

Seahorse Tales

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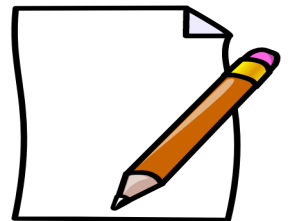
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Operation Christmas Child



As the laughter gets louder and louder the teacher begins to count down THREE, TWO, ONE! OPEN! You hear the wrappers tear and the shrieks and laughter ring in your ears as the children light up with delight and surprise, thrilled in the joys of what they've received. Each child's face is a vision of happiness and as they pull everything out. Smiles, gasps and giggles fill the room.

Operation Christmas child is an organisation where schools, Scout groups and Girl Guide groups get to pack up presents for those less fortunate than themselves. They buy some items such as clothing, hygienic necessity, and toys to put in a box and then send off to remote places such as Africa and India. Those who are packing the boxes get to choose the gender and age of the child they want to send it to.

The fun thing about Operation Christmas child is that you get to go and buy the gifts and choose them out yourself. You also receive a note back from the child and family you sent it to. In addition to all this you get the opportunity to imagine how much happiness you are providing for another person, who probably likes the same kind of things that you do.

Once the child receives the gift they get to experience what it feels like to get presents. How would you like to help someone enjoy the magic of Christmas?

To sign up you can go online and search up:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> and learn more about Operation Christmas Child and what you can do to help this organisation grow.



Christmas Around the World

visit: <https://www.whychristmas.com/cultures>

Ever wondered what the weather's like in England, Japan or Canada at Christmas time? Or what traditions different countries have? Well use this web address to find out about Christmas traditions across the world and how Christmas is celebrated by many cultures around the world.

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Last term we ran a competition for students to have some of their work published. We had so many excellent entries, but there are only three winners.



All hands on deck!" Cried Captain Look, the infamous sea captain of the ship "The Dolly Rodger". 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. 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 over me 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 AM A PIXIE.

Congratulations Jad Bariolo

Oh no! Oh no! I really have to fix this somehow. I've got to do something and I think I know how. I'm going to go to a secret shop that my older cousin owns. It is a ferry shop. There are some incredible things there.

When I got there I glanced at a sign that said closed! The ferry shop was not open! When I got home I went to bed and thought about ways there could be to help me turn back to a human being.

When it was morning the sun was nice and bright so I went back to the secret ferry shop. It was open. Yay! I shouted.

When I was home I drank the potion and I turned back into a human! Yay, I was back to normal!

And the Lucky Winners Are...

Congratulations Lulu Smith- Hayes

Quickly, I ran to the ships cabin and flung my head on the fluffy pillow. On my way there it was tough because I had to dodge shoes and climb over beer bottles. Where was I? Oh yes. Once my head touched the white, feather pillow my lazy brain drifted off to sleep. I dreamt of strange things happening to my shipmates. I was still lost in dreamland when I felt bony hands shaking me.

"Sam!" I heard. it was John! "I need you to know that one of the other mates has magically disappeared!" John continued. That was when I finally woke myself up. Disappeared? How? When? Why? Those were some of the things I asked myself. After all that thinking I must have fallen back to sleep because I felt John shaking me again. "Come quick!"

After that I was out of the cabins. Then I found everyone (even the captain) looking for the missing mate. Finally after 3 hours of searching we all stopped. BANG!!! It almost sounded like the sky was falling down! Finally the noise maker emerged. It was the hooded man! He appeared with a gold, iron cage and a bottle. Inside the cage was the mate and inside the bottle was medicine.

"Here" the hooded man said, "take them both. I am sorry."

And finally we knew who had been sabotaging our ship.

Congratulations Oscar Dresher

However, there was no time to question my pixie appearance, I had to get to the deck quickly or captain Look would be furious. We sprinted (and flew) our fastest to the deck But it was not fast enough. "John!" he raced, face red and steam coming from his ears. He continued "you will wipe the deck! And what is that hovering thing next to you?" he shouted angrily.

"Oh" said John, nervous that Captain Look would not believe the easy- not- to- believe story. "Ah um well, you see it is Sam,, I was practicing jousting when this guy with a creepy hood on appeared out of nowhere and started attacking me, Sam tried to save me but the hooded man put a spell on him and then he became a pixie!" finished John quickly. Laughing Captain Look said, "likely story, you will both polish the mast and clean the deck." "YES!" shouted Jolly Jackson, pumping his fists in the air, he had previously been entitled to those jobs because of the following. Skipping his most recent scrub-the-deck, using and breaking in the captains special whip, refusing to eat his dinner of cheese and bread for four nights in a row and general naughty stuff. Anyway back to the story. That night John and Sam were in their cabin, day dreaming of ways to stop their day of punishment. "So, what were you doing when that hooded guy attacked you?" questioned Sam. "Well" said John. "I was just practising my jousting, strike after strike near the mast when he appeared out of nowhere and started attacking me" said John.

"Well" said Sam excitedly, "maybe you can do that again, and he could come back."

