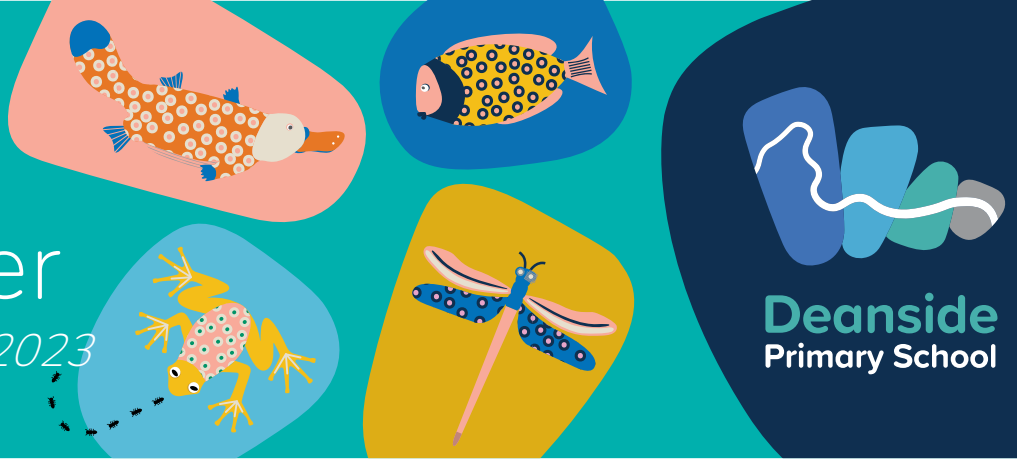


Week 10, Term 4

Newsletter

Friday 8 December 2023



Important Dates

- Tuesday 12th December:
Step Up Day
- Wednesday 13th December:
End of Year Celebration
Picnic 4:00pm-5:30pm
- Thursday 14th December:
Grade 6 Graduation & Dinner
- Friday 15th December:
Special FINAL Assembly
2:45pm
- Monday 18th December:
Curriculum Day (student free
day)
- Wednesday 20th
December: Last day of term
(Early dismissal 1:30pm)

Principal Report

Dear Deanside Community,

This is the final newsletter of 2023. As I take a moment to reflect, I think it is important to recognise the challenges and successes of the year. This year has certainly flown by way too quickly. It was a super busy year for us all, as we worked tirelessly to meet deadlines, manage the enrolments and resources, trouble shoot and solve obstacles and challenges along the way, as well as meet our learning goals and objectives. It has been all systems go, with very little down time, in order to ensure the year was a successful one.

So, during this holiday season, please take some time to reflect on the year that has been, and how far we have come. I would like to officially thank my staff for being the heart and backbone of this organisation. They need to be commended for their efforts, their hard work, flexibility and for being great advocates and role models to our students.

I also want to thank and recognise our School Council members for their ongoing support to the school.

On behalf of the staff, our sincere thanks to every parent who has been on this journey with us and has supported us throughout the year.

Wishing all families a very Merry Christmas and happy holidays. We look forward to a bigger and better 2024.

State-wide Orientation Day - Step Up Day

Tuesday 12th December it is the State-wide Orientation Day for all government schools. On this day our Year 6 students will travel to their Secondary Colleges for the day. We welcome our 2024 Prep students and future students, so all our students will get to meet their teacher and see their new classroom. This is a very exciting day for all students!

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Students of the Week

Week 7 - Term 4

Prep A – Lyla Berger
 Prep B – Xavier Pace
 1/2A- Jasmine Kavelata
 1/2B – Sahib Singh
 1/2C- Iha Dhaliwali
 1/2D – Gurliv Kukreja
 3/4A – Sehajpeet Droch
 3/4B- Rivaan Rajput
 5/6A – Kabya Bohora
 5/6B – Lj Johnson
 5/6C – Ekamreet Kaur

Week 8 - Term 4

Prep A – Daivik Takkar
 Prep B- Madhav Shah
 1/2A – Serena Hoang
 1/2B – Jaxon Abramiuk
 1/2C- Aileen Kaur
 1/2D – Ariyah Thathai
 3/4A – Hardy Hodgetts
 3/4B- Eman Saqib
 5/6A – Ambar Bishla
 5/6B – Fatima Mehdi
 5/6C – Queenie Veiao



End of Year Celebration Picnic
 Our Celebration Picnic will be held on Wednesday 13th 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. Families are encouraged to bring their own snacks/meals to share as a family (please do not share food with others). Please make sure bins are used for rubbish so it keeps our school grounds neat. This is a student event so there is no alcohol to be onsite.

