

Seahorse Tales

Serving The Citizens Of Deanmore Primary School

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Which Comes First The Chicken Or The Lunch Order?

I was running around like a dog chasing a bone, my arms flapping around in a frenzy, no one to help me and there are so many orders! This will happen if no one starts helping in our wonderful school canteen.

The canteen has been working really hard to make sure we are all happy and fed, but the canteen needs your help! If you haven't seen them already, there are several posters around the school saying '**The Canteen needs you!**' They urgently need your help as lots of hard work goes into the food that they provide for our school.

Super fresh food! You may not know but most of the food is made by the canteen, including the recess mini pizzas and the salad bags! That's why you see a little CM (Canteen Made) when you order online. Also, the canteen uses eggs from the farm! Not just any farm either.....but our own **Deanmore farm** and our own **Deanmore hens!** Pre-primary students make sure that they are delivered fresh from the coop as soon as they are laid. How amazing is that?

On the topic of canteen made food, on the menu there is a traffic light system. Green= healthy. Most of the canteen made food is green. Amber = ok . So all in all, the food at the canteen is mostly healthy and supports our growing little bodies.

by Samantha and Sophie.



So when are you needed? Thursday and Friday because those are the busiest of days and help is required to make salad bags and sandwiches.

So what are you waiting for? Check your diary and order one of the fresh, delicious items on the menu! Your child will thank you!

And don't forget: Only wholemeal bread is used as everyone's committed to providing healthy food!

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Clean Water Is Vital For Everyone!

By Madison, Jessica & Livinia.

As I walk down to the murky cream river I hear my baby cry for water. As I bend down and go to scoop the water I smell an awful stench floating in the air. I look up and see a wet soggy diaper. I screw the lid on to my bottle, look at the water and decide it's my only option. My throat dries up as I walk up to my new born girl. I nurse her in my arms. I know that she's not in good health and is suffering from dehydration.

If kids in Africa and other poor countries sit in class and are tired, look, or feel sick it may mean they are simply in need of something we take for granted: water. Humans need water for lots of things to keep them functioning well. If they only have filthy water to drink they have a very high chance of diseases. This can give you infections, make you ill or even kill you. Water makes up half of your body weight. No wonder those without water are so skinny, they're not getting clean water or even any water!

In some places it takes six kilometres for people to find or even get water. Kids wake up super early to go on a six kilometre walk to just find water for their family. Most days they only get half a bucket of water for their family of nine or even more, and it's not even clean!

How would you like to feed your 3 month old baby poisonous water and then she dies. How would you feel not getting to spend the precious moments with her like when she says her first word or her first step. The guilt would be horrible not just if she is dying but getting infections too. How guilty would you feel if the water is still poisonous and your child is getting so sick that she has to stay in hospital every day and she is not able to come out, because the disease she has is poisonous or contagious so she is stuck in there until she gets better? It would be tragic. But it is a reality for some.

So now think, would you really want to be a teacher and your students keep falling asleep? Or what if your child is so sick that they have to go to hospital, or have your child even dying? How would you feel? Just think, over 4,500 kids will die today from water related diseases. **Do not take water for granted.**

Mysterious Visitors!



Do We Have A Deanmore Dragon?

By Olivia & Jessica.

It was a crisp morning. The morning was so crisp it was like biting into a fresh, golden apple. It was a quarter past nine and Miss Veal was setting up the nature scape. She reported, "I could smell something suspicious in the air, the sun was beating down and I then found a piece of paper. It was a bit warm and smelled smokey, and I was like WHAT, IS, THAT?"

We interviewed Miss Veal who gave us some interesting Year One news!

She reportedly didn't think too much of it as she was at school but then the kids got involved and helped her look because help me look because she alerted them to the **weird glittery stuff** she'd found! "We were all shocked and didnt know what was going on! We decided to explore! We found some clues. There was the paper : **smokey with burnt edges, then there was glitter in the garden** and one of the kids found a capsicum that looked like it was burnt, but had been eaten!" Ooooh whatever's going on? I hear you ask. Someone must've been hungry. **Can this really be true at very own school?**

They then we found this scale a HUGE, GREEN, SHINY, SCALE, had a bit of a discussion on what might be going on or to who or what these things might belong to. Some of the Year Ones said fish but then decided the scale was too big, and then one of the kids spotted (in the tall grass) this blue shiny egg. Everyone was like wow what is this? When the kids went back to class they decided it was a **"BABY DRAGON EGG!"** said Miss Veal. Yes in Deanmore there is a baby dragon! **STOP THE PRESS!**

"But don't get too excited. The clues do tell us something: the dragon smoke, the scale and we even know now that dragons eat capsicums (who would've thought!) So that just added to the excitement. So **to** confirm that we think there is a baby dragon inside the egg,"

"So what are you going to do when it hatches?" we asked curiously, eager to know more.