"Worth a try" said John unconvincingly, so John went out into the cold, did his strike after strike, and believe it or not... there was the hooded man. Sam jumped out and held his sword out in front of him, there and then Sam felt the sensational sensation of growing. "YAY!" he said, then they both thought 'dang it, we still have to do the punishments' but the day was still great compared to when Sam was a pixie, and I am sure you will be happy to know that the freaky hooded man was never ever seen again. They lived pirately ever after.



School Safety

Storm Safety

By Lulu

Wind howled and rain fell, the storm broke out above us. It was raging around us, creating a sacred barrier to protect us. This old grey cloud made us fear, because we wanted to get out but we could not. Lightning and thunder deadly as ever. This can be the terror of a storm.

But how can we stay safe in a storm?

- Try to stay indoors while it is happening.
- Be prepared for any type of storm such as a cyclone, tornado, tsunami or just a plain old thunder/lightning storm.
- Always listen to the weather radio so you know what and if it's coming.
- Move to a sturdy building or car.
- If lightning occurs do not stand under trees and get inside a hard top automobile and keep the windows up.



Sun Safety

By Lulu

Slowly the sun burned our skin, we could not stand it any longer. We wished it was over but it did not end. This was the sun that burned forever.

So how can we avoid being burnt?

- Slip on a long sleeved shirt
- Slop on some sunscreen (30 + or 50+)
- Slap on a wide brim hat.
- Seek some shade.
- Slide on some sunnies.



Animal Safety

By Lulu

Two dangerous predators, one land and one sea. The shark and the snake! The shark lives in the ocean stalking the waves, the snake waits for pray in the bush land. They mean us no harm, they just want to protect themselves from us. They need to survive in this world so they do what they must.

But how can we stay aware of them?

- First if we are in their territory always be aware of them.
- If you see a snake freeze. If you're bitten lie down, don't move and ask someone to get help for you.
- If there is shark siren signals swim straight for the beach and stay out until it is safe (when Life Guards let you back in).



Stay safe at school

By Olivia

You stand paralysed watching the group of boys slowly closing in on you. You close your eyes hoping this horror scene will end. You feel the pain heat up in you right arm then to your leg. You fall helplessly to the ground praying the pain will go away. You hear laughter dying away while you lie down immobilized on the floor. Bullying of any type is awful.

But how can you prevent this happening?

- Always ask for help; Close Friends, Teachers, Parents, Your Principle and even siblings can help!
- Sometimes it helps if you talk to the bully and sort out what or why is it happening.
- Always think about your actions.
- Sometimes, to prevent an argument, you should just agree to disagree.
- Don't be a bystander, help someone if you can.
- Sometimes just walk away.

School Safety



You awake to the sound of beeps and click to only see your body attached to wires and pipes. Australia needs to prevent road deaths happening.

Please stay safe and follow our important guide:

- Know Your Signals. Help your kid learn about the traffic lights and signs, and what each colour indicates.
- Stop, Look, And Cross. Look to your right and then to the left to see if there are any approaching vehicles.
- If so, wait for the vehicle to pass and then cross the road.
- Never cross at bends.
- Never cross between stationary vehicles.
- Pay Attention – Listen. Teach your kids that they may not always be able to see an oncoming vehicle, especially if they are standing near a bend.
- Don't Run On Roads-kids have a tendency to run across roads. Either to get a ball or see friends.
- Cross roads and pedestrian crossing-It is important to always use pedestrian crossings. They were made for people on foot or bike.
- Always Get Out On The Curb Side-This makes it safer for cars and children if they are on the opposite side
- Buckle up! – Ensure that your child always wears the seat belt, or is secured in a car seat.
- Use the child lock feature to prevent your kids from opening car doors by themselves.
- Teach them about the rules practically – take them for walks and cycling, and teach them how to do it right.
- Exhibit patience when driving – set an example for your kids to be calm and not rush on the road.
- Be punctual and disciplined to avoid speeding and rash driving.
- Do not use mobile phones or other gadgets when driving.
- Never leave your kids alone in the car.

Cyber safety

By Olivia

Stay Safe while Online!

You hear the quiet ding and the box pop up on your page. Your eyes scan the message looking for who it's from. The words engrave themselves through your head, burning your mind. Parts of you slowly start dying inside you just because of that one message: "Hey loser you look ugly, no one likes you. GET A LIFE!" Many people try to stop this but how can you stay safe online?

- When you are using social media, text or email never send a picture of yourself to strangers.
- When using anything (games, apps, forums, chat rooms and more) never give any personal details out. Keep your full name, telephone numbers, address and school name all private.
- Only use a computer when an adult is nearby and TELL them if you're worried about something.
- Never open emails from people you don't know- it may have a virus or contents that may upset you or someone else.
- NEVER arrange to meet someone whom you've never met through the internet even if they seem really nice or you think you know them well.

Road safety

By Oliva

STOP LOOK LISTEN THINK!

