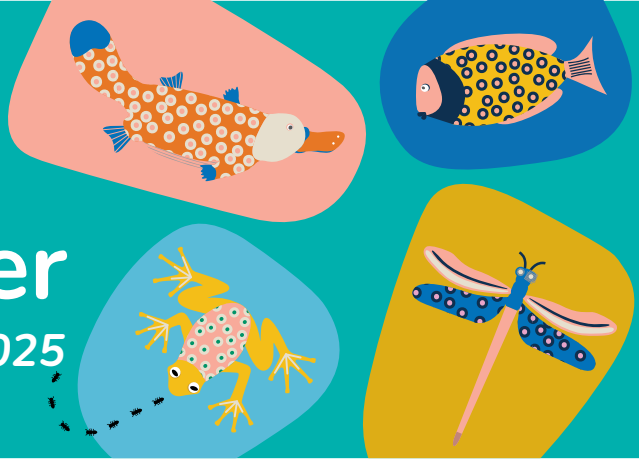
Week 2, Term 1

Newsletter

Friday 7 February 2025



Deanside Primary School

Important Dates

- **Monday 10th February:** Curriculum Day (Student Free Day)
- **Friday 14th February:** 2:45pm Whole School Assembly (Gym)
- **Friday 21st February:** 2:45pm Whole School Assembly (Gym)
- **Friday 28th February:** 2:45pm Whole School Assembly (Gym)
- **Friday 7th March:** Curriculum Day (Student Free Day)
- **Friday 4th April:** Last day of Term 1 2:30pm finish

Principal Report

Dear Deanside Primary School Community,

I hope you all had a lovely safe Summer and had the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. I know that some of our families were lucky enough to travel overseas to catch up with loved ones. I have enjoyed listening to many students share stories of adventures and special moments during the holidays. I am very impressed by how all of the classrooms in Grade 1 to Grade 6 have settled. Our Grade Prep teachers are so impressed by the students joining us for their assessments and look forward to them entering the classroom.

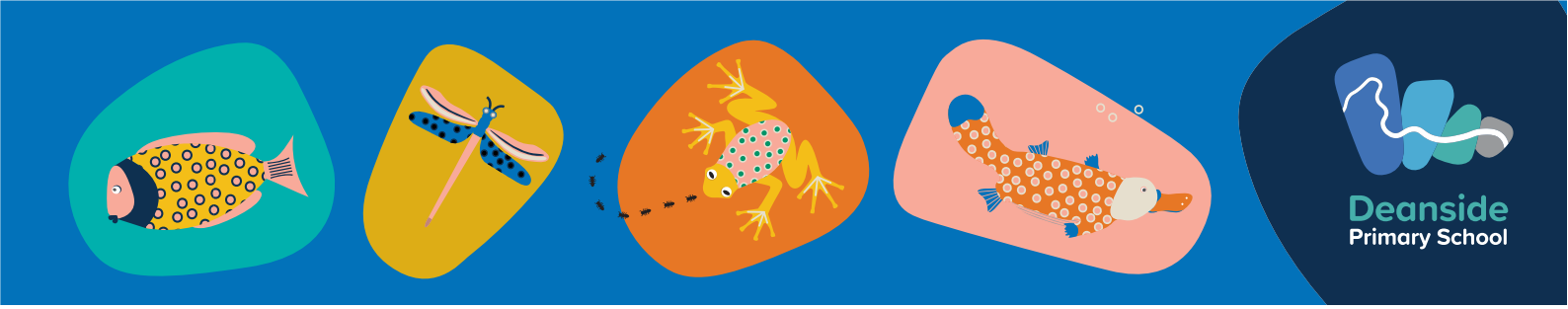
A very warm welcome to all our new families joining us for the first time. It has been great speaking to new families and hearing such positive feedback about the way the children have transitioned to school. We certainly look forward to growing this partnership in the future so that we can get the best possible learning experiences for all children.

We are very fortunate to have started the year with a full quota of staff. I feel very grateful to be in the position we are in considering that many schools are facing significant challenges recruiting staff. We are very proud of the school we have created and we are extremely lucky to have such dedicated staff members driving the teaching and learning at Deanside. This year we welcome Bianca Gavin, Milan Dhungel, Chrissy Georgiou, Mara Santos, Emma Marcetic, Mary-Grace Salvacion, Ceyda Gokmese, Heidie Watts, Patrick Kelly, jessica Dominko, Cherie Mamo, Maddie Newman and Rick Costabile. We are so lucky to have them join our amazing team and they have all started with a super positive approach to the Deanside ways.