Miss Veal hopes it doesnt hatch as apparently she hasn't got a clue how to look after a baby dragon. Some of her kids though suggested you would look after it like a puppy but we are not so sure. Do we have any dragon experts in school?

We left room 12 room feeling amazed. Deanmore has a baby dragon in its hands! I wonder what we will do with it next and if it really is a baby dragon.

The Lied Bush.

By Madison.

The dark clouds wandered towards dark orange bushland. The kangaroos danced and the coloured birds sang. The dry leaves rustled as they fell on to the cold, wet ground. Bright, yellow sticks bolted through the sky. Billy, the wombat, took one fast step at a time moving away from his non-existing home that just collapsed as the lightning struck!

He looked behind him. All that was left were trees that hung high standing like soldiers over his old home. He had never left his home, and his home never let him down.

Billy kept taking fast steps but they only got faster. The cold wind danced in his face until a sudden stop. Billy's eyes grew wider as he trotted closer to what he'd seen. A trap with guns hanging down.

He filled with excitement knowing what to do as a red and orange kangaroo bounced past. Billy quickly stopped him. His best friend Danny's face was red and steam was coming out of his ears. He was dying of thirst. "If you go that way you'll come upon a clear pond of water." Danny pounced towards the hunters. Billy burst with excitement knowing his best friend would believe him and give him his chance.

The ringing tone went through and out Billy's ears as smoke flew through the air. He trotted over. A dark cloud of steam and ashes lay upon the ground. Danny was no longer to be seen as all that was left was a red and orange tail in the earth.

Cold tears gathered in Billy's eyes. They dripped down on to the dry dirt. The dirt blew in Billy's face. He couldn't see a thing. As the dirt flew away Danny bounced past. Danny was about to yell as his face was about to burst. "You are lucky as the bullet of the gun missed me and hit a soft toy," said Danny.

Competition Time

By Chelsea and Sophia.



Pirate Pixie!

"All hands on deck!" Cried Captain Look, the infamous sea captain of the ship 'The Holly Dodger'.

I scrambled up the rusty iron ladder onto the upper deck. Drawing my sword I ran to the bow of the ship.

"Sam!" I heard my mate cry.

I ran to where the cry was coming from. It came from the starboard side. I saw a hooded man attacking my best friend John. I sprinted forward and thrust my sword in front of me. The man turned around, muttered a curse on me and disappeared. Then I felt a strange sensation of my body shrinking. I looked up and saw the masts looming above my head like mountains. I saw John's startled face popping into view. It was huge! Looking down I saw my tiny feet next to John's super large ones. Suddenly I realised.....I'M A PIXIE!!

If you want to win an awesome prize, this story is yours to finish off!

When you're finished with your exiting ending hand it in to Mrs Unwin Room 3 before the Monday of Week 1, Term 4. Finish in 2000 words or less. We are so excited to see your awesome endings!

Your stories will be judged in three categories:

Pre - Primary/ Year 1, Year 2/3, Year 4/5/6.

Don't forget to put your name at the top.

GOOD LUCK!



Thanks Mum

by Ella.



On the 11th of April students brought their mums special gifts to show their appreciation. The P&C kindly donated their time to make little homemade gifts for children to buy for their mothers. There were things from gardening tools to coffee mugs to art work. Every Sunday in the year us kids are the special ones, but this Sunday all our mothers were lucky with their special gifts.

But where does all the money go? All the proceeds went to the P&C which goes to the school. The money goes to buy things the school uses to fundraise such as sausage sizzles and paint runs. By raising this money the school then has the opportunity to buy things you use at school every day like laptops.

So by treating your mum you have helped the school one dollar at a time.

D.I.S.C.O. D.I.S.C.O

by Ella.

My heart is thumping to the beat of the song. My arms sway with the rhythm. My lips move with the words. My feet shuffle with the sound. I'm.....DANCING! This year Deanmore held their very first disco in years and kids surprised their parents by flashing their style and flair on the dancefloor. Parents were speechless.

This year we had the pleasure of inviting the superb company BOP TILL YOU DROP to host for us and during the 3-6s disco we heard hail and thunder which added extra effects to the dance.

