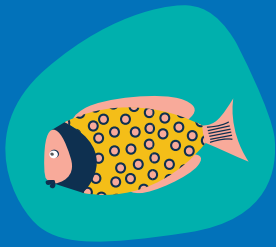
We have noticed over the past semester that we have had an increase in the number of students who are being picked up after the gates are locked. This poses a duty of care issue as our staff work hours are 8:50 am – 3:50 pm every day, which means that there are no teaching staff on duty after our gates are locked and we cannot provide supervision for those students (staff need to stay back in their own time to supervise).

We understand that sometimes, things are out of our control, and we will support you in ensuring your child's safety, however we are beginning to notice some patterns of late-pickups and will now put in a process to support us and our families.

We have Before and After School Care onsite to support families who cannot get here on time. Big Childcare provides supervision and safety of our students, as well as some fun activities and games.

If we see a patterns of late-pick up, we will now be sending a note home with enrolment details for after school care. We will be strongly suggesting that you enrol your child/ren in. If the pattern continues, a meeting will be made with myself or Mr Telford to discuss further options.

We appreciate your support in this matter. If you have any questions, please reach out.



Save these dates:

We are halfway through the term and are heading towards the end of what has been an amazing year of learning, growth, and fun. We have a few dates regarding our upcoming end of year events, so please ensure you have them in your calendars as we head towards the end of year.

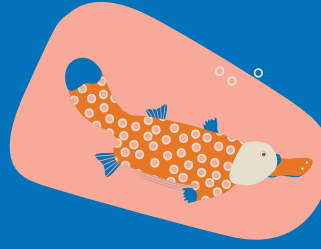
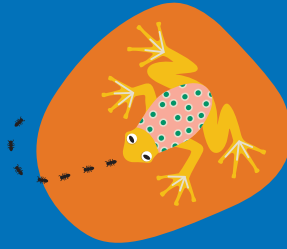
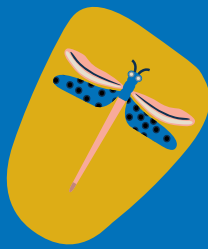
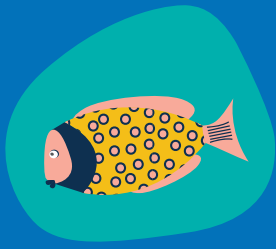
Date	Event	Outline
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Semester 2 Reports Released	All student reports will be release via compass.
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Step Up day	All students will 'Step-Up'into their 2024 classrooms. They will have a chance to meet their teacher and friends and engage in a morning of fun.
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Celebration Picnic	A chance for our community to come together (after school) to celebrate a wonderful year of learning. Our students will perform their Dance routines.
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Graduation	We will celebrate our Year 6 Graduation with our families.
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Final Assembly for the year	Our final assembly will involve announcing our 2024 School Captains and final message from Mr Telford.
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Curriculum Day	Students are not required to attend school on this day.
19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup>	Final days	More information will be sent out regarding students who may require supervision on these final 2 days. Alternate timetable.

More information for each of these will be sent through compass over the coming weeks.

Thank you,

Lina Stephens

Assistant Principal



## News from Prep

What an incredible experience we had at the Werribee Open Range Zoo! We saw wallabies, lions, hippos, rhinos, giraffe, zebras, gorillas, and many more amazing animals. During our Habitat Heroes workshop, we explored the wallaby habitat, used magnifying glasses to take a closer look at some interesting minibeasts and even attempted to build our own shelters for the wallabies.

A big but successful day with lots of happy, smiling Preps!

Miss Jade and Miss Merryn







## News from Grade 1/2

### Werribee Mansion Excursion

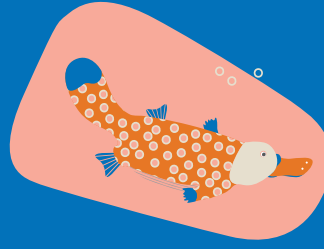
We took a trip back to the 1800s and learnt about how children lived and learnt compared to our lives now. Students took a tour of the Mansion and learnt about how children went to school and the different toys they played with. We tried on some fancy clothes and got to know the house staff.

We took a tour of the Rose Garden, Lake and Grotto, Parterre, the Green House and the Little Farm. We had lunch on the grass and learnt how we would have washed our clothes in the Laundry.

Look out on Showbie this week for our Werribee Excursions Recounts! We cannot wait to show you what we have been doing in class!

