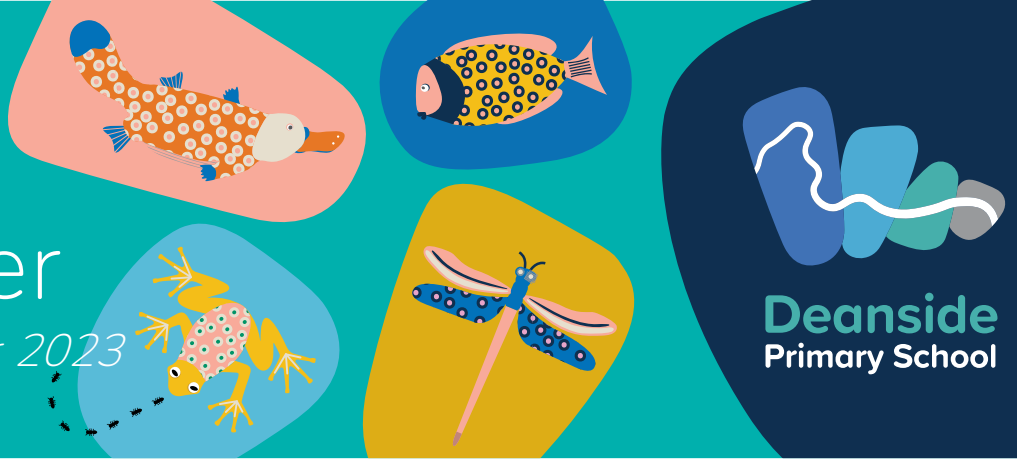


Week 8, Term 4

# Newsletter

Friday 24 November 2023



## Important Dates

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November:  
Grade 1/2 Camping Program:  
Dinner & Movie at school  
4:30pm-7:30pm
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December:  
Prep Breakfast at school
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December:  
Step Up Day
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:  
Celebration Day
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December:  
Grade 6 Graduation & Dinner

## Principal Report

Dear Deanside Community,

I cannot believe we are already in Week 8 of Term 4! Thank you to our very committed staff for continuing to deliver outstanding learning opportunities throughout the year and as we slide towards the end of another school year.

### 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.

Svetlana Markovic



My name is Miss. Markovic, and I am going to be joining Deanside Primary School in 2024! I am so excited to be joining this lovely community. A few personal things about me are that I enjoy reading (I'm a huge Harry Potter fan!) and love the warm weather, where I can enjoy the sunshine and the beach. I have been a teacher for

over five years, teaching a range of year levels in primary schools. I love to challenge my students to be the best versions of themselves and achieve success every day! I'm eager to meet my class and get to know my students. I look forward to being a part of their learning journeys!

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## Students of the Week Week 5 - Term 4

- Prep A – Jasfateh Singh
- Prep B – Alex Veiao-Kopi
- 1/2A- Akshaj Kante
- 1/2B – Gurseerat Kaur
- 1/2C- Dema Zakoo
- 1/2D – Aaran Chandra
- 3/4A – Jasneet Badial
- 5/6A – Naod Fekensa
- 5/6B – Aniesha Mitima
- 5/6C – Delakshan Antony Ravikumar

## Week 6 - Term 4

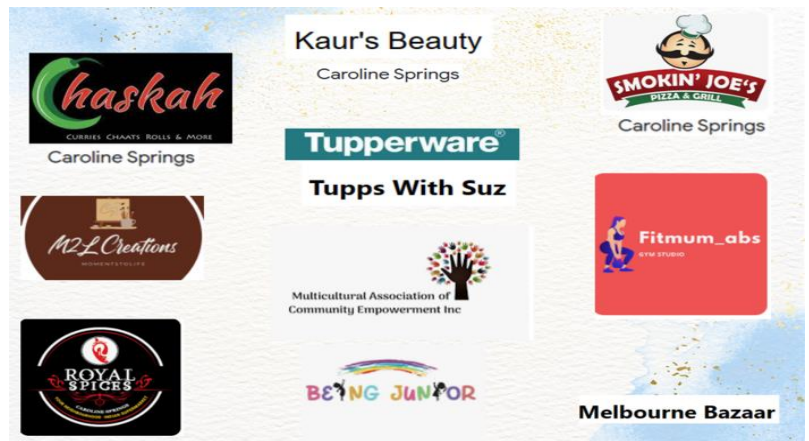
- Prep A – Naksh Mehta
- 1/2A – Avneet Saini
- 1/2B – Adira Jadav
- 1/2D – Kuai Lueth
- 3/4A – Aruth Nissanka
- 3/4B- Rajveer Mahabadi
- 5/6A – Florence Joshi
- 5/6B – Elaine Chhm
- 5/6C – Queenie Veiao