I want to recognise how well all our students have started this year. Their transition into a new classroom, new year level, and beginning school for the first time has been so pleasing to watch. Please be super proud of your children. If you have any concerns regarding the needs of your child, please use Compass to email your child's teacher directly – they will respond to you as soon as possible.

School Times

A reminder that classes begin at 9am each day. We cannot stress the importance of punctuality and being on time on a daily basis. The concept of punctuality is a lifelong skill that we must instil in our children. School gates open at 8:45am on a daily basis. If you require support for before school or after school; please contact Team Kids. This service begins from 6:45am every morning.



I cannot stress the importance of students being on time for school every day, as well as attending every day. We know the impact that education has on children and their future lives. So let's continue to work together to ensure daily routines allow students to be present each and every school day. All students are expected to come to school every day that the school is open to students. Parents need to assist their child to be punctual to create the very best opportunities for their child to learn and not miss vital instruction time.

Please note; that if your child is unwell they must stay home, simply call the school (80805444) and let us know they are sick or log their illness via Compass. If students can't come to school, parents must provide an explanation for their child's absence to office on the day of the absence.

Enrolments 2025

As a new school in a new suburb, we are excited by the ongoing development. Many houses in the area are nearing completion, at the point of handover to families or increased rental opportunities being presented. This is such an exciting time for families to move into their new homes. As a result of this, students have a right to attend school at their closest neighbourhood school. This will see our school constantly growing and adjusting to the needs of our community. When our enrolments grow, we will have to ensure we maintain an open mind set on meeting the individual needs of our student. We recognise that this is an unusual scenario and we have already begun our planning to accommodate additional growth this year and support the needs of our students. As a result of this, some grades may be reallocated throughout the year; depending on what year levels students enrol in the future. It is always my goal to keep class sizes at or below the recommended levels.

Out of interest, last week we started with an enrolment of 508 students, this week it is 525 students and next week it looks like we will have at least 534 students. Our classrooms have been set up to begin the year with smaller numbers knowing that we will grow and need to absorb additional students. However, some classes look like we will soon need to begin discussing creating an additional grade.

Facilities

Throughout 2024 I was in constant discussion with the Department of Education highlighting the growth of our school. To accommodate the growth of the school we were informed we would be receiving 2 more portable buildings, however, due to circumstances beyond my control – those buildings were not delivered to begin the school year. However, I have met with contractors this week and we will see the two portables delivered very soon. When these buildings are delivered, I asked that the community respect the temporary fenced areas so that the contractors can complete their jobs as quickly as possible. The two portables will be placed between the gym and outside basketball court.

Compass, Social Media and School Website

Our main method of communicating with families is via Compass. If you have not yet downloaded the app and accessed this platform, I cannot stress how important this is to remain up to date on school events and to support your child(ren).

In addition to this we also use Facebook and Instagram. Facebook (www.facebook.com/DeansidePS) and Instagram (www.instagram.com/deansideps) allows us to celebrate achievements of students and share activities across the school in real time. However, we can only post photos of students to social media if you have provided consent.

Our school website - https://deansideps.vic.edu.au/ - is also a great source of information and we are continuing to work at this platform being a great source of information.

Scooters and Bikes

Scooters and bikes are a great way for kids to travel to school. We ask that parents teach their child about road and bike safety before they ride to school. Did you know that.....

- You can only ride on a footpath if you are under the age of 12 or an adult (18 years or older) supervising a child under 12
- When riding on a footpath, you must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians

A reminder to parents and children that school policy and Victorian Law requires all children who wish to ride a bicycle to and from school, must wear a safety helmet approved by the Australian Safety Association.

