Hi Everyone,

**School Leadership**
Last Friday our Year six students presented their leadership speeches to the school body. I was extremely impressed by the quality of their speeches and their public speaking abilities. Well done to the girls and also to Miss Born who has done an excellent job in preparing them.

At the completion of the speeches the whole school voted for two school captains and a house captain for both Flinders and Cook.

**The Depot Hill School Captains for 2017** will be Mia Scott and Crystal-Lee Chilcott.

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### School Priorities for 2017 ~ Writing

- **Monday 13th February**: School captains announced in the newsletter
- **Tuesday 14th February**: Learning Club sign on 3.00pm
- **Wednesday 15th February**: Swimming
- **Thursday 16th February**: GRIP Leadership day – all Yr 6s to attend
- **Friday 17th February**: Interschool soccer
- **Monday 20th February**: 9.00 Parade – Ceremony to present badges to school leaders – Drew Wickerson to attend
- **Tuesday 21st February**: 1st Learning Club for the year 3.00-4.00pm
- **Wednesday 22nd February**: 1st Deadly Kids Club for the year 3.00-4.00pm
- **Friday 24th February**: Hearing testing for Preps
- **Monday 27th February**: P & C – Annual General Meeting. All welcome!
- **Monday 6th March**: Zoo excursion 9.00 -1.00pm
- **Wednesday 22nd March**: Prep photo in the Morning Bulletin
- **Wednesday 29th March**: School Cross Country
- **Friday 31st March**: Last day of Term 1
- **PBL reward day**

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**The Flinders House Captain** will be Jamaya Miers

**The Cook House Captain** will be Tamika Peacock.

Congratulations to our 2017 school leaders!
GRIP leadership day
This Thursday, 16th February, our four school leaders will be attending a Leadership Day with Miss Born at the Rockhampton Leagues Club. Students will be required to wear school uniform and to take a packed lunch. As the conference begins at 9.15 it would be great if the girls could be at school by 8.45 to be sure they arrive with enough time to get organised. They will return to school by 3pm. Please return the attached permission form as soon as possible.

Badge Presentations
The day and date for the badge presentations has changed to allow Councillor Drew Wickerson to attend.

We will be presenting the badges at parade in the library next Monday morning.

Learning Club
Depot Hill State School in conjunction with the Smith Family run a weekly Learning Club after school each Tuesday afternoon. The students are invited to stay at school for an additional hour and take part in fun learning games in small groups in the library. Afternoon tea is provided and students are picked up at 4pm outside the school library.

If you think you would like your child to take part in the learning club or if you would like to help out, please come up to school this Tuesday afternoon to complete the enrolment forms. If you are unable to make it to school but would like your child to participate please ring the school or send a note and we will send the enrolment forms home for you.

Our co-ordinator for Learning Club this year is Mrs Kate MacGregor. We look forward to another year of fun and learning.

Heat wave
We are expecting very hot weather this week. Please ensure your child has a hat, particularly if they are walking home from school. When the weather is extreme we will be having lunch and play times indoors in the air conditioning.

Have a great week.

Mrs Elizabeth Jacobson

AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK:
P-2 class: Clarity
Yr 3-4 class: Lyrah
Yr 5-6 class: Tybiasz

RESILIENCE AWARD:
P-2 class: Ben
Yr 3-4 class: Hannah
Yr 5-6 class: Thomas

GOTCHA TROPHY:
P-2 class: Katara
Yr 3-4 class: Tobias & Mathayus
Yr 5-6 class: Reign

MATHS CHAMPION:
Yr 5-6 class: Tyler

SUPER READER:
Yr 3-4 class: Indi

25 GOTCHAS:
Isacc, Lincoln, Thomas, Reign, Jasmin, Tybiasz, Mia, Crystal, Jamaya, Riley, Jack, Amie, Katara, Sonny, Jayden, Mathayus, Cody-Jack, Tobias
Hi families,

Welcome to Week 4. Firstly, a huge congratulations to our new School Captains and House Captains. It is a very important role in our school and I am sure they will do a fantastic job.

Attendance is so important! Please make sure your child is coming to school every day. Did you know that research in Queensland shows students with higher attendance at school are associated with, on average, higher student achievement? (Studies conducted by the Queensland Government). Every day counts!

We will be visiting the Rockhampton Zoo and the Botanical Gardens in Week 8. Keep an eye out for a permission form to be sent home soon.

Homework this term for students in Grades 3 and 4 is simply reading for 10 minutes per night. We suggest that within an hour of bed, students refrain from using ‘screens’ – iPads, phones, TV, etc. Reading before bed promotes a better sleep and therefore a happier day!

Here is what we are learning this week:

**English** – persuasive devices
**Maths** – number (addition and subtraction of multiple digit numbers)
**Science** – plant life cycles

Unscramble this word for bonus Gotchas!

