Week 2[00], Term 4

Newsletter

Friday 17 October 2025

Deanside Primary School

Important Dates

- **Tuesday 21 October:** Grade 6 photos
- **Monday 27 October:** Grade 3-6 Camp at YMCA
- **Friday 31st October:** Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)
- **Monday 3rd November:** Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)
- **Tuesday 4th November:** Melbourne Cup (Public Holiday)

Welcome Back to Term 4

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 4! We're already two weeks in, and there's a great sense of momentum building across the school. It's been so pleasing to see our students settle straight back into classroom routines and jump right into learning mode.

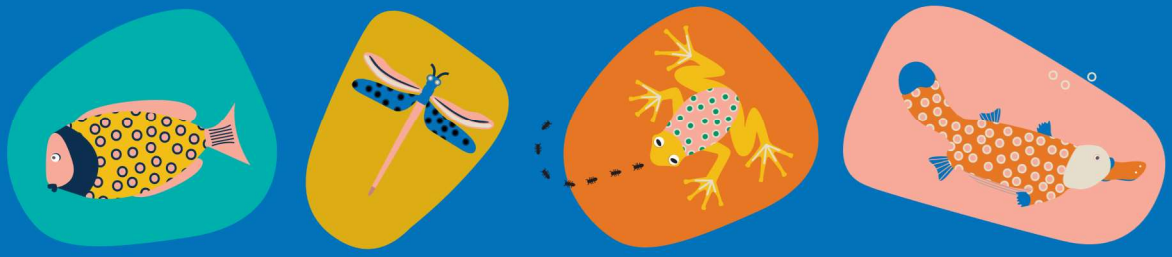
Update from Melton City Council

Last week, I met with representatives from Melton City Council to discuss upcoming traffic and road infrastructure works around our school.

We received confirmation that a supervised school crossing has been approved, with installation planned for the upcoming summer holidays—ready for the new school year. This is a huge win for our community, and something we've been advocating for over the past two years.

Here's a summary of the updates provided by council:

- **Deanside School Supervised Crossing**: Design is underway, with construction planned for the summer holidays.
- **Deanside Community Centre (Conservatory Drive)**: Construction will begin soon, with an expected opening in 2027.
- **Deanside Recreation Reserve (Meadows Drive):** The master plan is nearly finalised. It includes car parking to support school pickup and drop-off. Construction timing is still to be confirmed.
- **Taylors Road Shared Path**: A shared path will be built on the south side of Taylors Road in early 2026, connecting Plumpton Road signals to Meadow Drive.
- **Hopkins Rd / Taylors Rd Intersection:** Developers will begin construction early 2026, with a 9-month timeline.
- **Extension of Conservatory Drive:** This will connect Litoria Drive to Conservatory Drive, expected to open in late 2027.
- **Raised Intersection at Meadow Drive / Conservatory Drive**: Proposed for the 2026/27 capital works program, with construction planned for the 2026/27 summer holidays.
- **Taylors Road Disruptions:** Intersections at Taylors/Plumpton and Taylors/City Vista Court are nearing completion (due December). Works at Sinclairs/Taylors and Hopkins/Taylors will begin early next year and take approximately 9 months.



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Uniform and Hats

Uniform is a big part of our school culture—it reflects our values of Excellence and Pride and shows we belong to the Deanside community.

Over the past couple of weeks, I've noticed a number of students out of uniform. I'm asking for your support to ensure students are wearing our school polos and jumpers only. Non-school jumpers will be asked to be removed.

Please also ensure that pants, shorts, and skirts are navy in colour. And—very importantly—please label everything! Last term, we had a large number of lost property items, including jumpers and jackets, that couldn't be returned because they weren't labelled. A permanent marker or iron-on label works best.

If you need support with purchasing uniform items, please speak with our Admin team, we're here to help.

Building Works Around the School

This term, we'll see a number of building works taking place across the school. These works stem from ongoing advocacy around school defects since our opening, and while they may cause some disruption, they're essential as we prepare to grow beyond 700 students next year.

Here's what's happening:

- **Double-Storey Classrooms:** Construction is underway on the hill and part of the Sports field. This will continue throughout the term.
- **Courtyard (near the flagpoles):** Closed for two weeks for full resurfacing to fix cracks and dips.
- **Sportsfield Upgrade:** Once the courtyard is complete, the Sports field will be closed for major works—new soil, drainage, and grass. This has been a long time coming! We're waiting on a timeline but expect closure to extend into Term 1.
- **Shade Sails:** Two new shade sails will be installed at the ends of Learning Communities A & B.
- **Gardens:** New garden beds and replacement of dying trees will be happening throughout the school.