Your fingers scroll up and down the cold, smooth screen. Your feet pad up and down the rough surface of the tar on the road.

Its too late.....as soon as your foot hits the middle of the street you know it's too late. The car screeches, attempting to make an emergency stop and trying to avoid you but it's too late . The car knocks you to the ground.

Your mind travels to another land while you lie their immobilized while the driver tries desperately to help you.



Classroom Collaboration.

By Jonah.

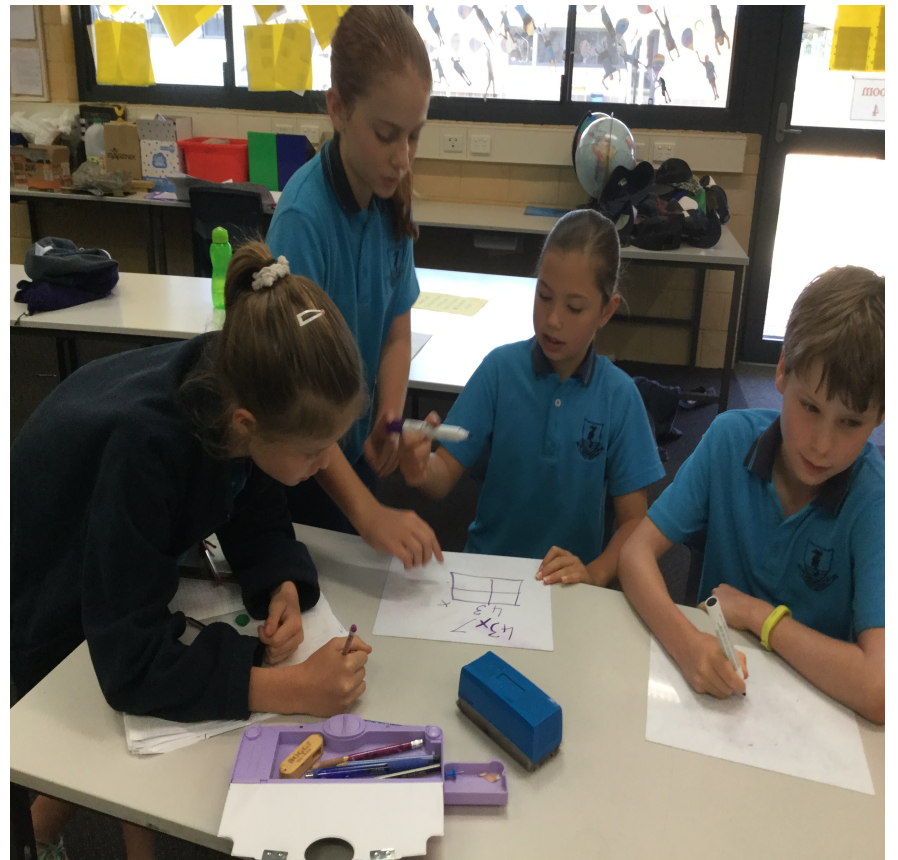
Jo is a teacher. But by teacher I mean a student teacher. He is only eleven and is already helping students understand subjects like maths and literacy. Jo likes to help his friend John with maths sums, long division and grammar.

Unfortunately Jo doesn't usually get taught by his peers and says he prefers teaching because at the end he feels like he's taught someone something the teachers can't teach. Jo likes teaching maths the most because it is his strongest point. We asked Jo if he thinks people improve more by getting taught by the teacher or peers. He said peers, but, many argue that teachers are better because they know more.

Lulu has written us a persuasive text on why peer teaching is good:

You have no idea what's going on. This information you've taken in is fizzing up your brain. The teacher was still talking but you just went blank. You don't understand what's going on here. This teacher just blew your mind.....the wrong way!

Many believe we learn more from teachers than anyone else because they are smarter. Well that's not really true. In Year 5 we took on peer teaching. All of us understand most of our subjects much more after an hour of peer teach. Even if we are still not one hundred percent, we can work it out if we try.



Do you really think you can learn what you need to, from just adults? Well no, you see some people find it confusing to learn from only one adult's point of view because at times it can become quite complex. Learning from a child's point of view can help your brain to take in the information that you just learnt because they explained it the way they understand so it is most likely the way you understand the subject as well.

You believe you're learning a year's worth of information in a year from just one teacher. As if!!!! You need your fellow students to encourage you and get you to work harder.

We also need our classmates to help us in lots of ways, and one of those ways is through peer teaching. You see, a teacher can't just fill your mind and sometimes it helps to learn from someone your own age. Well they could but you wouldn't be well educated I'm afraid.

Even if we still aren't little Einstein's we are much smarter and ready for year six and then on high school. If this continues soon we could take on all sums and texts for our later on school years. All of the students in Year 5 are prepared for our last year of primary school and even if we are not the smartest we will manage it and get through the year.

All that information popping in your mind? You're one year older and you've got the skills you need to gain even more information. This happened because of peer teach. I trust it and so should you.



