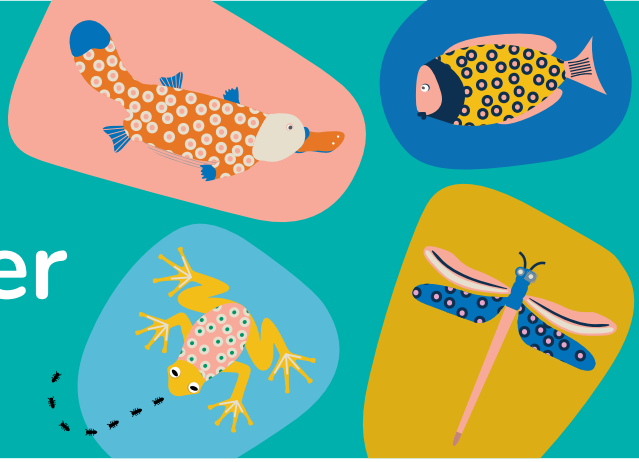
Week 2, Term 2

Newsletter

Friday 2 May 2025



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Important Dates

- **Saturday 3 May:** Election Day BBQ
- **Friday 9 May** Grade 5/6 Interschool Sports
- **Wednesday 14 May** School Photo Day
- **Monday 26 May** Curriculum Day

Principal Report

Dear Deanside Community,

Welcome back! We hope all students had an enjoyable and restful break in the holidays. I am sure you enjoyed the beautiful sunny days as much as the staff did. I hope that all of the Easter Eggs have now been eaten and we can settle back into school routine for the term ahead.

Enrolments, classes, staffing and recruitment

At the end of last term we sadly said goodbye to two teachers Heidie Watts (4B) and Chrissy Georgiou (PrepC). We wish both Heidie and Chrissy all the best on their futures. We are currently looking to recruit teachers for these classrooms.

I feel like every year I say this, but the suburb of Deanside continues to grow and evolve before our eyes every day. With many new homes now being occupied and families moving into their homes or rentals, it is resulting in increased student enrolments (as well as many enquires). We are excited to see our new students and families embrace our school culture.

Over the coming weeks and months, we will continue to welcome new students into our school. As students enrol in our school, we will constantly evaluate the class structures to ensure that our overall Prep to Grade 6 average does not exceed 26 students per classroom, and that the average class size of 21 is maintained in our Prep to Grade 2 classrooms (as per Department of Education recommended guidelines). It is unknown how many students will transition to Deanside Primary School, or which year level they will enter – therefore it is impossible to determine what grades may be affected by additional students. I will continue to keep families updated on any potential class growth in the future to ensure we maintain a clear focus on the ed

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ANZAC Day

Thank you to our Grade 6 students for organising a lovely tribute to ANZAC day that was read over the PA system last week. Very proud of the detail and effort that they went to, to recognise such a significant day on our calendar. I also want to thank our school

Curriculum Day Reminder

We have a Curriculum Day coming up on Monday 26th May. This is a pupil free day.

The focus of this day is 21st Century Learning and getting the best of our Apple products for students and staff.

REMINDER - Student accident insurance/ambulance cover

As per DET guidelines, it is important that we remind parents that we do not provide personal accident insurance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport. Parents are able to take out private Student Cover accident insurance if they choose to via www.studentcover.com.au in addition to this family ambulance cover is also encouraged.

School Assembly

There will be an assembly every Friday afternoon @ 2:45pm in the gym. Parents are always welcome to attend. Gates open at 2:35pm.

Canteen News

From this term the Canteen will be open 4 days a week. The only day it will **NOT** be available will be **MONDAY**.

School Uniform

PSW/Uniform Group is located at Unit 2/51-53 Westwood Dr, Ravenhall VIC 3023. This is the perfect time to think about grabbing a warm hat for the upcoming cold weather.
Students https://www.psw.com.au/schools/deanside-primary-school.html
If you do buy a beanie, please, please, **please** use a texta to write your child's name on it 😉

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School Gates

Each morning our School Gates open at 8:45am and again at 3:25pm for access to the school. We have noticed lately that some parents are leaving their children at school gates well before the opening time. If you have appointments, meetings or work commitments and need to leave your children at school before 8:45am – we urge you to use the Before School service – Big Childcare.

For more information head to Team Kids – 1300 035 000 or teamkids.com.au

Its time to arrive on time!