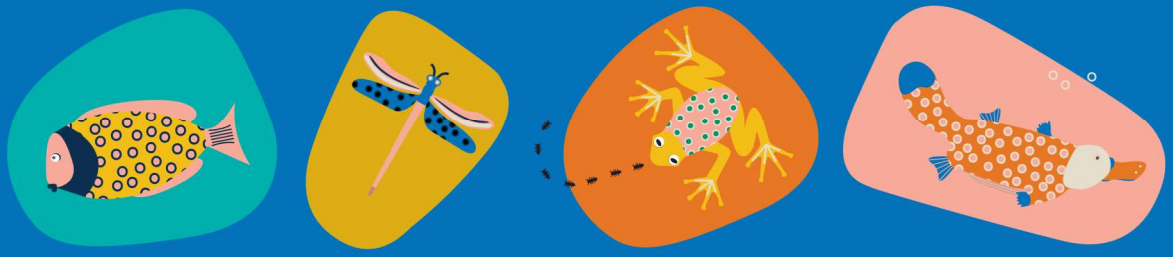
  We're working on a plan to support student play during the Sportsfield closure and will keep you updated.

Thank you for your patience and support as our school continues to grow and improve.

Parking Reminder

We've received feedback from local residents about driveways being blocked during drop-off and pick-up times.

Please ensure you're parking only in designated areas and not across or inside driveways. I understand parking can be frustrating, but let's show respect to our neighbours by ensuring they have clear access to their homes.



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2026 enrolments

If you are a new family to Deanside, and are wishing to enrol your child into Prep or you know of any new families who wish to enrol their children into Deanside PS for 2026, please see the below for our enrolment process:

- Ensure you are in our Designated School Zone (https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/),
- Provide Proof of residence in Deanside
- Provide Proof of child's age (birth certificate or passport)
- Provide Immunisation certificate

Limited school tours are being held throughout Term 4. Bookings are essential, so please contact the office to make a booking.

School Values

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

Thank you

Lina Stephens

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NEWS FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

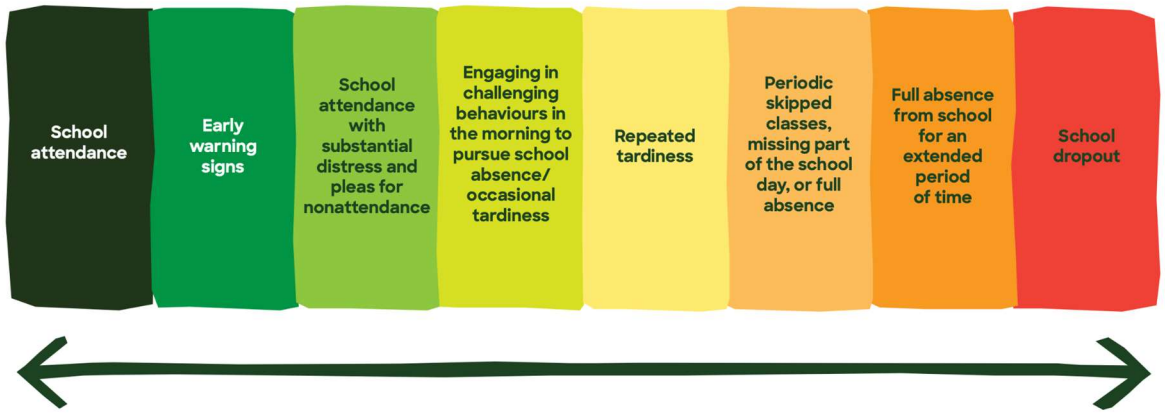
Dear Parents, Guardians, and School Community,

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping to create a safe, consistent, and caring school environment for every child.

🎓 Attendance – Term 4: Every Day Counts

Term 4 is an important and busy time of year, with transitions, Step Up Day, and special end-of-year events. Every day at school matters to ensure students stay engaged, complete important learning, and fully participate in these experiences.