We heard some classic songs throughout the night such as T&T, Ed Sheeran, YMCA and many more.

Altogether the school made over \$2000 dollars in just that one night! WOW!

Ella Dunstan said: 'The disco was a fun time to socialise with your friends and eat lots of sweet treats.'

Bronte Pittaway said: "It was great fun, everything was well set up and I cant wait till the next one!"

Scarlett Juracich said: **"IT WAS AMAZING!"**

Joseph Hopkyns said: "liked the smoke machine."

A thanks to the P&C for organising this event and to all the parents and teachers who helped out. Not to mention the **special teacher dancing!** Who knew they had so much style!

We all had a great time and I know we cant wait for the next one.

Deanmore's Little Olympians

By Jazmin and Elena.

Every Friday morning at 7.30 am a huge number of students from Kindy – Year 6 gather together to share the experience of **Running Club**.

So how does running club benefit the Kindy and Pre-Primary students? Well Miss Batchelor thinks that they are future Deanmore Olympians!

Miss Batchelor also thinks that it promotes a love of not only running but being active from a very early age. "Running is a great sport that anyone can do," she says. "It requires no equipment apart from some space, some friends and a pair of running shoes. Plus you can do it whatever your sporting ability."

The running club is a place where you learn to improve your running and keep up your fitness. "Recently we have started to do Pop Stick Runs which basically means that you run laps of the oval and every time you do a lap you get a pop stick," said Miss Bachelor. Amazingly the younger kids look like they have little wheels built in, they're **SO** fast!

Mr Rodgers and Miss Bachelor are very proud of everyones improved running skills. They think that everyone is a, '**Little Champion!**'



Lightning Strikes At The Carnival

By Olivia.

THE LIGHTNING CARNIVAL was a huge success! The Deanmore soccer teams came out on top just like the AFL and netball year 6 teams. The whole day was full of fun and excitement, as we played match after match against Newborough, Doubleview, Yuluma and Scarborough Primary Schools. We gave it our all and fought right to the very end. The netball year 5 A division (grade 5's playing against year 6's) came 4th and the year 5 B division came 5th. I'm sure everyone will give a **HUGE THANK YOU** to Mr Rodgers for organising this event for Deanmore and making sure we all had a chance to participate. The Lightning Carnival was held on Friday the 23rd of July from 9.00am till – 2.30pm

Soccer Satisfaction

By Felicity and Olivia.

The soccer kids started their day with an exciting game against Doubleview for each team. All the soccer kids were really pumped and ready to knock out any challenges standing in their way for the overall win; which in they succeeded! **Congratulations players!**

Luckily the fixtures were set up so each team could watch the other play. We interviewed Tahlia (who played for Deanmore B division) "Friday was awesome! I'm so glad Deanmore won the soccer, everyone did absolutely astounding and put 110% of their effort in! **Thank you** to Mr Rodgers too by the way."

The soccer day came to an end with a cliff-hanging grand final for the Deanmore B team against Newborough! Deanmore were victorious and won 1-0 with Tahlia Barugh scoring the only goal. What a game! Go Team Deanmore!



Netball Shoots for the Stars

By Tahlia and Olivia

The netball day started with a nice straight forward game against Doubleview for Deanmore grade sixes, however it was a tough game for the grade fives in A division against Newborough. It was also a challenging game for the other grade 5 team as they too played Newborough.

All the netballers had an awesome time. The grade 5 B team had two byes. These were well-deserved breaks for them but the other unlucky teams had to keep playing. "All the grade 5 girls did an excellent job everyone was really impressed and I can't believe how well we've done!" Olivia Rubens explained on the bus home.

We finished the day nicely with the Deanmore 1 and 2 having a very close draw and had a nail biting finish. At two minutes to go the score was 6-7 seven to Deanmore 1 but on the full-time whistle Deanmore 2 scored the goal that tied the two teams with 7 all! The netball B team had a really nice easy game with Scarborough where they won just by 1 point. All the netballers should say a **BIG THANKYOU** to Ms Wacker for helping out with netball.

FabulousFootball!

By Carys

The footballers commenced their games with a difficult match against Doubleview, but they pulled through and ended up winning. It was an endless day of running around and playing the sport everyone loves.

Byes were used for players to re-fuel themselves and take a rest, ready to win all the other games. Everyone put in a lot of work and energy into this day; they worked really well as a team which put them on top.