If your child arrives at school after 9am, they must enter the school through the Main Office a collect a late pass. Recently there have been some students entering through the gates after 9am and not making it to their classrooms before teachers marks their roll. As a result, the student appears as absent and our automatic messaging system sends a message to parents to indicate this, causing some confusion for office staff and parents. To eliminate that being an issue, we simply ask that any late children arrive through the office – ideally we want every student to be at school between 8:45 and 9:00am every day to ensure we can maintain consistency. At 9am our staff are already following timetables, students are transitioning to Specialist Classes, lunch tubs have been taken to the canteen and special events may have already started. The concept of punctuality is a lifelong skill that we should be instilling in our children from Primary School age, if you are regularly late to school please set all your alarms 10 minutes earlier 😊

Election Day BBQ

Tomorrow the school will be used as a polling booth for the election. It would great to see families using the facility for voting as well as grabbing a sausage from the BBQ and entering into a school Mothers Day raffle. All funds raised All funds raised will go towards additional outside equipment for the students. Thank you to staff and parents who are volunteering their time to support the BBQ.

Drop and Go Zone & Pedestrian Crossing

Last term I had a focus on supporting traffic around the school by developing a clear approach to using the Drop and Go zone on Conservatory Drive. I am pleased to say that this area seems to be working really well now and those using it are very pleased with the access to dropping their child(ren) off safely and driving off. I urge our community to continue to respect what is in place and allowing students to be dropped off in this area.

Moving in to next week, I will be changing my focus to safe use of the pedestrian crossing and urging all students and families to use the designated crossing on Conservatory Drive to cross the road safely. Any students (or parents) looking to cross the road in the area will be asked to redirect their crossing point to the crossing. We hope that parents will be supportive of this and insist that their children use the pedestrian crossing for everyone's safety.

Looking forward to seeing you on the pedestrian crossing with a STOP sign 😊

Mothers Day Stall

This year we will be providing students with the opportunity to buy a gift for their Mums (or special females in their lives) for Motherss Day.

To streamline purchases – all items will be $5.

I ask that parents provide their child with a $5 note (where possible). Use a zip lock bag to write their name and grade on it. Put a Coles/Woolies bag in their school bag to carry their gift.

Thank you to Ises and Parent Club for supporting and running this event.

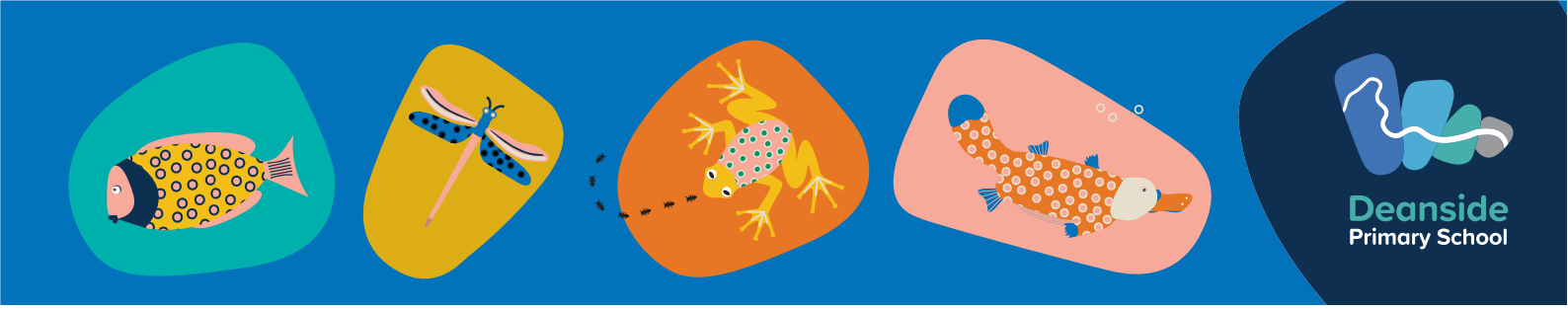
More details will be posted on Compass in coming days.

School Photos

I also want to highlight that our school photo day is quickly approaching – Wednesday 14th May 2025.

On this day we want all children to be in correct school uniform. It will be expected that all children wear a school polo (long or short sleeve) for the photo.

Parents will be invited to purchase their child(rens) photos via the online portal arranged by our school photographers – MSP photography. Online ordering is now open. More details can be found on Compass.



2026 Prep Enrolments

We have already been receiving enquires about new families joining our school in 2026.
Parents are required to supply the following information when enrolling:

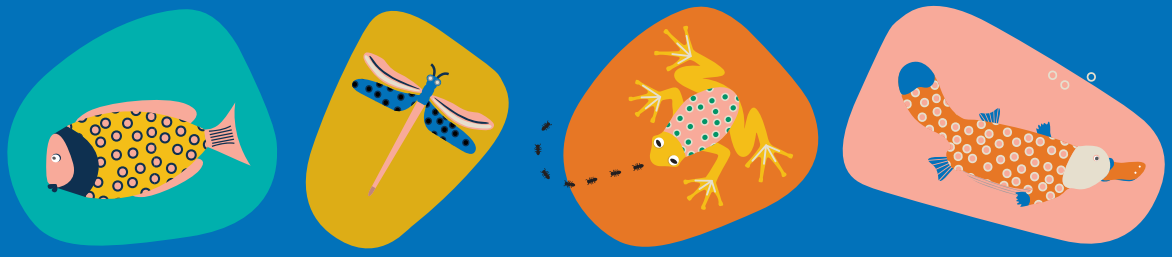
- Proof of residence in Deanside
- Proof of age (birth certificate or passport)
- Immunisation certificate

Prep tours will be held throughout Terms 2 & 3 for interested parents. Bookings through the office are essential for the school tours. If you know anyone interested in having a school tour please pass on the school number – 8080-5444.