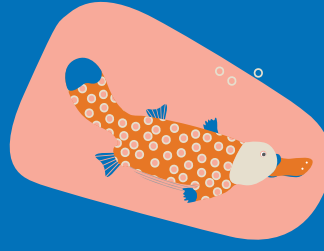
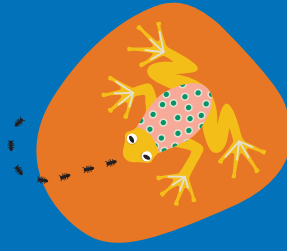
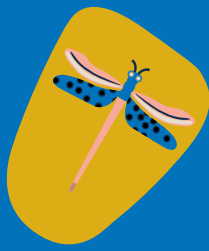
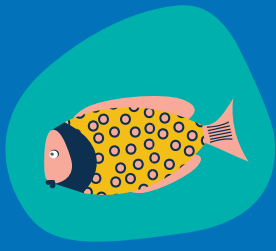
## Raffle

A MASSIVE THANK YOU to the generosity of businesses in our community for the support and donations made towards our raffle.

I also want to recognise and thank our school community for purchasing tickets in the raffle. As a result, we have raised the amazing total of \$3,204. All money will go towards the purchase of Numeracy Resources.

The raffle will be drawn at today's assembly.





## Before and After School Supervision

Student safety at Deanside Primary School is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

- Before school: School grounds are supervised between 8:45-9:00am with 3 staff members on yard duty. The school gates open each morning by 8:45am.
- After school: School grounds are supervised from 3:30-3:45pm with 3 staff members on yard duty. The school gates open each afternoon by 3:25pm.

Families are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times unless they are attending before or after school care.

If you need your children to be at school before 8:45am or after school, please contact BIG Childcare - 0484 118 431 or [deanside@bigchildcare.com](mailto:deanside@bigchildcare.com)