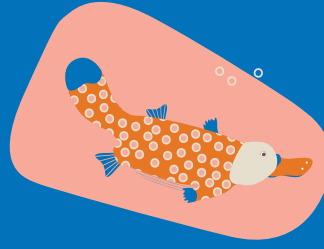
We will be holding a raffle to win this beautifully knitted Santa (thanks for the donation Mum 😊). Tickets will be \$1 each. Please bring cash as there will be no electronic payments available. The Santa will be drawn at the end the picnic to conclude the event. All money raised will go towards Numeracy resources to support all classrooms in 2024.

Reports

On Monday 11th December all Semester 2 student reports will be released on Compass.

I want to take a moment to congratulate all our students on the way they have taken on the challenges of their learning this year. It was great reading the reports to see how much growth the children have made.

I also want to thank our wonderful staff for the time and effort that has been put into the reports. The reflection on assessment and student growth at this time of the year is always so rewarding.



Student Leaders in 2023

I want to take this opportunity to recognise the outstanding work of our 2023 Student Captains. They have done an outstanding job since their appointment and have been exceptional student leaders. I am particularly proud of the way they have organised and facilitated weekly assemblies. The commitment they have shown to their role has been amazing and they have excellent futures as leaders.



Captain	Chasze HODGETTS
Captain	Amaira KAUR
Vice Captain	Chalaka YAPA APPUHAMILAGE
Vice Captain	Sienna KERRY
PE Captain	Jaskirat SAINI
Arts Captain	Aniesha MITIMA
STEM Captain	Arav NAND

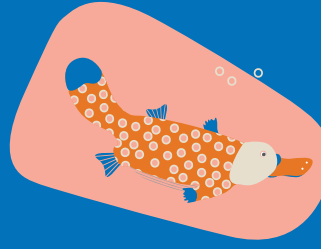
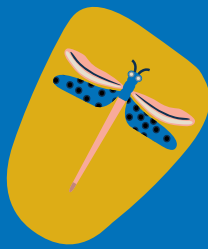
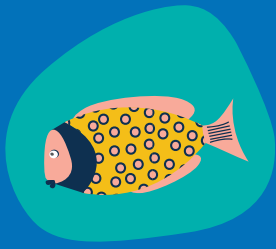
Staffing for 2024

As the year comes to an end, it will see us farewell some of our staff and greet new staff. Sadly, we are farewelling – Victoria Magafas (The Arts/Wellbeing), Shannon Carroll (Grade 6 teacher) and Jordon Veith (School Specialist Technician).

Whilst it is sad to see Victoria, Shannon and Jordon leave our beautiful school, we have been extremely blessed to have worked with such dedicated staff and we wish them every success in their future.

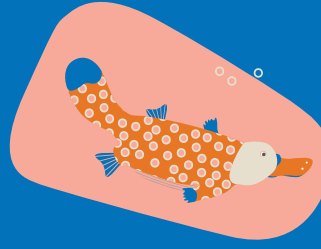
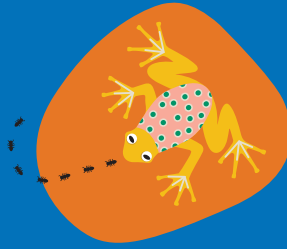
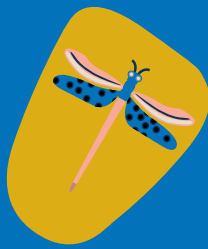
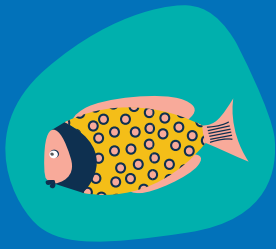
Classroom Teachers, Specialist Teachers and Educational Support staff are close to being finalised. Teachers have been informed which grades they will be teaching next year. Currently we still have The Arts teaching positions advertised, which we are hoping for a successful outcome in this recruitment process this week. This term has seen us work through a detailed process to appoint the best possible staff to Deanside Primary School, to ensure all our wonderful learning and programs will continue next year as well as begin introducing new programs. We are very excited to welcome new staff joining our school in 2024.