Ms Randell

Q. What do you think of your classes' behaviour in health?

A. They are all pretty good actually but I think my Friday classes are a bit more restless then the Wednesday classes because it's the end of the week which is totally understandable but I try to make the lessons as fun as possible so everyone's engaged and ready to learn.

Q. What did you last do for a job?

A. I just finished my university degree so this is my first job as a fully qualified teacher. I was in Mrs Veal's class for all of last term with the fantastic year ones and I was lucky enough to get offered a job by Mr Craig while Mrs Taylor went away up North. This is my first ever job and I wouldn't have it any other way.

Q. What do you think that the students you teach need to work on?

A. Not talking while a teacher is talking. I think sometimes the students get a little bit too excited and they want to have a little bit of a chat. Before we were about to start the lesson or I'm about to give instructions, also fiddling with pencils and pens and that's telling me they're not listening and they're not going to know what to do and that's maybe something they can improve on.

Q. Why do you like teaching health the most?

A. Well I did a degree in primary Education and then I did a major in physical education and health studies so I could be a classroom teacher and health and Phys Ed teacher. I'm quite an active person I play hockey outside of school at quite a high level and I think that health and physical education is really important in children's lives.

Q. When you are a relief teacher what subject do you like teaching the most?

A. All of them, every single subject can be fun to teach you just have to make them fun.

Q. Are there any interesting facts about you?

A. I have two older siblings that are ten years older and they have lived in New Zealand for two years. I am a Gemini and I love chocolate.

Q. What do you rate this school out of Ten?

A. I rate this school ten out of ten.

Miss Williams



Q. What do you rate the school out of 10?

A. Well it's pretty high because it's very good so I rate it 9 out of 10.

Q. Are there any interesting facts about you?

A. Some people call me a crazy cat lady because I have 2 cats and I'm rather obsessed with cats. I used to play the drums in a band and I was a ballerina for 20 years.

Q. What do you think of your class's behaviour?

A. At the moment it's a very calm serene classroom. They're very good kids, Year 1 & 2. Most of the time they stay on the green and they're very respectful kids.

Q. What do you think they can improve on?

A. They can probably work on not calling out because they have so many great ideas that they just want to let it out. They just need to put their hand up.

Q. What school or schools did you used to teach at?

A. This is my 5th year at Deanmore. Before Deanmore I taught in Unship District High School I've also taught in Esperance for 1 year, Lancelin for 3 years, Geraldton for 6 months, London for 3 and a half years.

Q. What subjects do you like teaching the most?

A. I love my maths. It's my absolute favourite.

Q. What do you think your classes favourite subject?

They've been trying to persuade me that science is their favourite subject but I think they like writing the most.

Mrs Prescott



Q. Why do you like teaching?

A. Because I like students and working with them. I think I work very well with them and I like the curriculum and giving them the skills to succeed in later life.

Q. What subjects do you like teaching the most?

A. I like technology and design the most but I also like literacy.

Q. Do you have any interesting facts about yourself?

A. I like pop music like Arianna Grande and I also like the Spice Girls. I have an 8 year old son called Henry.

Q. What school did you teach before Deanmore?

A. I used to teach at Lake Munga primary school in Wembley and near Leederville. There I was a year 4 teacher and I also taught a kindy and pre-primary classes.

Q. What do you think your class needs to improve on?

A. Behaviour, listen when others are talking and try to make their handwriting neater. I also like it when they check their mistakes before handing in their work.

Q. What do you rate the school out of ten?

A. I'm going to rate the school ten out of ten because I think the school is pretty fabulous.

Everyone has made me very welcome and the kids and staff are great;

Shoes Make You Run Faster!



I could hear the deep heavy breathing of the other competitors swarming around me on the last leg of the run. I crossed the line, my legs and arms are aching and my heart is pumping as I hear the Deanmore kids cheering me on. The Ocean Net Inter School Cross Country is a fun event for kids that love long distance running. Year 3 to 6 participated in this event. The Year 3s ran 600m, whereas the year 4s ran 800m, the year 5s ran 1.2km and the year 6s ran the astonishing amount of 1.4km!

In Term 3, on Thursday 7th of September at Butler Reserve, the following schools competed in the cross country: Scarborough, Doubleview, Newborough, Yuluma, Wembley Downs and of course, Deanmore. Everyone in the races tried their very hardest and Deanmore came fourth over all. Wembley Downs were the outright winners.

Mr Rodgers quoted, "In cross country there was the best performance getting more top ten and twenty finishers than ever before." He said, "Running Club has one hundred per cent improved technique, speed and stamina." If you want to aspire to these attributes you need to act, come to Running Club sessions on Friday mornings and watch how much you achieve."



The Fantastic Faction Carnival



The light blue sky tried to with stand the dark blackening clouds. The clouds became thicker by the minute and as it roared down umbrellas flicked up while the ground became moist and slippery. As the whistle blew for the star baton relay shoes thudded on the drenched ground soon enough kids were slipping and sliding in the hazardous conditions.