## Prep Transition

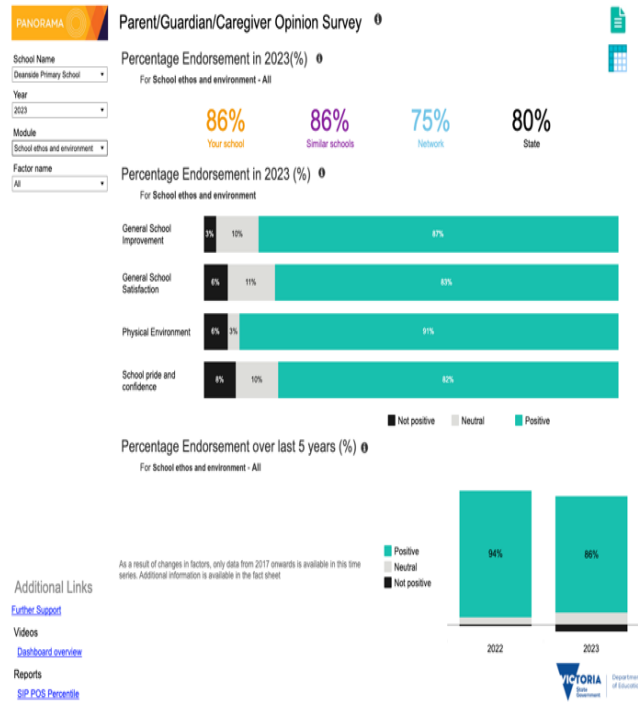
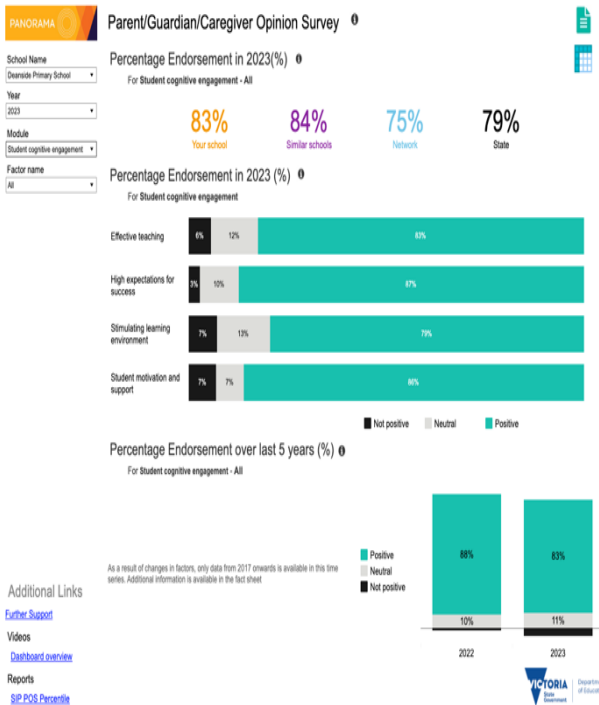
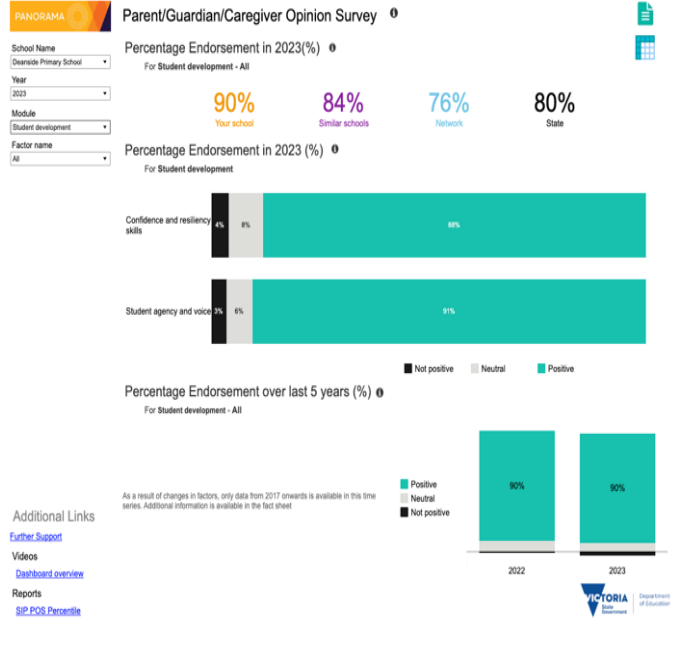
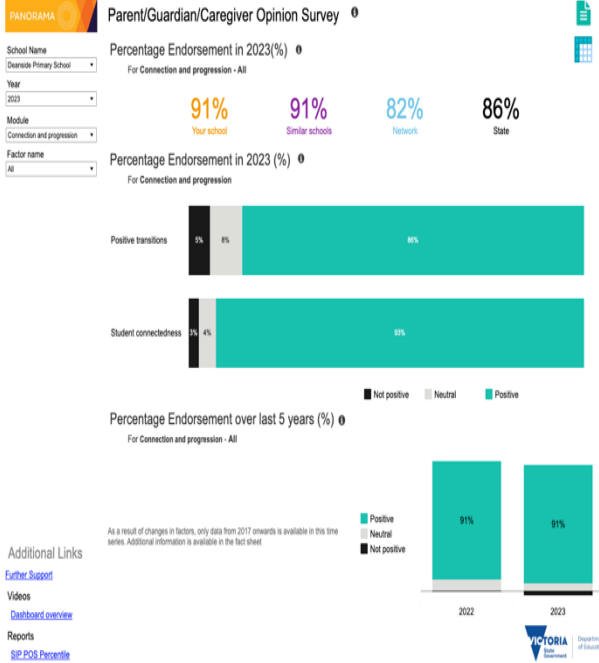
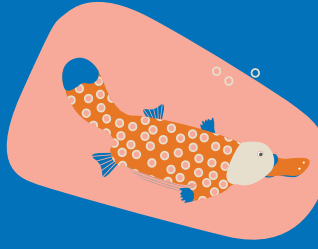
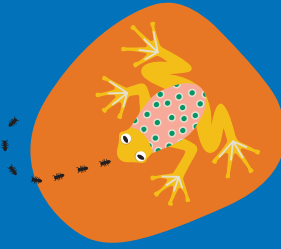
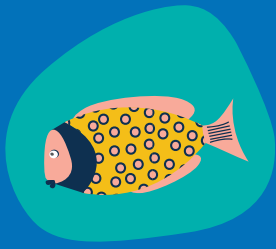
Over the last 3 Wednesday's we have had our 2024 Prep Students join us for an hour to begin their transition to school. We are so proud of the way they have adjusted to the classrooms.