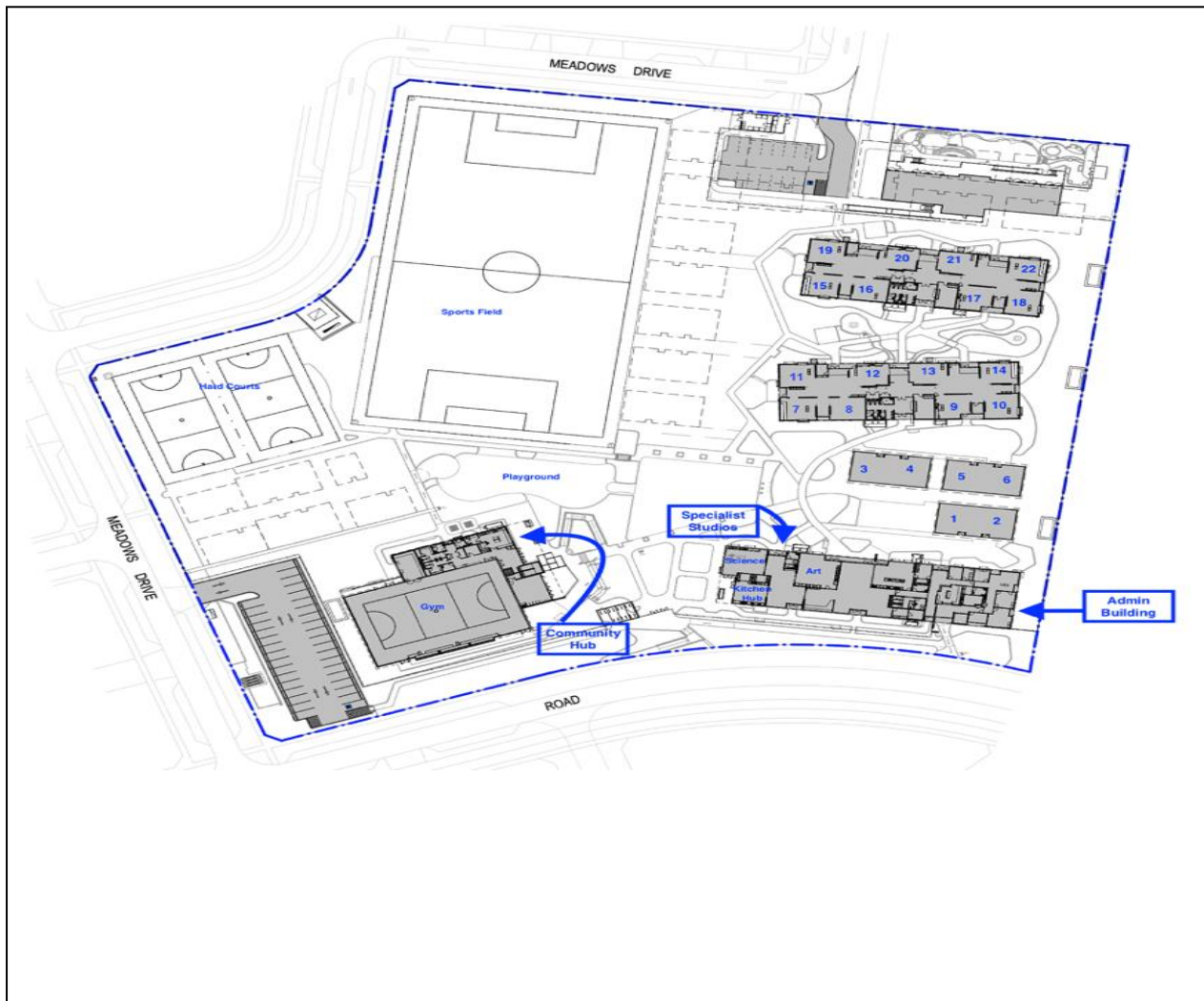


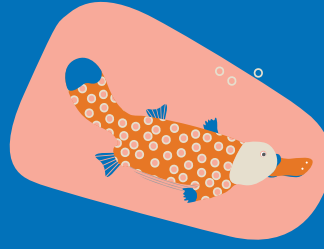
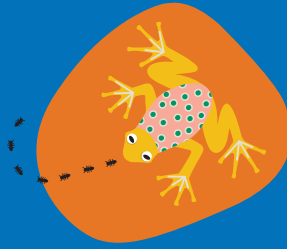
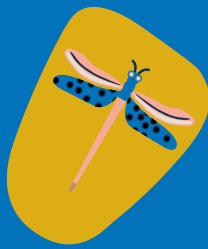
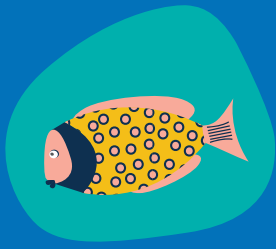
Staff for 2024 will be –

Grade	Teacher	Room
Prep A	Melissa Tran	3
Prep B	Anna Huynh	4
Prep C	Merryn de Livera	7
Prep D	Richelle Reyes	8
1/2A	Jenny Stirrup	5
1/2B	Leanne Dimovska	6
1/2C	Danielle Stasinowsky & Tara Lindsay	10
1/2D	Melissa Sacco	13
1/2E	Maddison Lorimer	14
3/4A	Lanie de Castro	15
3/4B	Jessica Babic	16
3/4C	Juliet Berger	19
5/6A	Jessica Talevski	18
5/6B	Jade Farrar	21
5/6C	Svetlana Markovic	22
Specialist	Laiton Sullivan (PE)	1
Specialist	Ises Lay (STEM)	1
Specialist	VACANT (The Arts)	1
Specialist	Melanie Soulsby (Kitchen/Garden)	1
Specialist	Joy Moodley (Tutor)	1
Teacher Aides	Nicole Borg	
Teacher Aides	Marcia Castellanos	
Teacher Aides	Joanne Felice	



Teacher Aides	Rebecca Palmer	
Teacher Aides	Emily Christie	
Specialist Computer Technician	Upeksha Fernando	Tech
Reception	Sue Kitanovski	Admin
Business Manager	Shana Brooks	Admin
Learning Specialist	Danielle Stasinowsky	
Assistant Principal	Lina Stephens	Admin
Assistant Principal	Emma Bainbridge	Admin
Principal	Stuart Telford	Admin