On the 30th of August the throws, jumps and long distance races were held it was an amazing cracker of a day the first event that was held was the 200m it was an amazing race the boys and girls did really well. The year 5 boys finish for the 200m was a nail biting finish. Such close competition.

Next were the whopping jumps and believe me they were incredibly far! Some got up to 4.85m Well done to everyone in the jumps. The throws were breath taking and some reached length of 50m.

The 400m and 800m were extremely close an amazing well done to Jessica Herbet and Mia Disley the year 5s who stepped up to do the 800m for gold faction.

On Friday the 1st of September in the afternoon the faction carnival had to be postponed because the grounds were too wet, causing people to fall over. It would have been horrifically unsafe so Mr Rodgers had no choice but to postpone to Wednesday the 6th of September. Then he built up the tension by doing the presentations on Friday the 8th of September instead of saying it on the faction carnival day.

Big thanks for all of the Teachers, Parents and Faction Captains who helped out for the faction carnival. And a big thanks to Mr Rodgers who organised it!!

GO TEAM DEANMORE!

OCEAN NET INTER SCHOOL CARNIVAL 2017



The crackle of the grass giving way under the large clumps of the children's sneakers. Cheers erupted from Team Deanmore bombarding any other cheer around.

In 2017 72 lucky students got to represent Deanmore Primary School in the Lightning Carnival. We may have not won gold but the team's spirit towered above the other schools. A great deal of sportsmanship was outstanding and every single student who ran or who didn't should be extremely proud.

The Wednesday events went very smoothly.

First off was the good old 400 metres. There were unfortunately no lanes but the teams managed setting record breaking times. Everyone was happy to see their friends from the other schools. The jumps were out of the pit and wins were much, much celebrated. The throws were out of eye sight and probably would have been lost if nobody had run after them. The Deanmore spirit stayed with us all the way through.

Friday Was A Totally Different Story.

The tension was so thick you could cut it with a knife but the team spirit was still lively and everyone was looking forward to a good day of athletics. First up was the running races. Thanks to Mr Rodgers running club, the kids were on FIRE! Almost every race we ended up with a 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th. The team games were a blast and ended the end of the carnival perfectly. Overall we came a very hard earned 3rd.

After the tiring but outstanding performance came the awards ceremony. Kirra Prumm, Joseph Hopkyns, Thalia Curley and Deanmores Pocket Rocket, Geordie Clarke all received a very well earned reward. Kirra Prumm broke the record for the fastest 800m from a girl at the interschool carnival.

Everyone was exhausted by the end of the day but very pumped to hear next year the interschool carnival will be held at Deanmore! Can't wait to see you there!

Checkmate For The Chess Club

By Buzzy.

You may have noticed that a few weeks ago the chess club got checkmate and turned into the soccer club. In Semester One ten kids had to use their brains for their tactics but now they have to use their body for their tactics. Hopefully kids will like soccer club as much as they liked chess club.

I think if you want to become a better tackler or goal striker than you should come to soccer club and join in the Friday fun.



Electrical Waves Through Deanmore



This year, sixteen energetic students from Year Five took part in the Circuit Breakers programme. Over 120 schools applied for the programme but only 20 schools were chosen, including Deanmore. Circuit Breaker kids were asked to build the network of the future, using two 3D printers. Each student had a turn learning how to use the 3D printers. Sessions were held on a Tuesday afternoon. There the circuit breakers learnt about energy, circuits, 3D printing and the things 3D printing and electricity does to change the world. As a whole, all the circuit breakers loved the program and celebrated a successful term by enjoying a fun night at Scitech with the other circuit breakers from other schools.

Bronte Pittaway and Joel O'Neill were chosen to have their photo taken by a photographer from the West Australian Newspaper and were interviewed by journalists along with two other students from another school. The news paper was published on Tuesday October 17 2017 in the Ed Section. They also had their photo in the Sunday times, and had a video of them on facebook!

We interviewed some of the students who took part of the program and asked them what they liked about Circuit Breakers;

Ruby Thompson: 'I liked working as a group with every one and using the 3D printers. It was a really cool experience.'

Jessica Herbert: 'I liked learning about 3D printers and all the different types of engineers.'

Joel O'Neill: 'I liked learning about 3D printers and learning about engineers.'

As circuit breakers ourselves, we agree it was a great program, and we have high hopes that the program will continue. And a little message to future circuit breakers:

Think big and enjoy yourself because your ideas could become a reality in the future!!

Planning For The Future... What Will Our School Be Like?



Hover boards, robots and machines that mark students work, is that where our future at Deanmore primary school is headed? Well no, as sad as it is, we can't have hover boards in the classroom. Apparently it is too dangerous! As you all know Mr Craig our school Principal has made a few changes that have made things very different, but do you really know why?

As soon as Mr Craig walked through the school for the first time he had many thoughts and expectations about the school. 'It was a very attractive and a well maintained school. But however there were a few minor problems, like how the students moved around from class to class, and their behaviour whilst in class as many students weren't achieving their best efforts in class.' So he thought he would change a few things around the school to improve the education of students.