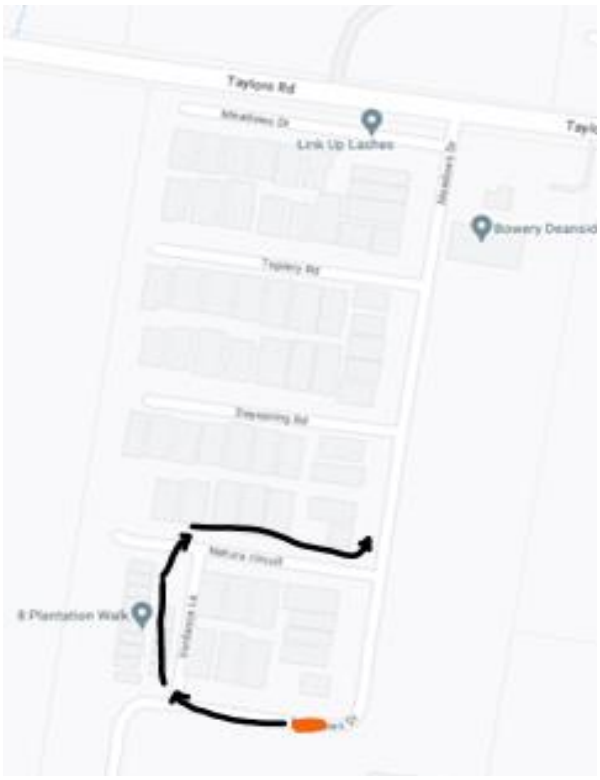
Each day bikes and scooters will be locked in a secure location in the bike cage at the front of the school on Conservatory Drive. Did you know that if you do not wear an approved helmet while riding, police have the power to stop you and issue either a warning or a fine. Fines for failing to wear a helmet or carrying a passenger who is not wearing a helmet range from $231 to $925

Please note : e-scooters or powered bikes are **not** permitted at school.

Cars and Safety Reminder

Parents are not permitted to drive vehicles into the staff car park when bringing their children to or collecting them from school. It is extremely dangerous as it creates a traffic hazard as well as places students in 'out of bounds' area. In addition to this, our the school staff has now exceeded the parking spaces of the provided staff car park. Staff have been asked to park in areas around the school that are not 'high traffic' to ensure families can access the parking spaces when commuting to and from school.

Parents cannot park on the school crossings. It is a parking infringement and as such, offenders may be fined. Please ask that your children cross the roads at the designated school crossing points where possible.
Where possible, students should always exit the vehicle on the 'curb side'. Opening car doors into traffic can create dangerous situations.
I want to also highlight that the street speed limit is 40km/h around the school. Please make sure that you obey this restriction and drive safely around the school. Children can be highly unpredictable at times, by travelling at this speed it will allow for better reaction times as a driver if a child was to run on the road.



Dropping off and picking up students adds some pressure to the current road infrastructure around the school. I want to highlight to parents that if you are dropping your child(ren) off between 8:45am and 9:00am at the rear of the school, please leave via Verdance Lane & Natura Circuit. By adopting this method of leaving the school, it will allow traffic to flow with more ease as it will eliminate U turns which have created many 'near misses' with pedestrians and other vehicles.

Meeting with Melton City Council

This week I have had a meeting with Melton Council representatives to discuss concerns about the school and the surrounding area. This meeting focused on the health and safety of students, parents and visitors to the school and councils commitment to act on key matters affecting the day-to-day operation of the school. Some items discussed include the road infrastructure, road works, traffic flow, signage, parking bays, safe/pedestrian crossings and dedicated crossing supervisors.

Whilst I am continuing to advocate for the school and the community, as a resident you can also make sure your voices are being heard and contacting your councillor for the Jackwood Ward - Cr Ashleigh Vandenberg - Email Ashleigh.Vandenberg@melton.vic.gov.au as per https://www.melton.vic.gov.au/Council/About-Council/Councillors/Cr-Ashleigh-Vandenberg

As someone using Taylors Road on a daily basis, I too am frustrated by the state of this road as well as many other roads in the area. The issues associated with this road are well known by council and they are endeavouring to correct this. If you are looking for more details about how they are planning to achieve better results for this road, please refer to this link – https://www.melton.vic.gov.au/Services/Building-Planning-Transport/Roads-and-traffic/Road-works-and-closures/Taylors-Road-Corridor-Upgrade-Plan

In addition to all of this, if you are also experiencing ongoing challenges with various aspects of items connected with Melton Council e.g. rubbish dumping, unsafe paths, signage etc – I urge you to download Sanp, Send Solve to you r phone. I use this app regularly to report issues around the school that council need to support/fix. As a community I am sure we want the best possible results for the suburb as well as the safety of our children.

Alternatively, you may also try calling them on 9747 7200 or email: csu@melton.vic.gov.au

New Bus Route

Over the past 12+ months we have been advocating for a bus service to support and connect the Deanside community so children can get to school safely. The school is not directly overseeing this service and is no way responsible for the punctuality of the buses.