Please note; we are anticipating an influx of student enrolments in the next few months with many families expected to move in to Deanside. So, I want to reiterate; the way the school year may begin, may not stay the same at the end of Term 1. We may require grades to relocate to other rooms, students may need to transfer to another classroom, additional teachers and resources may be required. There is a long list of 'unknowns', however, we believe we are well planned for the confirmed enrolments we do have. As always, if scenarios change; we will continue to communicate and keep families up to date.

Special FINAL Assembly of 2023

On Friday 15th December at 2:45pm, we will be holding a 'Special Assembly' in the gym. This will be our final opportunity to be together to make our final announcements for 2023. We will be announcing our 2024 Student Captains and saying farewell to our Grade 6 students as well as some student awards. Gates open at 2:30pm, all parents are welcome.

Last Week of Term 4

The Last week of Term 4 is a short week. Monday 18th December is a Curriculum Day – no students are expected onsite this day. Tuesday is a "normal" school day, but staff will be spending the day restructuring and preparing for 2024 classrooms. The final day of 2023 is Wednesday 20th December. Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm. Please note the early finish time.

Term 1 2024

Teachers are officially due back to school on Monday 29th January 2024. This will be a pupil free day where staff will be engaged in learning opportunities. Grade 1-6 students resume school on Tuesday 30th January 2024.