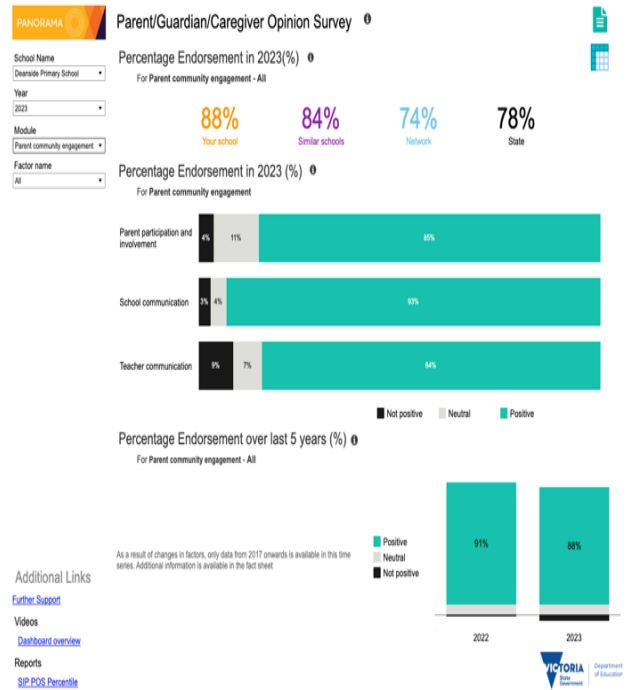
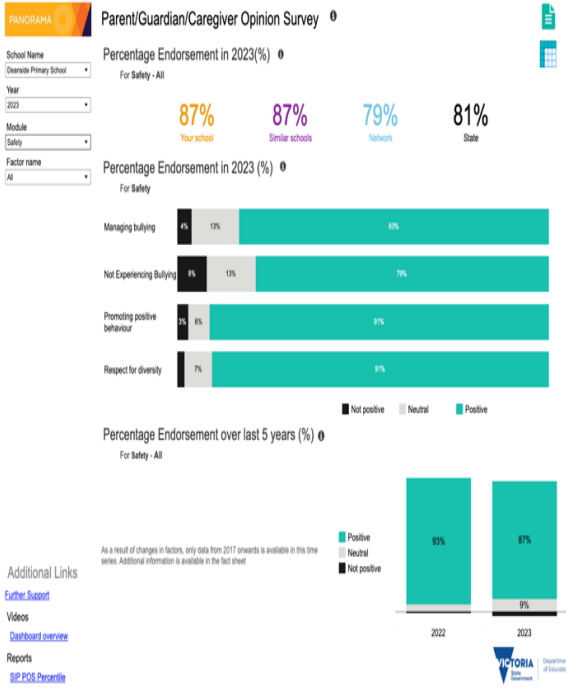
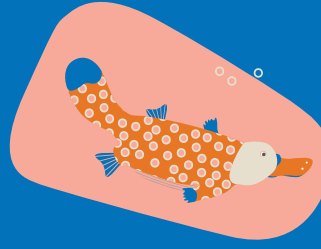
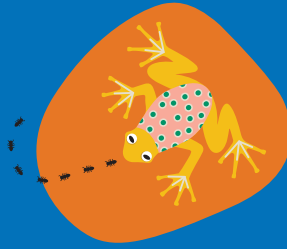
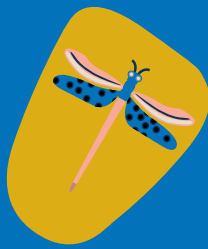
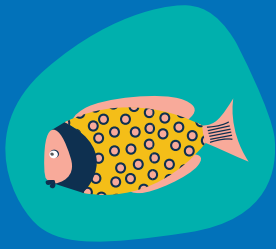
I also wanted to thank the families for attending the information sessions. We hope it was useful.

## Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Opinion Survey

A few months ago we asked our families to give us feedback via the Department of Education Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Opinion Survey. We are very pleased with our results, as we are 'on par' with similar schools or above. We also recognise that there are areas that we need to focus on in the future, and that will form part of our 2024 Annual Implementation Plan.

Thank you to those families who were able to provide feedback, we value it!





## School Values

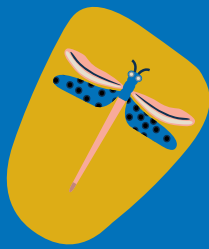
Our School values are important to us. Remember to Respect, Be Responsible, Strive for Excellence and show genuine Care for others and the environment.

Stuart Telford  
Principal

**PROTECT**  
Protecting children & young people  
from abuse is our responsibility







## Assistant Principal Report

### Step Up Day

To support in the transition of students into 2024, we will hold a 'Step-Up' morning on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December (9:30am - 10:45am). This will allow all students to meet their new 2024 classroom teacher, as well as their room number and the peers they will spend the year with. The students will spend the morning getting to know their friends and teacher and become familiar with their new classroom. This will hopefully ease some nervousness and that all students will have a positive experience in their new class.

On this day, our Year 6 students will transition into their high school (Government school only), and we welcome our newest members to our community, our new 2024 Preps.

Please be mindful though, that if we receive an influx of enrolments over the holidays, THIS MAY CHANGE. This means that we may have to look at class structures and reorganise students into new classes with new teachers. We will communicate any changes at the beginning of the year.

### End of Year Celebration Picnic

Our Celebration Picnic will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 4pm – 5:30pm. This is the perfect time for our families to bring a picnic rug and celebrate the wonderful achievements of their children and our school. During this time, our students will be performing their class dances with Miss. Victoria, and there will be a few activities to get the kids and their families engaged in. We would love to see all families attend this important end of year celebration. More information on the event will be out shortly.

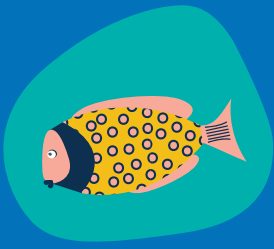
### Uniforms

As we approach the last few weeks of the year, it is vital that we ensure that all students are following our school expectations, which includes wearing school uniform every day. I have noticed that each day, I am seeing more and more students arrive with different coloured jumpers, jackets, and pants. We are asking all families to please ensure your children are wearing school uniform every day.

Thanks,

Lina Stephens

Assistant Principal



## News from Prep

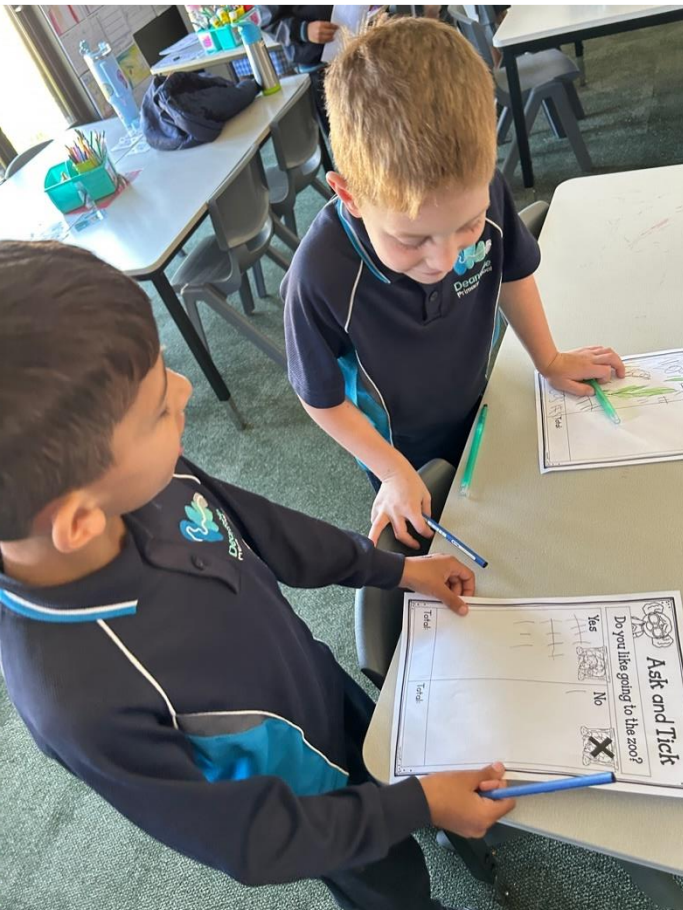
We love putting our Mathematician hats on and interacting with one another during Numeracy sessions in Prep. This fortnight we have focused on surveying our classmates, asking yes or no questions, such as:

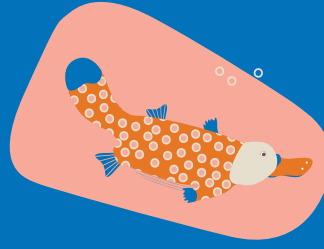
*Do you like going to the Zoo?*

*Do you like sunny weather?*

We recorded our data using tally marks, counted our totals and then compared and made inferences as to why we received certain results. We have also sorted photos of our shoes and brain food into different categories and discussed why certain ones are more popular than others. This was lots of fun!

Miss Jade and Miss Merryn





## News from Grade 1/2

This fortnight in the 1/2's we have continued our history unit and have begun to explore the evolution of toys from past to present. Students have used their prior knowledge from our excursion to discuss the toys they saw at Werribee Mansion and the toys they have today. We have discussed how toys were made from the materials available at the time and have made our own toys which everyone really enjoyed. We will continue to look at other items from the past and compare them to what we have available today.

Miss Melissa, Miss Maddie, Ms Danielle & Mrs Stirrup



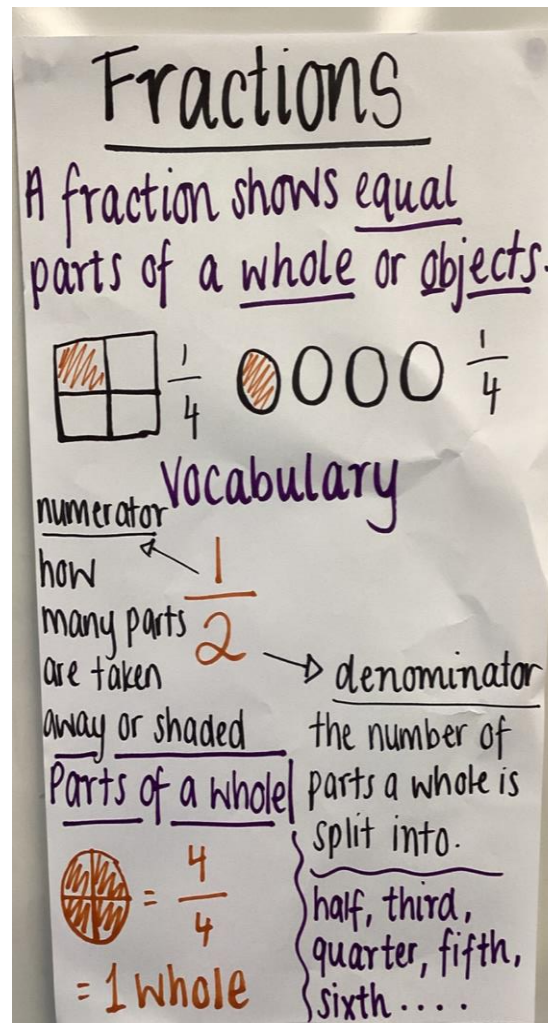


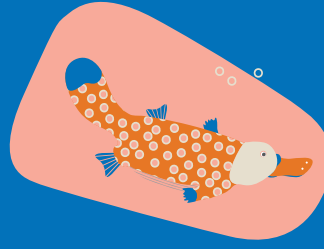


## News from Grade 3/4

This fortnight in Grade 3/4, students began a new unit in Writing focusing on Advertisements. Students have all selected a product they will be creating a poster, speech and commercial on. We have had a lot of fun brainstorming persuasive language and understanding the power of persuasion. We are looking forward to seeing their amazing commercials! Students also began learning about Decimals and Fractions in Numeracy, and how they relate to one another.

