From The Principal’s Desk

Our annual ‘Parent Teacher Meet and Greet’ occurred on Monday, February 16 and it was lovely to meet the parents who attended this event. I also had the opportunity to introduce our current and new staff to the school community. Curriculum matters were also shared with parents by individual teachers.

The Year 6 Leadership Ceremony will be staged this Friday 20th February at Kavney Hall. All Student Leaders will receive their badges and will be inducted into their leadership positions. We are fortunate to have a number of invited guests from our local community who will also participate in the ceremony. A huge thank to Mr Pat Weir who will be our guest speaker for this occasion.

This year, our main focus will be about school improvement. A significant factor that we all need to work towards improving is school attendance. It is important that every child attends school every day to ensure successful results. Our school target for attendance is 93% and as a school we need to meet this target.

Last year, our school met this target in Term 1 only, however, I know that if we work together collaboratively to ensure that our attendance target is met, we will see an improvement in our school attendance for 2015.

Students are now settled into their classes and teachers will continue to deliver quality curriculum by explicit teaching. The majority of students will also be working towards completing their summative assessment tasks; others will be involved in reading assessments (such as running records) and weekly spelling and numeracy tests,

Part of our job as teachers, members of the leadership Team or as Principal is to collect and analyse student data to ensure that we know what your child needs. This will enable us to differentiate in the classroom or to provide support (internally or externally). Throughout the next few weeks, classroom teachers and the leadership team will be collecting data, analysing data and reflecting on where to go next with the data to ensure whole school improvement.

Have a wonderful week.

Regards,
Mona Anau
Principal
Arts Council
Next week on Wednesday the 25th of February we will hold our first arts council performance for 2015. this terms performance is titled “Last Tree In The City.” As per last year arts council will not be invoiced to students as they will be required to pay per student for each performance. Unfortunately the price for arts council this year has increased and will now cost $8.00 per student. Please bring your payment to the collection point under the admin building on the 25th February.

Student Council News
KM Club – Starting next week on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am – 8.50am we invite all students to walk or run our 250m course and collect paddle pop sticks for each lap they run. Students will get a KM Club tracker sheet and will be presented with certificates on Meet and Greet for each 5km they reach throughout Term One. Please bring your HAT and WATER BOTTLE and see you at KM Club next Tuesday morning!

Valentine’s Day Guessing Fundraiser – 562 wrapped lollies was the correct guess by Hamish Cover who went home smiling last week after his win! For our first mini-fundraising effort we did well with $80 profit. Thanks to everyone for being involved.

Teacher v Student Lunchtime Comp – Friday saw the first of many fortnightly/monthly challenges between teachers and students in a range of sports/activities. For our inaugural match, the Teacher Team won 2-0 in Touch Footy with magic hands shown by all teachers and amazing diving/tumbling skills too! Next match: Friday 27th Feb; Mixed Netball!

Year 5/6 AFL All-Stars House Comp – Our first mini lunchtime competition for Year 5 & 6 girls and boys will start next Monday and Tuesday. Students will be involved in playing and tournament organisation. House Captains are currently signing up interested girls and boys to play in House teams and draws are up on the noticeboards.

If you have any suggestions or comments for the Student Council, please email jelli392@eq.edu.au or put a suggestion in the Student Council Suggestion Box in the office.

Students enjoyed the commencement of canoeing.

From the Chaplain - Heather Lambert
Hi Parents and Guardians,
The year is underway again, I am happy to be back at school. I will be working Wednesday’s & Friday’s and I am excited to be helping the school community. Craft will be on Wednesday during 1st Break and I plan to start up a Bible Time group for any students who would like to attend. If your child is interested in attending please ask them to see me so I can send a note home for you to give permission. Remember praise, encouragement and hugs are a good way to ensure your child has a good day. I look forward to meeting families before and after school. Feel free to say hello if you see me wandering throughout the school.

Netball News
Calling all students interested in playing netball!
Next Tuesday, 24th of February 2015, there will be a muster for interested players in the big shelter shed in front of the toilets. This will take place at 3:15pm and is open to students from Yr 2 to Yr 6. Names will be collected for team placement at a later date. These teams will play in the Saturday competition on the outside courts at the PCYC. We hope to see you there. Mrs Fermor and Mrs Lindsay.