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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Student of the Week 2 Term 2

Prep A – Layla

Prep B – Prisha

Prep C – Samuel

Prep D – Jaanvi

1A – Sophia

1B - Zimal

1C – Pavleen

1D – Nevaeh

1E - Meghan

2A - TJ

2B - Krishna

3A – Zaynab

3B – Sherry Bal

3C - Ishika

4A - Nirupa

4B – Gurshaan

4C - Anish

5A – Eden

5B – Ranvir

6A - Cohen

6B – Naomi

PE with Mr Laiton – Esha 1B

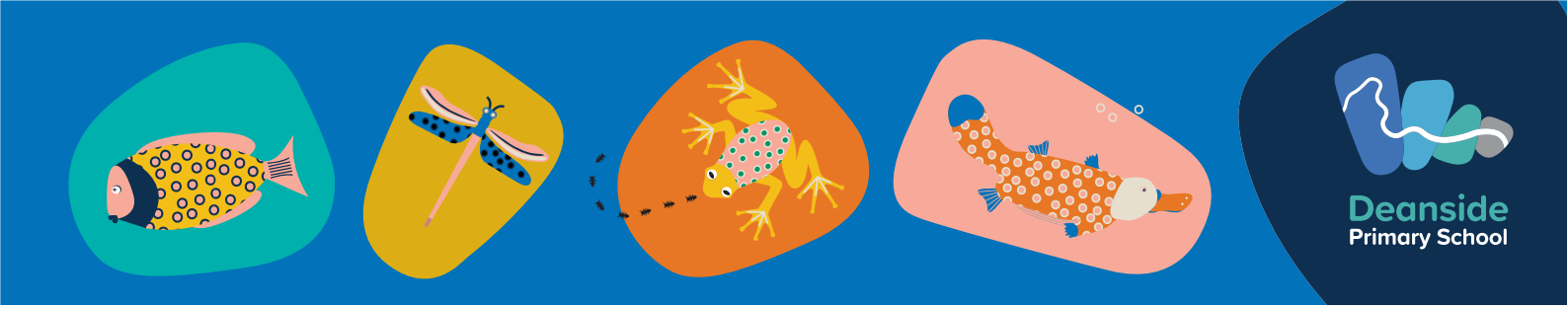
PE with Ms Jess – Chris 6A

STEM – Ansh 6A

Visual Arts – Charvik 2C

Performing Arts – Zyad 1C

Kitchen Garden – Vivienne 2C



News from our Assistant Principal (Curriculum)

School Uniform

As we have settled into term 2, it is vital that all students are following our school expectations of wearing full school uniform every day. I thank all our families who ensure that their children are in the correct uniform, which includes a Deanside logo t-shirt/jumper and navy-coloured pants/skirts/shorts.

However, over the last couple of weeks, I am noticing more and more students arriving to school with different coloured pants (cargo pants, jeans, coloured leggings), jumpers and jackets. I am asking all families to please ensure you are following our uniform policy and dressing your children in full school uniform every day. Pants/skirts/shorts/jackets must be navy blue in colour as outlined in our policy. Please visit our website for the full policy.

We will be focussing on this expectation over the next few weeks and teachers will be following up with families when students are out of uniform, through a compass notification.

If you need assistance in purchasing uniforms, please contact the office.

Birthdays

As a school we will do our best to respect parents' wishes when recognising and celebrating birthdays of students. If parents would like to acknowledge their child's birthday by providing a gift bag for children, we certainly think that is a great way to celebrate. However, we simply ask that **no food items (cakes, lollies, chocolates etc)** be provided in bags to ensure we respect parents' wishes for what their children eat as well as food allergies, and cultural/religious reasons.

Homework and Home Reading

Homework and Home reading books were sent out this week. The main purpose of homework is to support the learning that is happening at school. It also should promote an authentic connection and a sense of independence and choice, as they choose the activities they wish to complete, as well as some tasks that must be completed.

Homework is an independent task. It should require little support from you, so please ensure you are reminding your children to complete it and support them by encouraging them to work on their own.

Our expectations around home reading are that every student is reading or being read to every day. We know that this simple routine supports and enhances student's connections with books, but also improves outcomes in all learning areas.

We ask that all families encourage their children to read a variety of texts, such as books, comics, newspapers, magazines, online apps, and tools, and provide them with a space, time, and routine to do so.

Thank you for your support.

Lina Stephens | Assistant Principal (Curriculum)