In their last game they got away with the win very easily but Newborough gave them a great challenge. Luke Murphy, in one game scored a **cracker of a goal** about fifty meters away on a slight angle

"That goal Murphy scored was **AWESOME, AMAZING** even and the fact that he was fifty meters away and on slight angle made it even better," Tristan Rourke said "Every one did really well helping out the team and giving as much effort as they could. That helped us win all our games," he added. Everyone needs to say a **GIANT THANKYOU** to Mrs. Plichta who helped out with the footy.

So as you can see the Lightning Carnival was a pretty exciting day for all. We had heaps of parents come down to watch and support us. "I'm very happy with how Deanmore went this year," Mr Rodgers exclaimed happily "I think this is the best performance we've had in ages!" So as you can see Mr Rodgers is stoked and he should be because Deanmore did amazing on Friday with their team efforts, spirit and sportsmanship.

We are Team Deanmore!

#Together

BUSY BRAINS

By Lucy, Lulu and Ella.

We decided to get some behind the scene information about how teachers prepare for our learning. We interviewed Mrs Unwin, in Room 3 to get the low down.

How do you interest your students?

I make sure I know what they are interested in and what areas of learning they need to work from.

I always make sure I say hello to everybody in the morning as I like to check in with everyone first thing. I like to sing and dance in my lessons which sometimes makes my students laugh and I always expect to hear their opinion.

How do you know what to teach?

The WA curriculum tells teachers what to teach and we then organise when we deliver in a planned order throughout the year.

How do you know students have learned?

We can tell by how hard they are working and the types of questions students ask. When we mark workbooks we can see how much has been understood.

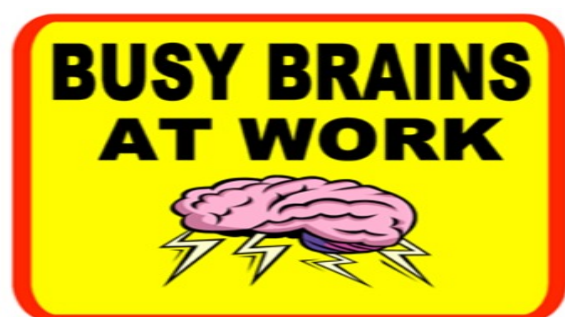
I always love it when a student responds to my marking comment or brings things in from home.

What tips would you give students to prepare for Naplan?

Treat it the same as any other work. That includes:

- don't worry
- do your best
- get enough sleep
- make time to play with your friends
- have a good breakfast
- drink enough water
- don't forget to be on time for school.

Do you have a burning question to put to a teacher? Let one of our roving reporters know and we can do the digging!



Radiant Report?

How Was Yours?

By Maddie, Livinia and Lulu.

Teachers have been collecting your work and finding out what level you are. They also look at the Australian curriculum to find out what you need to earn an A B or C. But don't set the bars too high as an A is very hard to get!

Have you ever wondered: why do we even have reports? Well Australia thinks that it is important that students know how they're going, if they need to work harder or get higher scores even to know if the kids are or aren't working to the best of their abilities. It's more important how they work altogether in class than that one report grade. The comments that you get also help because the kids find out what their teachers think and actually get word on what they need to improve on.

Now many students can be disappointed because everybody wants an A. But look, if you don't get an A it's not the end of the world you just need to try harder and work to the best of your abilities, an A is a very high standard though so don't be putting pressure on yourself you don't have to be a straight A student. Many people think that a B is not that good but a B is excellent. C means you're at grade level and you are doing fine, you are an average and as long as you are trying your best this is excellent too.

If you're sitting on the mat having no clue at all what you're learning about, don't just sit there. **Ask. For. Help!** You can take matters into your own hands because you can.....**PRACTICE!** If you're still perplexed about it, ask the teacher. If you want to improve and keep improving you can ask what do I need to improve?

Remember guys, teachers can't just put down a single grade. You could be halfway between a B and C or the same for A and B. They have to decide what you've done through the term or year.

Getting rewards all the time for high grades is not okay.

Sometimes your parents give you unrealistic expectations. For example: parents might say you only get this thing if you get an A but sometimes it can be impossible to achieve even though that student has been working very very hard. However it's good to have an incentive to work hard but you should be doing that anyway without rewards.