Mr Craig revealed his secret plan, and he intends to demolish, yes D E M O L I S H the bad and rebuild the good. For those of you that just plainly don't know, Mr Craig and the Admin staff plan to change the schools behavioural system.

A behavioural system is a system that people follow or run to control the behaviour of others. e.g. behavioural systems can be used in businesses, community centres, schools, restaurants, shopping centres, hospitals, emergency services and can be found almost anywhere in the world.

For our school the behavioural system may include a new set of rules. So far the system is being trialled and we are only at the start of a long journey. We asked Mr Craig how well the school and community has responded, and we came back with a proud answer 'There have been lots of changes but we are definitely not giving up.'

What does our school need to do to improve in the future?

'Perhaps more staff engagement in the class and more student effort.'

So remember to try your hardest in all school activities as it will get our school closer to achieving our goals.

THE UNKNOWN... by Jessica Wilson

I tossed and turned in my sleep. Clutching my limp pillow I squeezed my eyes tightly shut, letting the dreams run through me. I was thrown this way and that. The water swirled around me in pools of unforgettable darkness. I was weightless, like a feather. I was drifting to and fro into watery blackness. My heart hammered in my chest, my lungs burning. Kick up! Kick up! I thought. The words ricocheted through my head but it was no use. Not a muscle moved. Lifeless, I let myself be carried to the unknown depths. I felt no fear, no I did. Part of me wanted to get out, the other part of me entranced by this deep black universe...

I awoke with a start, cold sweat trickling down my face. "I am awake, I'm not drowning," I reassured myself. I might be on a cruise ship but I wasn't actually in the water. Cautiously, I peeped in the porthole. The little light there was reflected and refracted, distorting my mirrored reflection. The water was the truest of deep blacks. Choppy underneath me, the ocean swayed my cabin. It had been my parents' idea. They had decided to send me away on a cruise for the holidays. They had left me in the care of Mrs Mann, the housekeeper. There, she was calling me now. "Elise, are you awake?" I shuffle into bed. Everything was alright. A few hours later there was a rumble emanating from the land above. Then a torrent of rain came crashing down. How much water is there in the universe? Now wasn't a time to be amazed. A fork of lightning spread across the sky illuminating it with a bright glow that tore the world of blackness in half. I raced into Mrs Mann's bedroom. She was doubled over moaning. "Are... are you alright?" I asked, breathing heavily. Mrs Mann's face was drawn and pale as a sheet of paper. I grabbed her arm and helped her to the infirmary. The infirmary was crowded. It seemed like the whole ship was sick. The room smelt of mouldy vegetables, rotten fruit and vomit. Images that wouldn't care to be repeated coursed through my head. I spotted the captain in front of a bucket. "No one is steering the ship!" I gasped. I had to do something. I raced through the ship to the deck, pushing past muttering crowds. There was not a soul at the wheel. I lunged and grabbed it.

I had no idea how to sail a ship. On the sailing trips I'd been on I hadn't cared. Now I wasn't sailing our small, dainty yacht at home, I was managing a cruise ship! I started steering the wheel left and right. It was hard to see. I yanked on random levers, pushing down random buttons. I tried to find something to tell me where to go. After about a half hour of sailing, I realised I was lost. I stared up at the sky, blinking back tears. It was then that I noticed the constellation above me. "Orion," I whispered. Then suddenly, I knew where to go.

Grasping the wheel, I pulled it for a sharp right. The ship, doing as it was told headed back the way we had come. Then I heard a horrible noise. There was a CREAK! Then a gurgling sound of water rushing in. Frantically, I let go of the wheel and ran. The ship filled with gallons of water. I raced to the infirmary, my heart thudding in time with every step. The few healthy people were levering the hospital beds up above the sea. I knew though, that no one could be saved. So I ran to the deck and plunged into the icy water beneath.

The cold unpleasantness hit me in an instant. I pushed forward, kicking my legs and thrashing my arms. I thanked my lucky stars for the many swimming lessons I'd had. I swam like I had never swum before. You can do this, I told myself. I closed my eyes tightly.

It was then that my hand struck sand. I was at an island! I opened my eyes. Joy and happiness coursed through my veins. Relief washed over me. I scrambled higher up on the shore and curled up. Then, as I dug my hands into the sand I remembered the sad souls dying on the ship. I shook my head, wading out into the deep ocean once more. "Here I'll finally rest," I muttered. I let myself sink to the inky depths of the unknown...

The Awakening by Luc Roberts

The sun was rising out of the fiery depths of the horizon. Birds twittered to each other, and somewhere, a bicycle crunched on the gravel.

His breath came in short bursts. His legs ached from the strain of riding 7 kilometres. The wind whistled as it whipped his face. He stopped. The air around him was silent. Then, right there., out of the corner of his eye, he spotted a sudden movement. His head whipped around, but it was too late. A giant, hairy hand reached out and plucked him and his bicycle out of the air like it was nothing more than a toy.