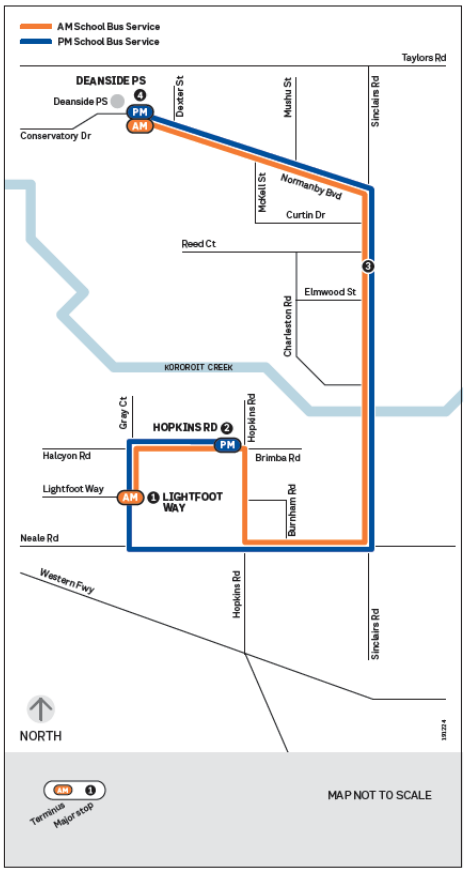
If you are experiencing any challenges as a result of this service, I urge you to contact to company overseeing its delivery and inform them of your complaint - Transit Systems on 96897999 or via email at Westfootscray@transitsystems.com.au.

On behalf of the school community I have raised concerns with the provider around the bus punctuality (at the end of the day and at the beginning of the day) as well as not providing a bus shelter to support passengers when there is inclement weather.
As this is a new service, it will have start up 'teething issues', this will hopefully be sorted with ongoing feedback. I also think it is worth recognising that the traffic and road detours currently in place is also affecting traffic flow and bus punctuality, so I ask that we exercise patience as well while we are working together to support our children.

If you are not yet familiar with the timetable and bus stops, please refer to the map below.

School bus route

S4922 Deanside South – Deanside Primary School



Monday to Friday

SCHOOL BUS STOP	AM
1 Lightfoot Way/Gray Ct	8.30
2 Hopkins Rd/Brimba Rd	8.33
3 Reed Ct/Sinclair Rd	8.40
4 Deanside Primary School	8.45

Monday to Friday

SCHOOL BUS STOP	PM
4 Deanside Primary School	3.40
3 Reed Ct/Sinclair Rd	3.44
1 Lightfoot Way/Gray Ct	3.52
2 Hopkins Rd/Brimba Rd	3.55

* This route only services the bus stops listed above.

2025 Preps

It has been a great joy to see our new Prep students begin their education at Deanside Primary School. It has been a most successful start to the year and they have transitioned in to school life with a smile on their face. The Prep teachers have been so impressed with the way the students have adjusted. I have included a '10 tip sheet' that supports children in starting at school and establishing good routines. Next week reality will 'kick in' and we will see our Prep children at school for the whole day. Yes, they will come home tired. Yes, they be grumpy at the end of the school day. Developing healthy food eating, drinking plenty of water and a consistent sleeping routine will reduce the tiredness.

On a personal level I got in to the routine of asking my own children the same three questions every day after school when they were in Prep, they were –

1. Tell me something new that you learnt today?
2. What's something that made you laugh?
3. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?

By asking the same three questions each day, my girls knew that the questions were coming and ended up preparing their answers. I certainly found this a more rewarding conversation than "How was school?" and the answer being "Good".

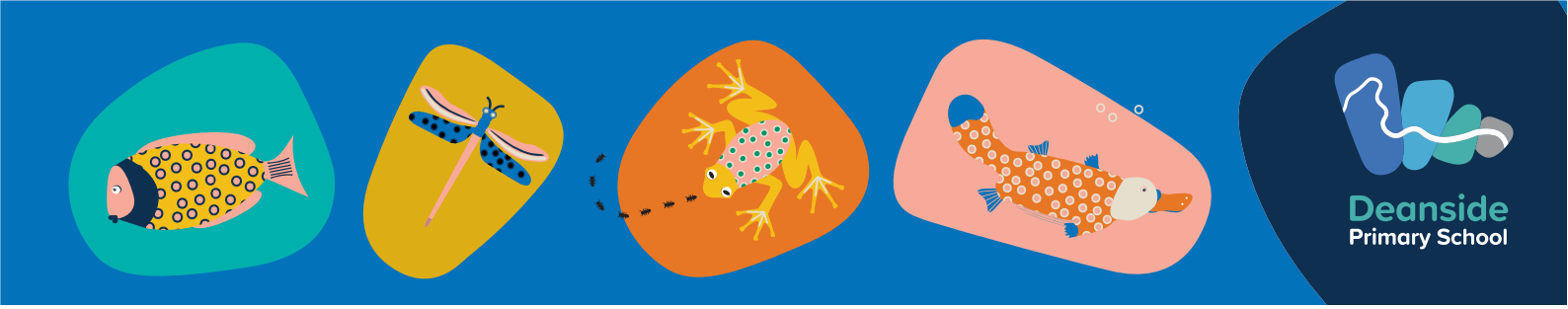
School Assembly

There will be an assembly every Friday afternoon @ 2:45pm in the gym. Parents are always welcome to attend. Gates open at 2:30pm.