Please note that our 2024 Prep children begin their school year by attending a one-hour assessment/interview with their teachers.

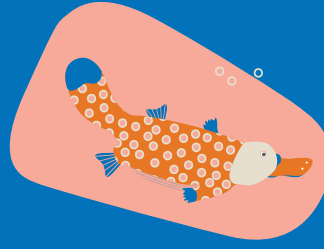
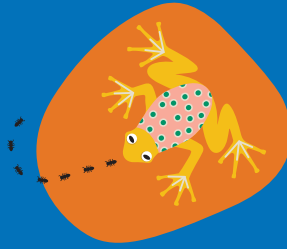
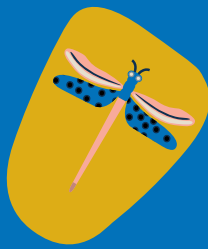
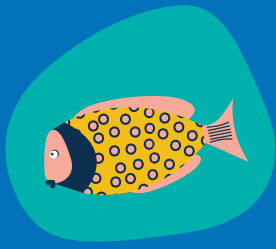
Farewell Students and Families

We will be saying farewell to some of our families and students at the end of the school year. We wish you well on your new adventures and hope that the children continue to strive for outstanding results in their education.

If you have no use for any school uniform or bags, please consider donating them to the school so that we can support families needing new uniform.

If possible, please provide the donated items in a zip locked bag, washed and with the details of the garment written on it e.g. Size 10.

Finally.....



A big thank you must also go to our staff, teaching, and non-teaching for the way they have supported the students and the school throughout the year. I would also like to thank the students for the manner in which they approach all aspects of their school life, as well as the way they endeavour to display our school values on a daily basis. I look forward to next year and working together to support all students' academic and social growth in 2024. I truly hope that all the students have a fantastic holiday, and all families are able to spend some quality time together. I look forward to hearing all the holiday stories.

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.

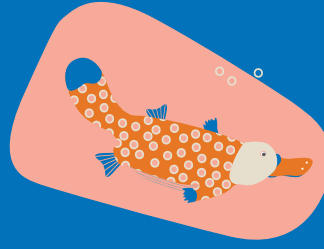
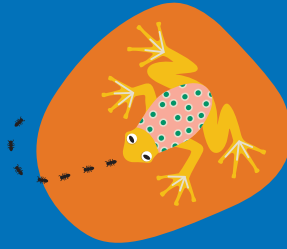
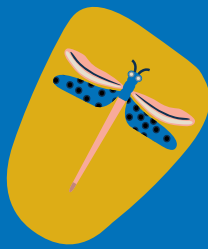
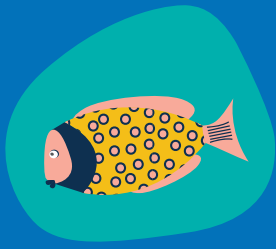


Merry Christmas.
Stuart Telford
Principal

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News from Prep A and B

What a wonderful year we have experienced in Prep A and Prep B! Whilst we are excited for new adventures in 2024, we've been very busy reflecting on all the memories we've created together in our learning space.

We love collaborating to explore the marvellous books in our classroom libraries and supporting one another to read, as you can see within our photo below! We'd love for you to ask us about the books we've read this year and show you the strategies we've learnt to read them like storytellers!