He awoke hanging from chains above a huge lake of lava. He looked around. The walls were made from rock, and the only exit was a solid slab of wood, with what looked like ten locks. The acrid smell of smoke was burning his lungs, and the flesh around his wrists was raw and red. "Why am I here?" he shouted. "What do you want with me?"

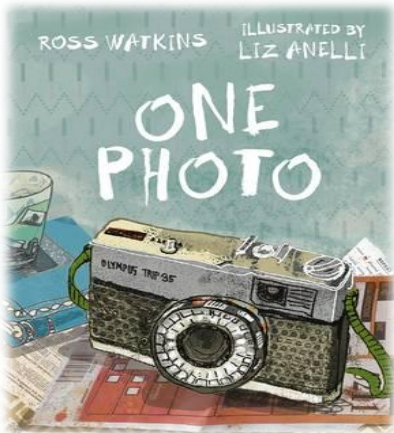
"You know exactly why you are here, Jim McKinnon," replied a voice. Jim gasped. It was all true. The nightmares. "No," he breathed. "NO! Please! NO!" he screamed. The chains opened, and he fell. He grabbed at them, but they glowed red hot, and Jim instinctively pulled away, and fell. The air was cold and still. The graveyard was silent. The smell of fresh dirt filled his nostrils, as he emerged from the grave. As he staggered out of the graveyard, and to the monster's lair, he was amazed that he was not dead. It was all for revenge, he figured. He waited, and as the clock struck twelve, the monster's hand reached out from the shadows, and into the depths of the cave.

The monster's eyes widened. "You! But. No! It can't be... How?" the monster screamed.

"How? I wish we could talk for longer, but I have business to attend to," replied Jim. Then, in one fluid movement, he pulled a knife from under his jacket, and slit the monster's heart out, pocketing it. He pulled his knife from the monster's chest, and went looking for his next victim. He became known as The Shadow, and was destined to slaughter beasts for the good of mankind.

One Photo

Written by Ross Watkins
Illustrated by Liz Anelli
Reviewed by Luc



One day, a young boy’s dad comes home with one of those old cameras, the kind that uses film. He doesn’t take photos of things that normal people take, instead he takes photos of things he wants his family to remember. His son watches in confusion as his father slowly begins to deteriorate until he is almost nothing. One Photo is heart warming story about love, loss and legacy. I give One Photo 5 / 5 stars for its emotive language, cartoon-style pictures and the story-line filled with feeling.



THE EMOJI MOVIE

Inside your phone is a world of weird emoji’s, they live there and eat there, but every emoji has one important job and if they fail it, it could be a disaster. Here’s where I come in. I’m Meh. I don’t have feelings, so here’s what I do. A text comes in and I panic!A disaster happens... the wrong face comes out.... and then it’s like the phone has broken!! WHAT!!!! This is a disaster. I have to fix this and only I can. I have to travel to somewhere where no emoji has gone. Will I brave it and save the day? We shall soon see!



Hatchimals

By Felicity
Are you bored of watching TV all day? Because you could be doing better stuff. Maybe a pet Hatchimal could be your answer?

Check out these Hatchimal moods!

Red	Annoyed or upset	Pat your Hatchimal’s head
Orange	Needs to burp	Tilt forward or pat head
Flashing Orange	Has the hiccups	Make a loud noise
Yellow	Autonomous	Play with your Hatchimal
Green	Sick	Pat its head or squeezes its tummy
Light Blue	Cold	Rub its head
Dark Blue	Scared	Sing loudly or pat its head
Purple	Hungry	Tilt forward
White	Going to sleep	Press chest button to wake up
Lights Off	Listening	Tap on the egg

Once you own your Hatchimal,it will start to peck the inside of the shell. You will see its beak pop out and go back in. The Hatchimal will soon be able to hatch but only with your help! What you need to do is you need to carefully and slowly take off the top and then twist the bottom until you hear a click. Then it is safe to pull it off, and there is your new furry friend.



DIY Christmas crafts



Are you up to date with your décor?

Christmas is a joyful time of the year. Spending time with family, hearing the awesome sound of ripping wrapping paper and my favourite part: Putting up the decorations!

But, many people are NOT up to date with their décor and could use some inspiration and tips. For me, I absolutely love DIY and don't usually buy decorations (partly because doing DIY is cheaper) so this year how about you try some DIY décor? Follow these simple steps and get creating!

To Make A Tree:

WHAT YOU NEED

- Scissors
- White or clear dry glue
- Foam ball
- Pen or alphabet stamps twine
- This template

http://images.marthastewart.com/images/content/web/pdfs/pdf2/fabric_ornaments.pdf

METHOD

1. Print out the template and cut out the size for your sphere.
2. Cut out the burlap using the template-- Step 3: Apply glue to the edges of the burlap piece. Use glue sparingly since it will bleed through the burlap. The glue will dry invisible but will be sticky to handle in the meantime--
3. Lay down one piece at a time and smooth down the edges--
4. Once the glue is dry, write on or stamp your ornament using alphabet stamps and a permanent ink stamp pad. I stamped both sides of the ball with different Christmas-y words.
5. Attach your twine to the ball. I used a little glue and a pin to secure the hanger to the foam ball.