Curriculum Days for 2025

Towards the end of last year School Council endorsed Curriculum Days/Pupil Free Days for 2025.
They are -

- Monday 10th February 2025 – OHS Staff Compliance
- Friday 7th March 2025 – Berry Street Training – Module 3
- Monday 26th May 2025 – Innovative Learning with iPads
- Wednesday 23rd July 2025 – Student Led Conferences
- Monday 3rd November 2025 – Berry Street Training – Module 4



These days are pupil free days – so children do not come to school (except on the Student Led Conference Day when they attend their scheduled interview time with their parent – more information to come closer to the event).
We will always attempt to provide our families with as much notice as possible to ensure that care can be provided on these days if you have work commitments. Alternatively, you may consider using Team Kids for support on those days. Please add these dates to your diaries.

School Term Dates

Term 1 ends Friday 4th April at 2:30pm
Term 2 begins Tuesday 22nd April and ends Friday 4th July at 2:30pm
Term 3 begins Monday 21st July and ends Friday 19th September at 2:30pm
Term 4 begins Monday 6th October and ends Friday 19th December at 1:30pm

Please note that Team Kids will be offering a holiday program during the term break. Please look out for details about their holiday program closer to the holidays. Bookings will be essential.

Student Accident Insurance

The Department of Education (DET) **does not** provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. These costs may be recoverable where an injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of the Department, a school council or their employees or volunteers.
Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that they seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer.
Reasonable low-cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers.

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.
Details about ambulance cover can also be located at - https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/membership/

School Uniform

Please note that it is an expectation that all students arrive at school in correct school uniform. We have done our best to keep our uniform as simple and cost effective as possible, which I know our community are extremely grateful for.
If you are experiencing financial hardship, please email the school on Deanside.ps@education.vic.gov.au and our welfare team will make contact with you to support your needs.
If your child is growing fast and have outgrown their uniform, please head to Uniform Group (formerly known as PSW) located at Unit 2/51-53 Westwood Dr, Ravenhall VIC 3023 where they have all sizes and stock available.

If you are only needing a school hat, they are available for purchase from the school office for $20.50.
PLEASE, please please – write your child's name on hats and jumpers.

Sunsmart Policy and Days of Extreme Heat

Children in years Prep – 6 must be wearing an approved school hat this term. On days when the temperature reaches 35 degrees or above a "Sweat Day" inclement timetable will be implemented. This means that the children will play in their classrooms during recess. Some discretion will occur prevailing weather condition (e.g. hot north wind) regarding the temperature which activates the 'Sweat Day' timetable will affect and time spent inside particularly with the younger children.
As all classrooms are air-conditioned there is no need for children to have their educational program interrupted by removal from school on extreme hot days.

School Tours

I am amazed at how many school tours and enrolment requests we are already receiving for 2026. At this stage we have not opened up our diaries to accommodate enrolments for next year. We will begin this process in Term 2. Please keep an eye on our socials – Facebook/Instagram for more details.
But it is lovely to hear comments from community members about how good our school is and their eagerness to join the community.

Annual privacy reminder

As set by DET - Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy - https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx
For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in nine community languages: Amharic / Arabic / Dari / Mandarin / Somali / Sudanese / Turkish / Urdu / Vietnamese.

School Values

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

The dedicated staff at Deanside look forward to celebrating the success of your child's learning with you and your child. Looking forward to an amazing year of learning and student growth in 2025!

Please note that the school newsletters are currently published fortnightly (even school weeks). However, over the coming weeks we will be surveying the community to determine if it is a worthwhile communication tool or whether we need to discuss alternatives or altering the method of communication delivery – so please keep an eye out for the survey as we value your input.

Stuart Telford
Principal

Deanside Primary School is committed to child safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered.