Ms Jules & Miss Jess



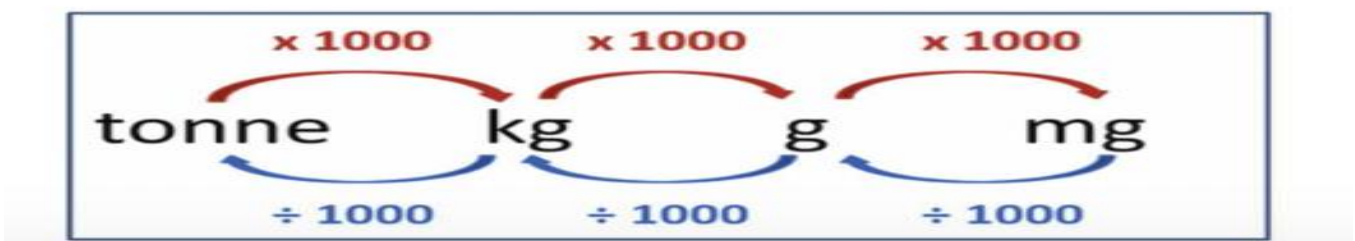


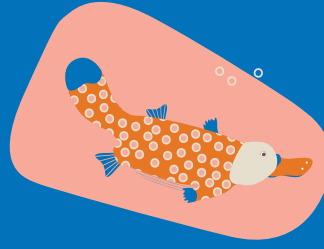
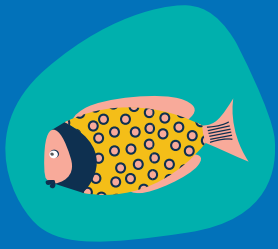
## News from Grade 5/6

This week in Numeracy the 5/6 students having been working through their unit on Mass. We have been estimating, measuring, and comparing the mass of different containers. Once measurements had been made students were asked to convert the measurement of grams into milligrams, kilograms and even tonnes using the conversion formula below. Students then used what they had learnt to apply to solving real life problems involving mass.

Amazing work grade 5/6s!

Mr Carroll, Miss Sacco & Miss B





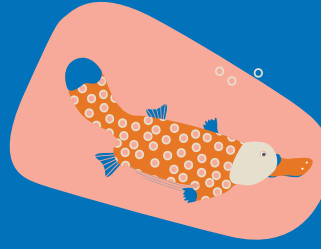
## News from STEM

Over the past fortnight the students have been very excited seeing the school garden grow. Once a week the students have gardening club where they can help water the plants and clean around the garden beds. We have been lucky to be able to harvest lettuce, silver beet, coriander, and basil. We are also lucky to see strawberries grow, butterflies fluttering around and ladybugs hiding within the garden. It is so exciting to see how quickly the garden has grown since the beginning of semester two, must be all the extra love they receive from the students! Be on the lookout for fresh vegetables to take home when it is harvesting time.

Mrs Lay







## News from Physical Education

Recently in PE, the P-2 students finished their Target Games Unit. This fortnight students explored how they can strike a ball towards a target when exploring Mini Golf Activities. Students focused on using the correct stance and exploring how they can strike the ball with the right amount of power.



The grade 3-6 students also recently finished their Target Games Unit. This fortnight students worked within groups to complete the Deanside PS Mini Golf Course, as well as competing against each other in small games such as Cornhole and Bocce.

Mr Laiton





## News from Performing Arts

This week in Dance, the grade 3/4s have focused on the element of timing. Students worked in groups to ensure all members of the dance performance was in time. Students used beats of rhythm and counts of 8 to ensure the timing of the moves were in time. Students worked on their stage presence, by understanding the importance of staying in character once on stage. Students adapted facial expressions to the timing and lyrics of the music, expanding the level of performance and engagement for an audience.

Miss Victoria