For some other ideas go to:

- <http://www.coco29.com/diy-christmas-wreaths-for-front-door/>
- <http://craftriver.com/diy-christmas-decor-ideas-on-a-budget/>
- <http://stringartdiy.com/>
- <http://www.theidearoom.net/2014/11/25-diy-christmas-decorations.html>
- <https://knotandnestdesigns.com/products/holiday-mason-jars-set-of-4-christmas-decorations>

When I looked at this page I defiantly found it inspiring and I hope you do to. Remember amazing Christmas crafts don't have to be expensive to look good and it's really fun making these crafts. So from everyone at the Deanmore newspaper club:
Have a merry Christmas and a great new year!

Christmas Hall

Holiday time is here at last
Christmas time is coming fast
Time for laughter time for fun
Christmas time is spent in sun
Singing all our Christmas songs
In our great big Aussie thongs
All the kids are in the pool
While everyone else is staying cool

Now at the Newspaper Club we are all very keen to hear how we can help others to enjoy the holiday time but it would be silly for us to ignore what we are all putting on our Christmas lists. Hoping that Father Christmas will be noticing us as we do all our good deeds.

We decided to ask you all what you wanted as gifts this holiday season. Do you recognise any of these?
we conducted a survey of what Deanmore kids will be hoping to receive

Requests for ages 3-6 year included:

- Beanie Boo, Nerf guns
- Fairy Clip, Monster truck
- Skateboard, Bay blade bursts
- Beanie Boo, Lego

Ages 6-8 Year included:

- Instax camera, Soccer ball
- Fur real friend Unicorn, Pokémon cards
- Instax camera, Lego
- Basketball, Skateboard

Ages 8-12 Year included:

- Goldfish, Train Set
- rainbow, Bird book
- Dog, Hover board
- Instax camera, Drone

As you can see we have lots of active, creative, caring budding photographers amongst us!

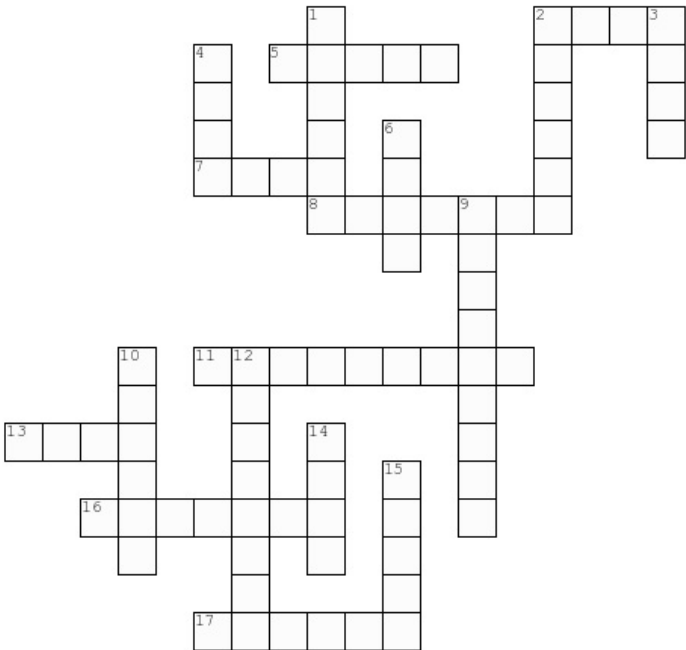
We wish you all a fabulous holiday and hope you stay safe, and give thanks to all who help make your time so special! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Sudoku

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	9		2					6
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Spring

Complete the crossword below



- Across**

 - 2. temperature that is not too cold and not too hot
 - 5. spring starts during this month
 - 7. fly a _____ on a windy day
 - 8. colorful arc in the sky after the rain
 - 11. a yellow flower that faces the sun
 - 13. plant a _____ and wait for a flower to grow
 - 16. April showers bring May _____
 - 17. a place to plant flowers or plants
- Down**

 - 1. a person whose job it is to plant crops
 - 2. open the _____ and let fresh air into the house
 - 3. ice and snow _____
 - 4. children go to the _____ and play
 - 6. water falling from the sky
 - 9. a caterpillar turns into a _____
 - 10. rain gathers in one spot on the ground and makes a _____
 - 12. hold this to stay dry when it rains
 - 14. birds make a _____ to lay eggs
 - 15. grass grows and turns the color _____

Learning At School Word Search

Find the words in the word search.

A	E	F	K	S	F	C	E	T	S	Y
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- ACTIVITIES
- CLASSROOM
- FUN
- SPELLING
- BOOKS
- ENGLISH
- MATHS
- TEACHER
- BRAIN
- FRIENDS
- READ
- VOCABULARY