Congratulations Students Of The Week

DSS STUDENT ABSENCE LINE—Phone: 4672 3660 (24 hour access)
DSS STUDENT ABSENCE E-MAIL - absences@dalbyss.eq.edu.au (24 hour access)
Community News

The annual Zonta Club of Dalby International Women’s Day breakfast will be held on Friday 6th March 2015 starting at 6:30am concluding at 8:20am. Venue this year is the Dalby Leagues Club. The focus is Domestic Violence with guest speaker Rachel Kayrooz who has herself been a victim of Domestic Violence. Funds raised will go towards Ozcare Women’s Refuges and the Women’s Legal Services Qld’s Rural Legal Advice Line. Tickets are $45 each ($40 for Students) available at Schrecks Shoe Store and Friendly Society Dispensery until 25th February. Lucky Door prize is a Sterling Silver Locket valued at $470 with multi-draw raffle tickets available drawn at the event.

The Brisbane Roar are bringing our coaching clinic back to Dalby for 2015! We shall be in town on 27th March 2015 from 4-30-7-30pm at the Football Dalby Fields. The clinic will be open for age ranges 5-14 years. Numbers are limited so to secure your place please register on www.roaractive.com.au and click on Holiday clinics. Enquires to Justine 0427075893

Bunya Campus Equestrian Programme
The Bunya Campus are running an Equestrian Programme that will now cater to all of the Dalby State School children.

For Sale
Jupiter student trumpet. $350 (Retail for $600). Near new condition. Just serviced. Phone Annabel Harth 0447 736 474

Jupiter student Clarinet. $350, in excellent condition. Phone Angela 0400 659 467

ANZAC Poetry Competition
Word Limit 150 words (Primary), 300 Words (Secondary) Entries to be submitted by 27th February by email: Bruce.Scott.MP@aph.gov.au (Subject: ANZAC POETRY COMP) Winners will be published in the 2015 ANZAC Commemorative Guide.

Launch 2015 Community Fun Day
Saturday 21st February Dalby Baptist Church
Massive Market Morning 6am - 12noon get a site form $20 or just come and enjoy the BBQ Breakfast and fun Activities for the kids
Show & Shine boys and their toys 8am - 12noon
Art & Craft exhibition 9am - 12noon
Drive In Movie from 6pm Tickets $5.00, available from church office or at the gate. Food and Drinks on sale

Football Dalby (soccer) registration is now open for 2015!
Please register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au This is open to anyone who is turning 5 years of age this year through to 16. Our cash payment day will be on the 28th February 9am – 11am at the PCYC fields, or you pay online. Our games are held at Dalby and Chinchilla and are played during the 2nd and 3rd school terms. If you have any questions please contact the Registrar - Jen Tunley 0428 777 967.

Friends of BUSHkids
Bush kids have been selected as one of the charities that will benefit from the Inaugural Agribusiness Charity Golf Day at Dalby Golf Course on 13th March. We would appreciate if we could get some volunteers for the day to help with setting up and cooking BBQ, setting up for the evening and selling raffle tickets. Another helper is needed on the 18th hole to supervise that each player only has one shot to determine the winner of the donated Black Hilux Ute from Black Toyota.

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Newsletter Update:
There was a discussion about the way the newsletter is distributed at the P&C meeting, on the 10th of February. The decision was made that of next week the newsletter will no longer be printed and distributed to classes or emailed. There will be a limited number of printed copies available for collection at the school office. The newsletter will be uploaded to the website and an email with the link to the website will be sent to all parents who have supplied an email address to the school. The school would appreciate it if you could notify us of any changes to your email address. If you have had any recent changes to your personal details such as address, phone numbers and emergency contacts details, please advise the office so we can update the details in our system, especially mobile phone numbers.

Student Name:__________________________________________        Parent Name:_______________________________________
Email Address: ______________________________________________       Phone Number:_______________________________
Mobile Number:______________________________    Address:_______________________________________________________