To help families understand attendance patterns, we use the Spectrum of School Attendance Scale:

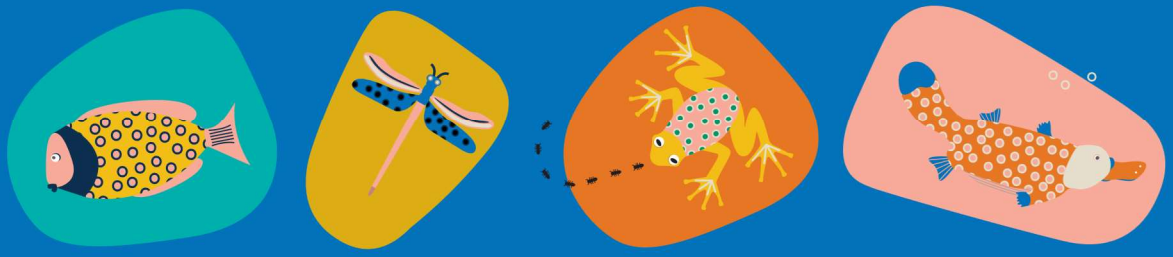


To encourage good attendance, teachers are **auditing attendance records, making phone calls, and sending emails** to support families and ensure students stay on track.

☑ Tips for families this term:

- Plan holidays or appointments outside of school days where possible
- Let us know promptly if your child is away
- Work with your child's teacher to catch up on missed learning
- Encourage your child to participate in all Term 4 activities, including Step Up Day and special events

Your engagement supports strong learning routines, smooth transitions, and full participation in all Term 4 experiences.



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Positive Behaviour Support – Reinforcing Positive Choices

Our Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) framework helps every child succeed both in learning and in relationships.

This fortnight, we're focusing on **reinforcing positive choices**:

1. **Acknowledging positive behaviours** – noticing when students demonstrate Respect, Responsibility, Care, or Excellence.
2. **Providing specific praise** – e.g., "I liked how you helped your classmate pack up the materials."
3. **Modeling expectations** – showing students what positive behaviour looks like in different settings.
4. **Encouraging self-reflection** – helping students recognise how their choices impact themselves and others.

Family tip: Before homework, outings, or sports, try praising and acknowledging moments when your child demonstrates Respect, Responsibility, Care, or Excellence.

Together, we ensure every child feels valued, supported, and empowered to make positive choices.

Dadfit is Coming to Deanside!

Dadfit is kicking off a new dads' group on **Tuesday, 11 November** at Deanside Primary School—by dads, for dads.

Supported by our school community and Melton MCH nurses, this is a **FREE community program** to help dads get active, connect with other local dads, and share experiences.

- **When:** Tuesday nights, 7–9pm, for five weeks
- **Where:** Deanside Primary School

To sign up, **scan the QR code in the flyer** or visit: www.dadfit.au/sign-up

Questions? Contact Tom at **tomruijs@dadfit.au**

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Community Safety Month – Starting Safety Conversations at Home

October is **Community Safety Month**, reminding us that safer communities are a shared responsibility.

Talking with children about their bodies, personal boundaries, and ways to protect themselves helps build confidence and awareness.

Trusted resources for families:

- eSafety Commissioner – Online safety guidance for children of all ages
- National Office for Child Safety – Resources to support body safety conversations
- Kids Helpline – Self-help information on a range of topics
- Kids Health Info – Royal Children's Hospital – Fact sheets, videos, and podcasts for children's health and development

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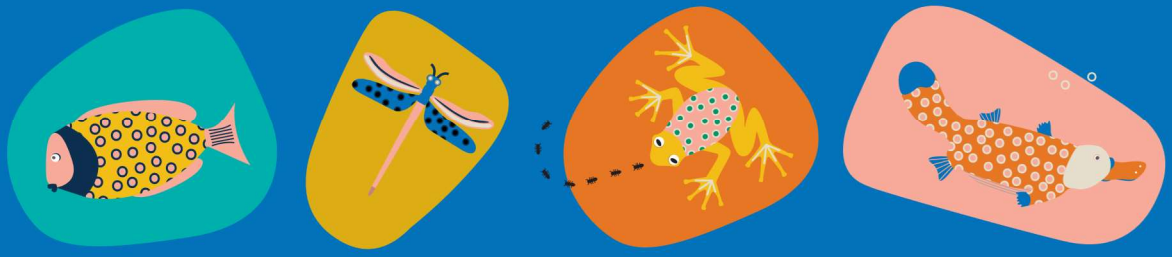

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👪 Parenting Programs – Term Four, 2025

Mackillop Family Services has released their **parenting education programs** for Term Four:

- **Tuning into Kids (online):** 6-week program commencing 3 November
- **Tuning into Teens (online):** 6-week program commencing 7 November
- **Circle of Security (online):** 8-week program commencing 20 October
- **Circle of Security (in-person):** 8-week program commencing 22 October

All courses are **free for eligible participants**, evidence-based, and facilitated by experienced trainers.