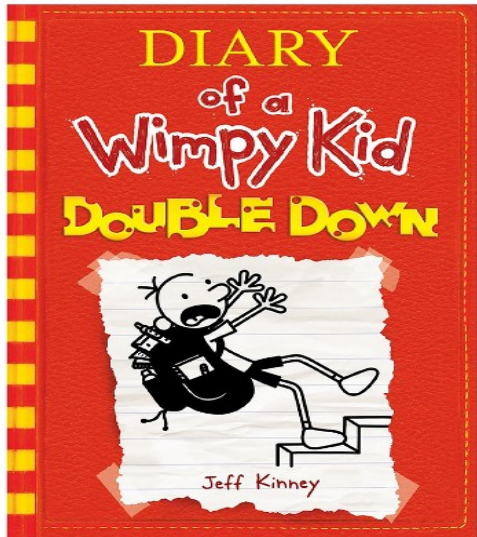
PARENTS: Do not put pressure on your children to get a high grade, they just need to work as hard as they can.

KIDS: Make sure you find out what is said at parents meetings. Do you know how you can improve? If not **ASK!**

Have You Seen Diary Of A Wimpy Kid - Double Down?

It Gets A MAGNIFICENT 10/10 From Us!

By Jonah & Wills



Double Down is the 11th book in the Awesome Diary of A Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney. At the beginning of the book Greg (the main character) thinks his life is a TV program and he hopes to become famous for saying one phrase - **“bite my biscuits!”**

Greg also thinks his parents are robots. **Can you believe it....ROBOTS!** A balloon travelling contest was brought to Greg's attention and Greg wants to win because Alex Audra won last time. His balloon travelled to a whole different country and for that he won a whole large bottle full of **candy corn**.

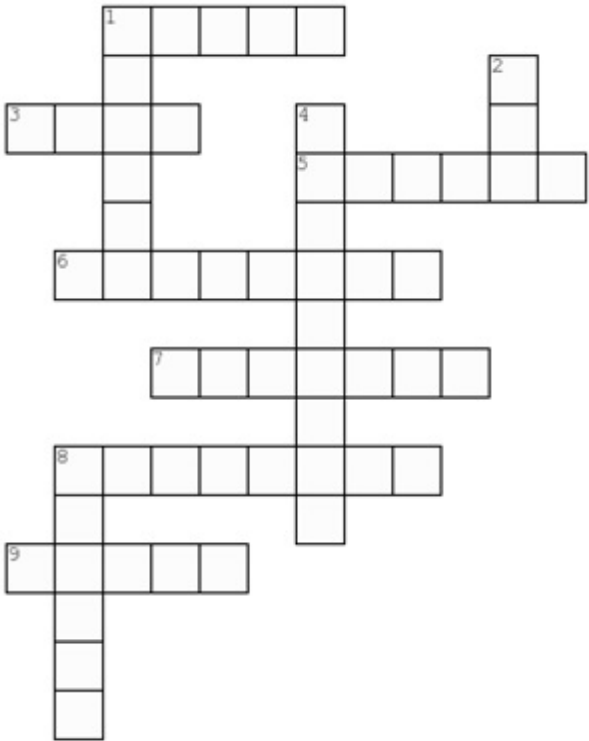
Greg’s mum gives him some money to spend at the **BOOK FAIR** where he sees his favourite author. Instead he spends all his money on books. His mum didn’t like that so he had to return them- **mums eh?** When the candy corn contest comes up and Greg’s balloon makes it to a kid whose name is Maddox he has a play date with him and it all ends terribly!

Make sure you read it to see if Greg can get his mum off his back by making a movie? **Will he become rich and famous in the process or will he DOUBLE DOWN on this plan just DOUBLE Greg’s troubles?**

Make sure you don’t miss out on this awesome story and get into our library today!