### 1/2 Cohort and Teachers

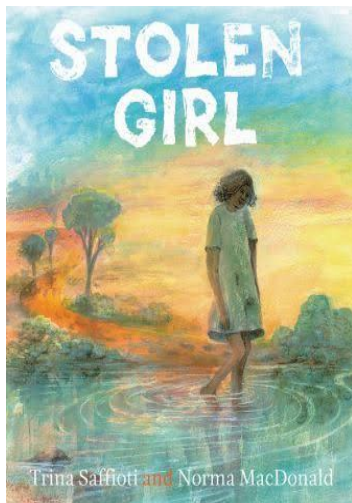




## News from Grade 3/4

This fortnight in 3/4 students began publishing their Imaginative Recount on the text *Stolen Girl* using Keynote in the style of a picture story book. Students have been working very hard on editing and revising their texts, and using digital art apps to draw illustrations for their picture story books. 3/4s extended their knowledge in Multiplicative Thinking in Numeracy by learning skills and strategies to solve 2x2 digit multiplication. Another fantastic fortnight of learning in grade 3/4!

Ms Jules & Miss Jess



**Area Model : 2x1 digit**  
eg:  $27 \times 6$   
1- Partition the numbers into their place values, and plot them on an area model.

	20	7
6	$20 \times 6 = 120$	$6 \times 7 = 42$

\* 27 becomes 20 + 7

120  
+ 42  
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162

Answer = 162

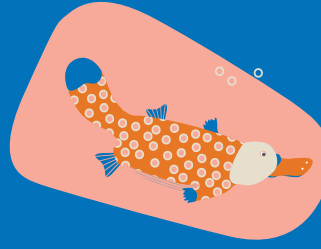
**Area Model : 2x2 digit**  
Similar to 2x1 ... however we need an extra row for the extra digit.

eg:  $96 \times 42$

	90	6
40	$90 \times 40 = 3600$	$40 \times 6 = 240$
2	$90 \times 2 = 180$	$6 \times 2 = 12$

3600  
+ 240  
+ 180  
+ 12  
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4032

Answer = 4032



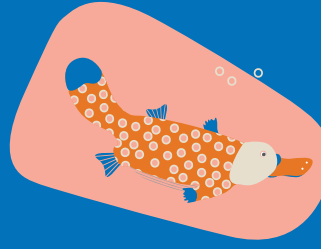
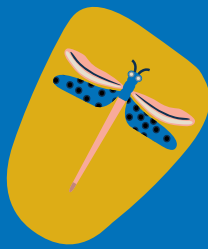
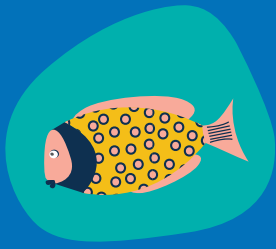
## News from Grade 5/6

As part of our inquiry unit on 'Indigenous Perspectives' Year 5 and 6 Six students have experimented with telling stories using symbols.

Students explored a range of different symbols and drafted stories to tell. After refining their stories students were given the opportunity to publish their stores on the pathways of our school and share this with their peers.