Miss Jade and Miss Merryn

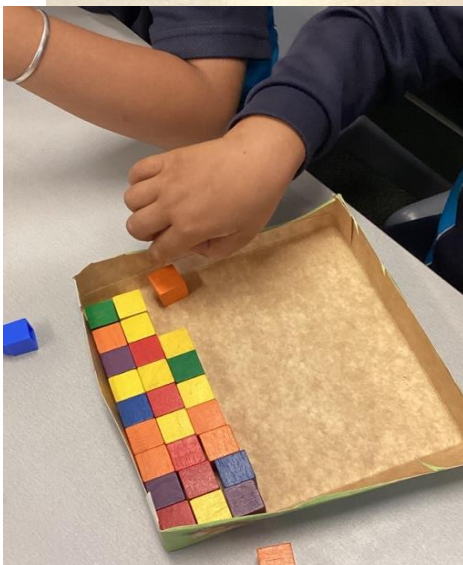
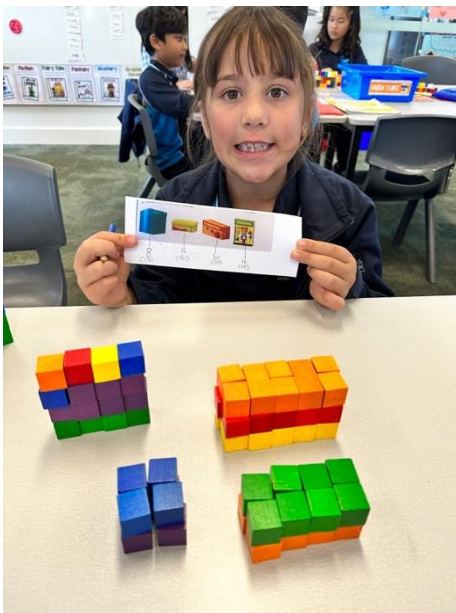


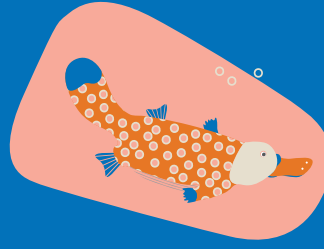


News from Grade 1/2

During Weeks 9 and 10, the students in grade 1 and 2 have been learning about Volume. Students used problem-solving skills to measure the volume of 3D objects around the room. They have investigated different objects that have equal volume and used their creative thinking to create objects.

Miss Melissa, Miss Maddie, Ms Danielle & Mrs Stirrup



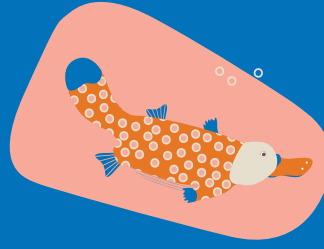


News from Grade 3/4

This fortnight in Year 3/4, students began learning their last Numeracy unit for 2023 – Volume & Capacity. Students explored units of measurement related to capacity, and how to calculate the volume of containers varying in shape and size. Students also began creating commercials as part of their Advertisement project using Canva. They have been working super hard on using persuasive language and devices to persuade their audience to “buy” their product. It has been lovely watching our students use their creativity throughout the unit. Our 3/4s have been preparing for their transition into Year 4 and 5 and are super excited to be moving into 2024!

Ms Jules & Miss Jess



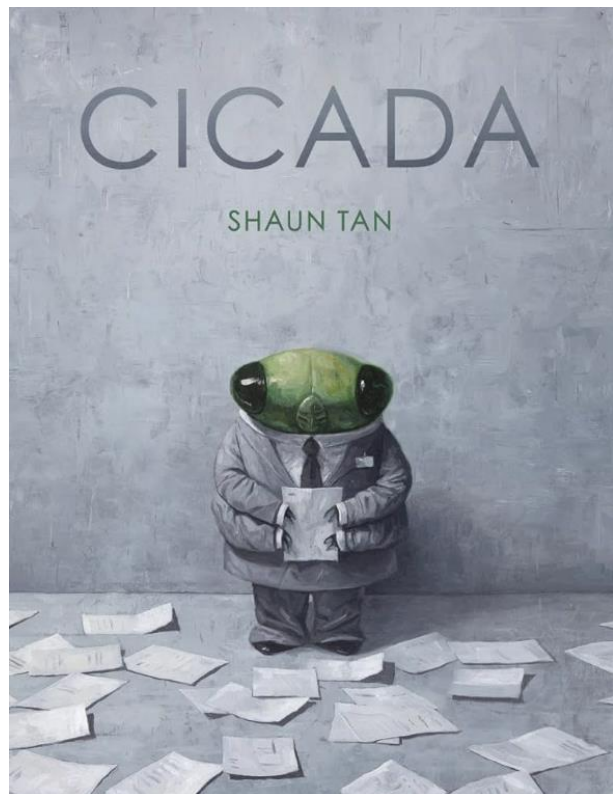
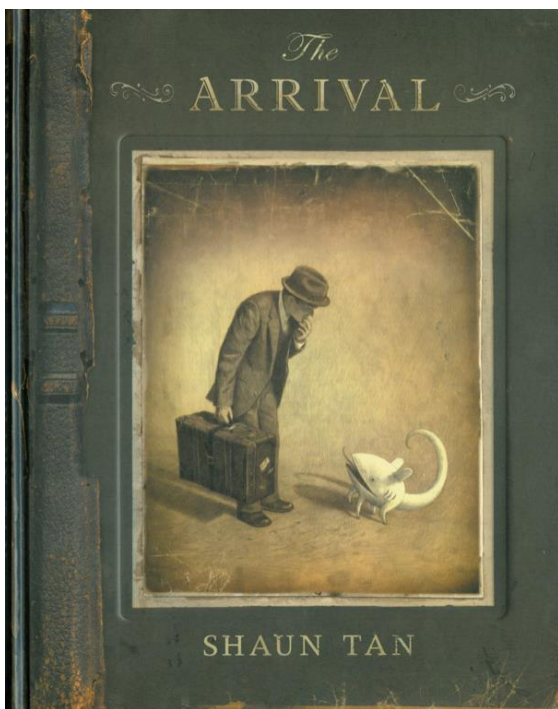