PROTECT

Protecting children & young people from abuse is our responsibility

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Victoria and pay respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $154 for primary school students
- $256 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**: your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure

DEANSIDE TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER

Team Kids

WELCOME TO TEAMKIDS

Article: 1
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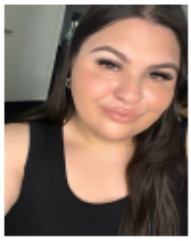
We are pleased to announce that TeamKids is the new provider for OSHC at Deanside PS

Meet the Team

This is me, Steph- (DOS)

This is Mel- (2IC)

Director of Service (DOS)-



Hi Deanside PS families, I'm Steph and I'm the Director of the service at TeamKids Deanside. I've been in the Early Childhood and Education sector for 8 years. I absolutely love that I get to work with children everyday, sometimes my job doesn't even feel like a job, I love that I learn new things every single day from the children as well as still be able to support, teach and guide them. I love anything creative, messy play and reading!

My goal as a Director of Service is to create a warm, welcoming environment for all of the children, families and staff. I aspire to collaborate with my staff to effectively implement a program that will be based around children's interests and skills. I believe all children are unique and are all individual and they should be accepted for who they are! I will strive to make sure all children are happy within the service whilst also extending on their strengths and abilities.

A quote I love- "Today you are you, that is truer than true, there is no one alive who is youer than you." - Dr Seuss

I'm enjoying getting to know the children and saying hi to families since we opened here at Deanside PS and I'm excited to continue building relationships with you all, and I can't wait to continue to get to know all children and families who join our fun service!!

We're so excited to have met all the kids and families so far and we can't wait for everyone else to join us here at TeamKids! Our Before and After School Care program is all about the kids and their interests. In Before School Care, we serve breakfast alongside fun activities, and in After School Care, we treat the kids to freshly made homemade afternoon tea. Our meals range from a range of pastas, pizza, sandwiches to nachos and burrito bowls, all made with love as well as always having fruit/veg platter and some crackers too 😉 And along with the delicious meals during the afternoon, we've got plenty of fun activities set up and a fabulous program organised.

Feel free to stop by and say hi to us if you see us around anytime or come into the service during service hours to say hi! As we say at TeamKids, "Let the fun begin!"

Second in Charge (2IC)-

Hi everyone! I'm Mel On and I am the new 2IC at TeamKids Deanside PS and I'm so excited to be part of the family. I've joined TeamKids in 2023 and have loved every minute of it. I'm passionate about creating a fun and supportive environment for all the children. I believe in actively listening to what they have to say and always trying to understand their perspectives. I strive to be empathetic and caring, ensuring every child feels safe, heard, and valued. Seeing the kids learn and grow is truly rewarding, and I especially enjoy helping with art projects, reading stories, or playing games. Outside of TeamKids, you'll probably find me creating my two business press on nails and flower food bouquets and also baking sweets. My favorite movie/series is scooby doo! And a quote that I try to live by is "it doesn't get easier, you get better". In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with family and I'm really looking forward to getting to know all the children and families at Deanside PS. Please feel free to say hello if you see me around!

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Office Phone:	1300 035 000	**Office Email:**	info@teamkids.com.au

DEANSIDE TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER

Team Kids

FIND OUR MORE:

For any inquiries regarding enrolment, payments and fees please reach out to our head office using the head office number and email provided below

CHECK OUT SOME PHOTOS OF OUR SERVICE

IMPORTANT DATES

THURSDAY 6TH OF FEBRUARY 2025

FREE coffee cart for parents/guardians- 7-9am

MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY - Week 3

Teddy Bears Picnic Afternoon Tea| Bring your Teddy Bear to OSHC

FRIDAY 14TH OF FEBRUARY- Week 3

Curriculum day for school- TeamKids will be open and operating a PFD

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

STARTING IN WEEK 5!!

WE WILL BE STARTING TEAMKIDS CLUBS SIGN UPS NEXT WEEK (Week 3 until Week 4)

TeamKids Clubs are clubs we offer each term where children have the choice to vote between 4 different clubs they want to participate in within the service, the two clubs that have the most votes will be the two clubs we run for the term. The clubs are a fun way for children to have a say in what activities they'd like to try/learn about. Each term during weeks 3 & 4 we select two clubs to run out of 4 at a time and then from weeks 5-8, the children choose two new clubs they'd like to participate in. These clubs are held during After School Care (ASC). We offer a variety of clubs, including Gardening Club, Cooking Club, Lego Club, Art Club, STEM Club, and more. Additionally, children have the opportunity to create their own club if there's something they'd like to explore that we haven't already offered.