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Have a great week!

Mrs Kate MacGregor

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Hi Families,

Welcome to week 4. I hope you were all able to join us on Friday to watch our Year 6’s speeches for captains. Congratulations to Mia and Crystal for their achievement on School Captain and to Jamaya and Tamika on becoming Sport House Captains. All of our Year 6’s did a wonderful job at speaking in front of the whole school to persuade them to vote for them.

On Tuesday (7/2/17) students in the upper class got to begin their building of their robots. They all worked great as pairs and let each other help in the building process. This week we are hoping that the 3-4’s will be able to make their Milo move.

I would like to thank Natasha Clarke for coming in and helping Wednesday morning in our English time with our 5/6’s. I heard they all were respectful and enjoyed having this parent helper time. If you would like to help in the classroom, just come and let me know and we can sort out a time for you to come in.

Congratulations to our 5’s and 6’s who competed in the interschool sports competition against Crescent Lagoon on Friday. They all seemed to enjoy themselves and for many this was their first time playing soccer.

Thursday (16/2) the year 6’s have been invited to attend a leadership day called GRIP. All the information is provided here, please make sure the permission slip is returned ASAP.

Here is what we are learning this week:

**English** – Sentence Structure
**Maths** – Data assessment
**History** – 3-6’s Convicts.
**Digital Technologies** – P-2 will be continuing to understand how to use the BeeBots in our classroom

3-4’s are finishing Milo the Robot and seeing if we can make him move
5-6’s are continuing to build EV3

Have a wonderful week,

Ms Jess Born

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**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING**

**DEPOT HILL SCHOOL RULES**

BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE A LEARNER

Rule of the Week this week will be:

Play fairly in the right areas at school
STUDENT ABSENCES
EVERY DAY MATTERS
If your child is or will be away, please contact the school to give a reason for the absence.

Missing 1 day a fortnight = Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years!

EVERY DAY IS A LEARNING DAY!

LEARNING CLUB
The Smith Family Learning Club will start on Tuesday the 21st of February (Week 5). Learning Club is an after-school club for Depot Hill students, held weekly every Tuesday in the Library from 3PM – 4PM. Afternoon tea is provided for students who attend Learning Club. We would greatly appreciate any help providing some healthy treats for our students. There will be a sign-on day this Tuesday after school to start getting the permission forms signed. If you think you would be able to help out in Learning Club, please see Kate MacGregor (3-4 teacher).

P & C ASSOCIATION
Next P&C will be held Monday, February 27th at 3.00pm at the school.
It is our Annual General Meeting and it would be great to see some new faces.

FACEBOOK
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TUCKSHOP
Tuckshop is available every Friday. Please see Michelle or Belinda at the tuckshop under B Block if you would like to place an order.

BREAKFAST CLUB
Our Breakfast Club continues each and every day. We are looking for parents to help out with cooking the toast each morning. This means that our Teacher Aides can then work with the students in areas that they need help.

PLAYGROUP with CONNECT AND GROW
Each Friday in the EEC
Playgroup is run in the EEC each Friday morning from 9.00-11.15. If you have a preschool aged child please join us for some fun and a chance to meet other parents. You do not need to be a parent from Depot Hill School to be involved. The cost is a donation of a gold coin to go towards purchasing arts and craft items. Please bring a plate to share.

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**Lego Club South Rockhampton**

**2017 DATES**
- 28 Feb
- 28 Mar
- 30 May
- 25 July
- 29 Aug
- 30 Oct
- 28 Nov

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**ROCKY PET WORLD**

**Local Links**

Local Links is a rewards program we at Rocky Pet World have set up to benefit our local schools. It is very easy to use, just shop at Rocky Pet World for your pet needs, mention which school you want the rewards to go to at the counter and the sale will be automatically added to the school's rewards. These rewards can be redeemed by the school in the way of products for the classroom or by monetary value.

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**LET'S PLAY LEAGUE**

WHERE VOSS PARK
WHEN 11AM – 2PM
Saturday 18 February

**JOIN US**

Fitzy Sharks JRL
Come & Try Ages 6 to 12 All New Players are Welcome
Playing cost is $170
$150 Deposit paid on day can be cash or card via online shop
Get Thrifted Vouchers Accepted
Positions in all grades available from 6s – 12s
Bring hat shoes and water bottle

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**FAMILY FUN DAY!**

19th Feb 10AM - 2PM
KALARE STREET SOFTBALL GROUNDS
WEST ROCKHAMPTON

- RDSA SHOW BAGS!
- CLUB SIGN ON!
- MARKET STALLS!
- SPEED GUN TEST!
- THROW DUNK MACHINE!
- PLUS MORE RIDES!