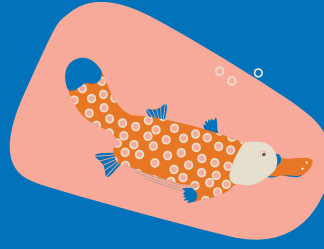
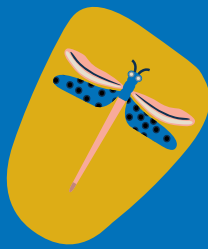
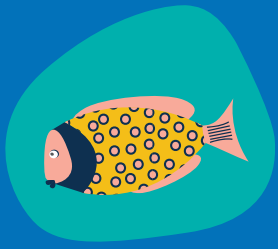
News from Grade 5/6

In Reading, students have been completed an Author Study on writer and illustrator Shaun Tan.

Students have viewed a range of his texts and analysed his style of writing and illustrating. Students have explored Shaun's method of writing and drawing, including how he sources inspiration for a text and develops this using colour to depict mood. Students have compared texts looking at the similarities and difference between his books.

Mr Carroll, Miss Sacco & Miss B



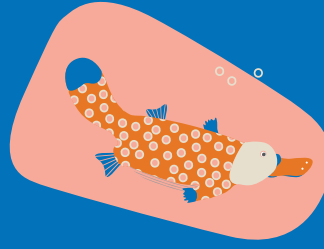
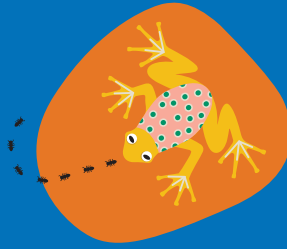
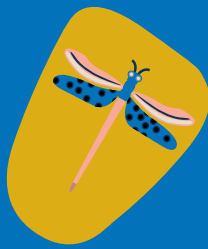
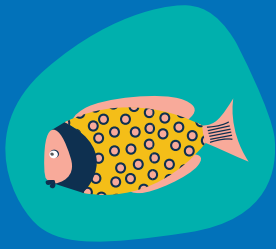


News from Grade STEM

Over this fortnight, the students have been working closely with Robotic Devices. They have been learning to create algorithms through coding. The students are always so excited to use technology in STEM. The students have a problem or challenge they need to work through while simultaneously practising their skills to code.

Mrs Lay





News from Performing Arts

This week in Dance, all year levels worked on their performance skills through the different elements of dance. They cleaned their routines by improving their timing as a group and enhanced their moves with power and energy. They worked on their spatial awareness during performances and transitions throughout the different parts of their routines. Students have done an incredible job creating performances and learning different styles of dance this term. Students' confidence and ability to share their creativity and moves has been wonderful this term. We look forward to showcasing our dances at the end of year picnic for you all!

Miss Victoria