Winter Crossword

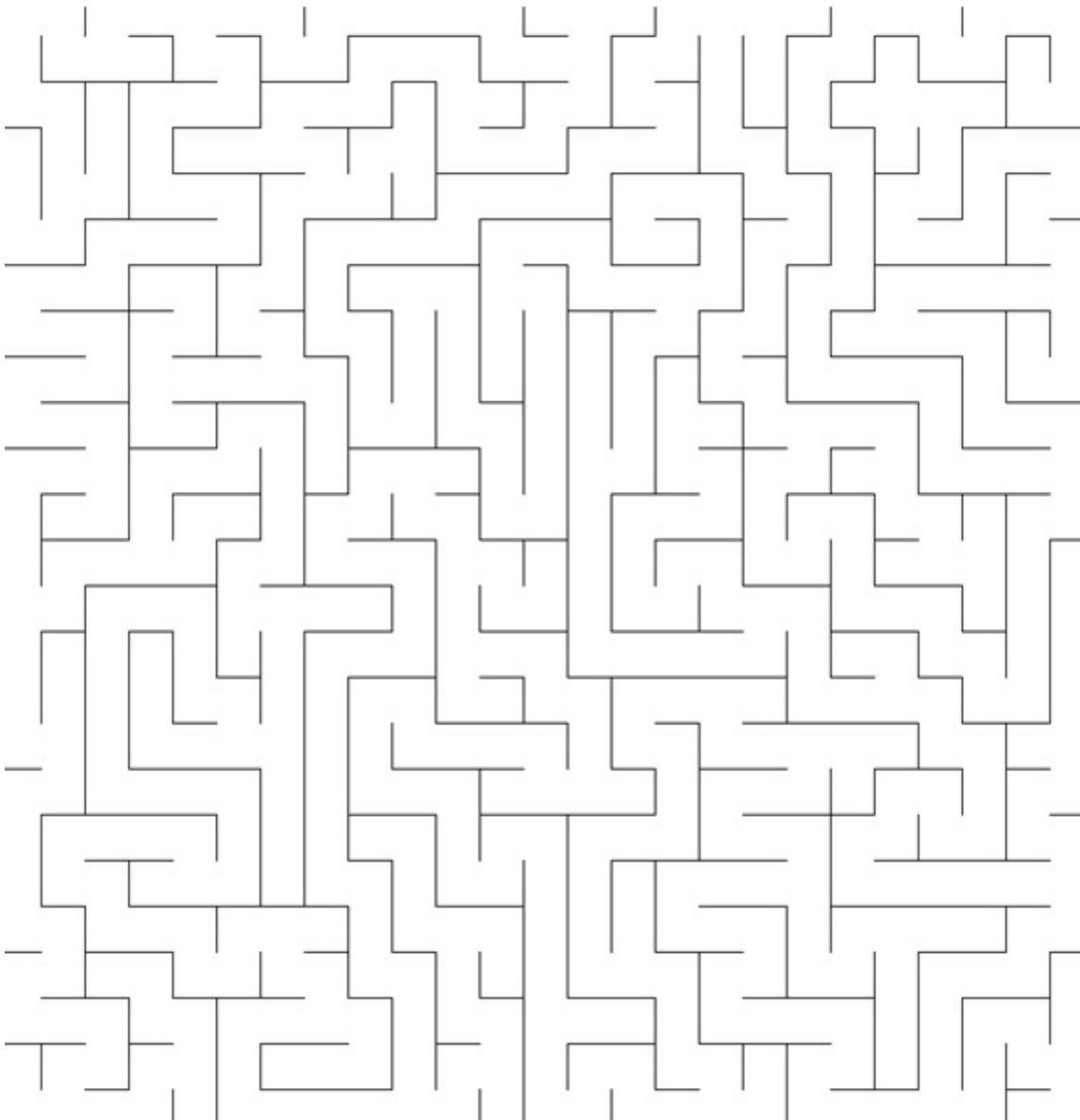
Conquer the winter crossword below!



- Across**

 - 1. Something you wrap around you to keep warm
 - 3. Frozen precipitation that falls from the sky
 - 5. Sport that takes place on ice
 - 6. sliding down a hill, usually on a piece of plastic
 - 7. Keeps your hands warm
 - 8. Projectile that you can throw
 - 9. Drink it to warm up. Made from apples.
- Down**

 - 1. Tool used to remove snow
 - 2. Frozen water
 - 4. Winter Holiday
 - 8. Activity that you strap long boards to your feet.



Sudoku

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Joke Corner!

By Jonah & Wills.

Q. Why couldn't the pirates play cards?
Because they were standing on the deck

Q. What is the country with the biggest appetite?
A. Hungary

Q. Why are teddy bears never hungry?
A. Because they are stuffed

Q. What did the hamburger name his baby?
A. Patty

Q. What do you call Santa when he stops moving?
A. Santa Pause

Q. What do you call a pig that knows karate?
A. A pork chop

Q. What happened to the wooden car that had a wooden engine and wooden wheels?
A. It wooden move.

Summer Olympics

See if you can find all the sports in the Summer Olympics!

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WATERPOLO	BADMINTON	BASEBALL
BASKETBALL	BOXING	KAYAKING
CYCLING	EQUESTRIAN	FENCING
FOOTBALL	GYMNASTICS	HANDBALL
HOCKEY	JUDO	PENTATHLON
ROWING	SHOOTING	SOFTBALL
TABLETENNIS	TAEKWONDO	TENNIS
TRIATHLON	VOLLEYBALL	WEIGHTLIFTING
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