Before, After & Vacation Care

SERVICE HOURS

BSC- 6:30am-9:00am
ASC- 3:30pm-6:30pm
PFD- 6:30am-6:30pm

Please be aware that a late pick up fee will be charged for ASC pick-ups per child made after 6:30pm.

To avoid a late booking or cancellation fee, please make sure to book in advance and cancel any sessions where you no longer require care at least 48 hours before the scheduled session.

You can find all details about our session and late fees on our website at https://www.teamkids.com.au

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News from Grade 2

We are so proud of the Year 2's and the way they have returned to school to commence the 2025 school year. We have spent the first few days setting up our belongings and exploring our new classroom spaces. It has been wonderful to see the care students are showing towards their new classmates and their learning resources. What an amazing year we are going to have!!

Miss Dimovska, Ms Danielle and Miss Ceyda

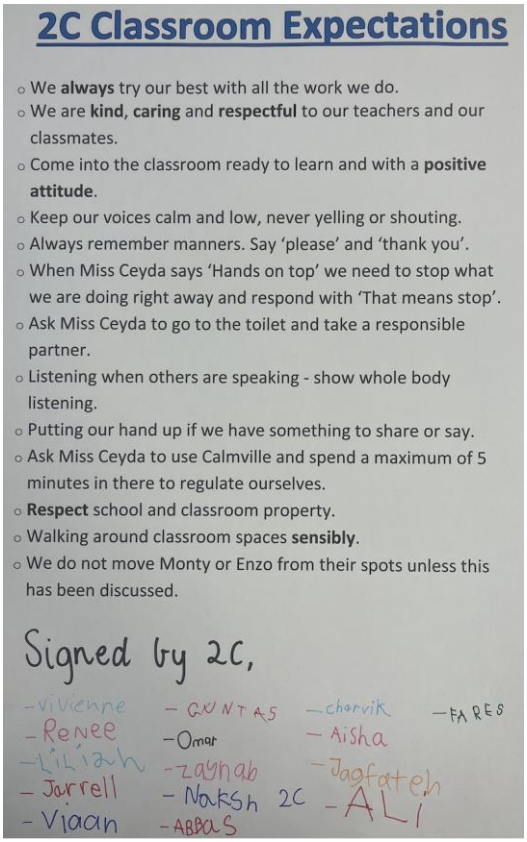
Enter calmly, safely and quietly

Greet my teacher and friends

Put bag away in locker

Set up with learning materials and drink bottle

Sit on floor for circle time

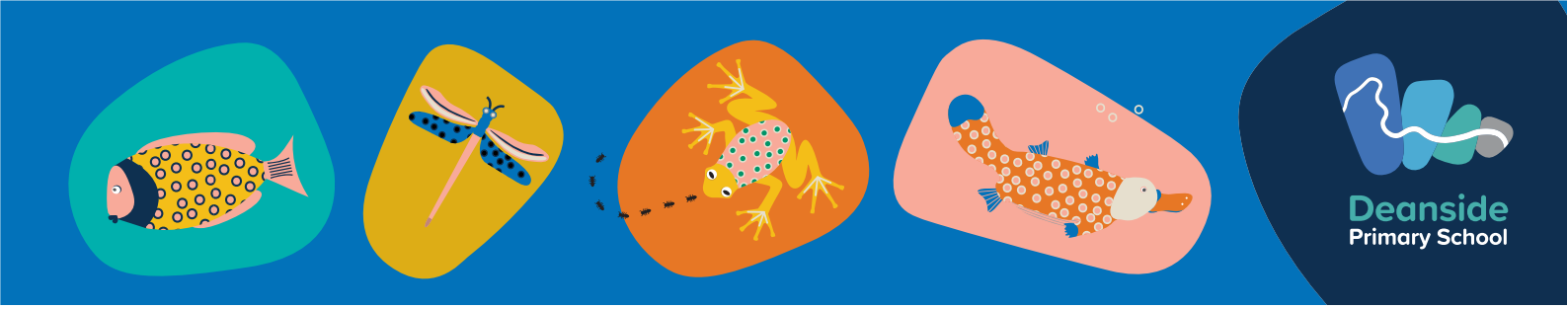


News from Grade 4

It has been wonderful to welcome back the Grade 4 students to Deanside Primary School. We would like to give a special welcome to the new students that have joined our cohort. It has been pleasing to see our students settle back into school and back into learning so quickly. Over the past week we have been focussing on familiarising ourselves into our new classrooms, by getting to know one another and making new friends. We have been establishing class routines, unpacking the school values and establishing classroom expectations to ensure all students have a positive start to the year.