🔗 Register Here – Mackillop Family Services

⏰ Arriving on Time – After 9:00am Procedure

A reminder that our school day begins promptly at **9:00am**. Arriving on time helps students start the day calmly and ensures they don't miss important instructions or learning time.

If your child arrives **after 9:00am**, parents or carers are required to **walk them into the school office** to be **signed in** by staff. This process ensures we accurately record attendance and maintain the safety of all students.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep attendance records accurate and students safe.

Regards,

Bianca Gavin and Mitch Johnstone
Acting Assistant Principal and Assistant Principal

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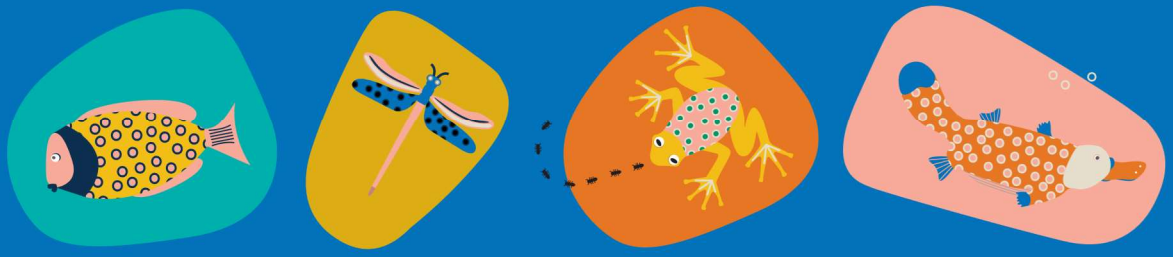

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Students of the Week - Term 4

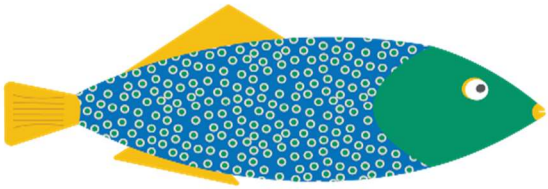
Week 1

Prep A: Nimrit
Prep B: Alex
Prep C: Radhya
Prep D: Haniya
Prep E: Harrison
1A: Eyza
1B: Scarlett
1C: Japji
1D: Ali
1E: Timothy
2A: Hazel
2B: Hendrix
2C: Jagfateh
3A: Ephriam
3B: Hashir
3C: Aeric
4A: Alyan
4B: Gabby
4C: Asreet
5A: Ariyana
5B: Natalia
5C: Jayda
6A: Teacher Absent
6B: Grace
6C: Terrence

Students Awards

Week 1, Term 4

Principal's Award:
Gurseerat 4A
Wellbeing Award Ms Gavin:
Jasper 2B
Assistant Principal Award:
Guntas 2C
PE with Mr Laiton:
Annabelle 1D
PE with Ms Jess:
Zulkifal 6C
STEM:
Sahib 5A
Performing Arts:
Adrienna 1E
Kitchen Garden:
Shivam 6A
Visual Arts:
Niya PB



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School Colour Run Update

Congratulations to both class **2B** and **3C** for creating the most profiles in the first week of fundraising! They will be getting a special award early next week..... ICY POLES!

As a school community we have hit **$6567**. Thank you all so much for your wonderful donations. Let's see if we can keep the momentum going so we can smash our target!

Next week, keep an eye out for your child wearing a School Fun Run Wristband! Just scan the QR Code, log in or sign up, and enter the wristband's unique code for a chance to win a **$500 Prize Credit**—perfect for when prize ordering opens up! Good luck!

Let's see what we can achieve next week when you all share your profiles with family and friends!

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Being a dad is awesome, it's also hard work sometimes!

Join the Deanside & Caroline Springs Dad Team in November!

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START

11 November 2025

5 Tuesdays in a row - 7pm - 9pm

What to expect in the program?

Dad workouts
Fun, full-body, suitable for all fitness levels

Dad chats
Catch up about issues facing dads, including parenting, relationships, health and wellbeing

Dad challenges
Dads supporting dads to try out new ideas

"My partner is happier since starting Dadfit, which is great for all of us."
— Anna, mum of three

"Feels like I'm improving my life, and my family's, a little every week."
— Tim, dad of two

What's Dadfit all about?

Dadfit is a FREE 5-week program to help you be the best dad you can be:

- Get active
- Connect with other dads
- Share experiences
- Be part of a community of dads

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