Mr Carroll, Miss Sacco & Miss B

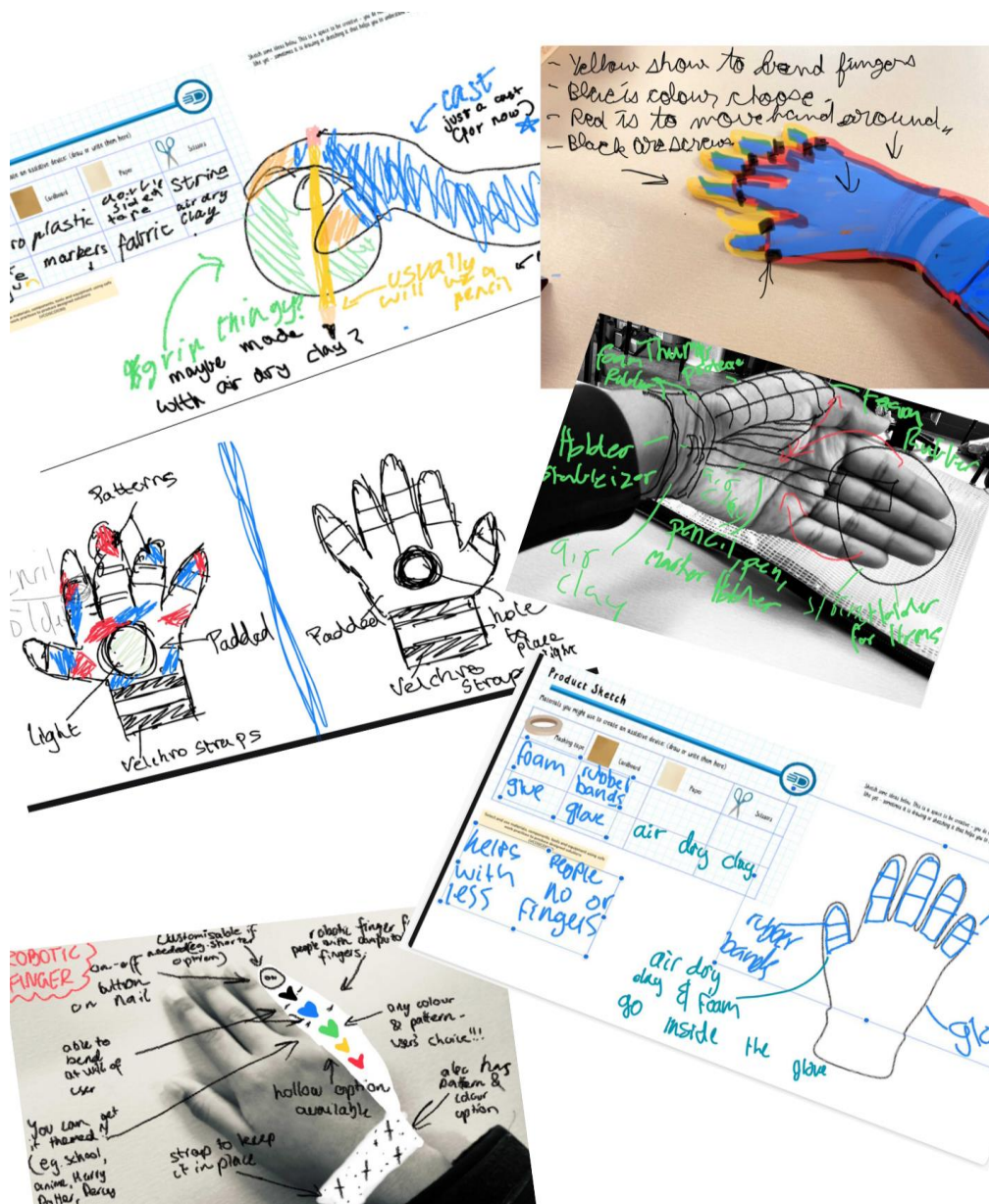


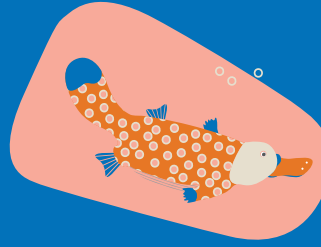
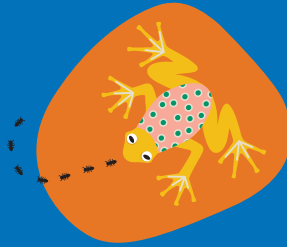
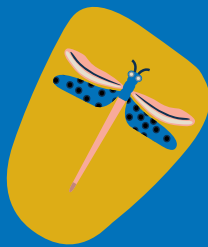
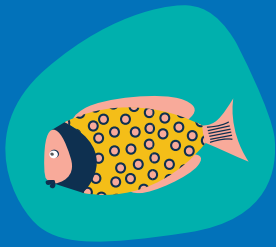


## News from STEM

The Grade 3-6 Students have been busy making designs and creating prototypes for their assistive devices. The students integrated their learning of both Digital Technology and Digital Designs. They used their knowledge of digital platforms to show evidence of their learning using their iPad stylus'. It has been an amazing few weeks seeing their ideas come to life through prototyping.

Mrs Lay





## News from Physical Education

Recently in PE, all students have started their next unit in sport, Target Games.

This week in Target Games, the Grade P-2 Students rotated through different activity stations. These activity stations challenged students to throw, strike, or roll a ball towards a target focusing on technique, accuracy and power. Some of these activities included 10-Pin Bowling, Cornhole, Mini Golf and much more!



**Task: Complete the Deanside PS  
Disc Golf course  
and record your scores:**

Hole 1 2  
 Hole 2 2  
 Hole 3 3  
 Hole 4 4  
 Hole 5 2  
 Hole 6 4  
 Hole 7 5  
 Hole 8 3  
 Hole 9 3  
**Total Shots: 26**



The Grade 3-6 students started their Target Games Unit with a game of Vortex/Frisbee Golf. In groups, students rotated through different golf holes around the school yard where they tried to complete the course with the least number of throws as possible. The 9 holes challenged students to make decisions based on gameplay which included moving around obstacles, and throwing for more power and accuracy. Students also learnt how to use a scorecard on Showbie to track their score!

Mr Laiton