We look forward to an amazing year of learning with the Grade 4 students.

Ms Sacco, Ms Heidie & Ms Markovic



News from Grade 5

We welcome all students and families to Term 1 of 2025 at Deanside Primary School. What a fantastic beginning to the school year! Students have begun to settle into their 2025 classes with new and old friends, already displaying our school values of Excellence, Respect, Responsibility and Care. Through our start-up program, the Grade 5s have been discussing and creating classroom expectations that will support positive classroom routines and interactions. We have also collaborated to learn about ourselves as readers, writers and mathematicians. In addition to our Wellbeing lessons, our morning and end of day circle times have also been a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other by sharing special news or events. We look forward to continuing our start-up program and eventually diving into more English and Numeracy topics such as reading comprehension strategies, writing to persuade, place value and Health for Inquiry.

Ms Lanie, Ms Maddison & Mr Kelly

News from Grade 6

Over the past week, we have loved developing new routines and relationships within our classes. Our Start Up Program has involved lessons focusing on collaboration, growth mindset, resource preparation and becoming familiar with lesson structures and expectations.

This year will entail many memorable experiences for our Year 6 students as they progress through their final year of Primary School. We look forward to ensuring they have the most wonderful year, full of laughs and smiles!

Mr Linton and Miss Jade

News from PE with Miss Jess

In week one of Physical Education with Miss Jess, our focus is on establishing clear expectations and routines that will help create a positive and productive learning environment. Students are learning to follow the routines and expectations in PE, as well as using their time effectively during each class. This week, we had fun playing games like Zim Zam Zoom and Capture the Chicken, which helped reinforce these skills while also promoting teamwork and engagement. Grade 4 students have been actively participating in these activities, showing enthusiasm and cooperation, which sets a strong tone for the year. By building a strong foundation in these areas, we aim to ensure a smooth and enjoyable start to the year!

News from PE with Mr Laiton

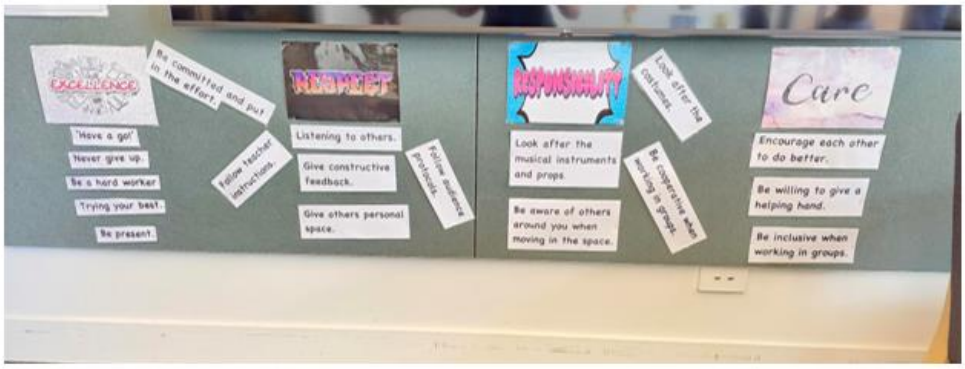
The first two weeks of PE have been a heap of fun! The Grade One students have spent the first two lessons learning and reflecting on our routines and expectations used in the Gym. We have spoken about safe and fair play, trying our best, and encouraging others around us. The students have had the chance to demonstrate all these expectations when rotating around different activity stations!

News from Performing Arts with Mrs Mamo

Last week, the new Performing Arts Program commenced. Students were given the opportunity to explore their new classroom and established routines and expectations of learning.

Students also participated in fun team building learning tasks developing positive relationships amongst their peers and teacher.

Mrs Mamo and the students are excited for the year ahead within the learning area of Performing Arts.



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News from STEM with Mrs Lay

Grade 1 students have been diving into STEM by learning classroom routines, creating Essential Agreements, and exploring engineering by building structures with blocks. It's been a great start to a year of creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving!

News from Visual Arts with Ms Popczyk

It's awesome to be back in the Visual Art room with all my wonderful artists. The Grade Sixes, along with all the other grades, have been completing the Start-up Program by revisiting the expectations and routines in the art room. Alongside Start-up, they are collaborating on two projects for display; one that relates to our school values, the other which celebrates inclusion and diversity in our Deanside Primary School community. Keep an eye out for these amazing, collaborative displays in the school office area in the coming weeks. Here's a sneak peek of the beginning of one of them.