



Dalby State School

155 Cunningham Street, DALBY QLD 4405

Ever Onward



Edition 14 - 13th May 2015 - Week 4 Term 2

From The Principal's Desk

Year 3 & 5 students will have completed NAPLAN by the end of the week. The process of completing the tests has been seamless, so well done to all students and staff involved. We will receive NAPLAN results later in the year.

I'd like to acknowledge the parents who attended the parent/teacher interviews. Thank you also to our teachers for their commitment towards supporting our students at Dalby State School. The atmosphere of the parent/teacher night indicates what a great opportunity it was to discuss your child's progress with their classroom teacher.

Disappointingly, student attendance figures have slightly declined over the last few weeks. Regular student attendance is vital for academic progress. If your child needs to be absent, it is important to notify the office. Please leave a message at the office or email the information through to admin@dalbyss.eq.edu.au

In keeping with the 5 week cyclical nature of teaching and assessing, students are working on their summative assessment pieces in English and Maths, except for our Prep students whose units are 10 weeks in length. This is another reason for children to attend school every day - especially leading up to assessment work which needs to be completed at school. If you have any questions about assessment pieces, please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

A visit to Dalby State School could reveal one of the following:

- students in classrooms learning.
- students involved in sports or outdoor activities on the oval or in Kavney Hall.
- the music room filled with students singing or playing instruments.
- students in the library reading or participating in online learning.

The Special Education Programme offering support for Students with Disabilities.

We are fortunate to be part of a school that is constantly providing multiple opportunities for our students.

A high performing school offers opportunities as well as quality programs that ensure success for all students. As a school, we need to reflect on what we do well, what is missing, and what we need to put in place to ensure success for all (students, staff, parents and the wider community). The tool that we will use to assist us to reflect is the National School Improvement tool which focuses on 9 elements.

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| 1. An explicit improvement agenda | 2. Analysis and discussion of data |
| 3. A culture that promotes learning | 4. Targeted use of school resources |
| 5. An expert teaching team | 6. Systematic curriculum delivery |
| 7. Differentiated teaching and learning | 8. Effective pedagogical practices |
| 9. School community partnerships | |

During the term, I will elaborate on each of the elements and how, as a school, we need to use the 9 elements as drivers for school improvement. If you have any questions about this tool, please contact me at the school office.

Art workshops have occurred from Prep to Year 6 and the Picasso pieces produced by each child will be displayed at the local art gallery by the end of this month. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Elizabeth Graetz for delivering the art workshops. I do know that classes are still working on their art pieces. They will hopefully be completed by the end of next week. Please look out for more information regarding the Art Exhibition during the next few newsletters.

Have A Wonderful Week,

Regards, Mona Anau

Important Dates:

May	
14th	NAPLAN
18th	Year 6 attending preview of the DSHS "High School Musical" production. NO COST
20th	Rugby League Dev Cup
21st	Year 5 Excursion
22nd	Walk Safely to School Day
26th	Darling Downs Cross Country
27th	National Story Time at 11am
29th	3:15pm Creekside market meeting

Banking Every Wednesday

Reminder: All schools are totally smoke-free from January 1, 2015, with on-the-spot penalties of \$220 for lighting up. This includes all outdoor areas as well as a 5m buffer around the perimeter of the entire school.



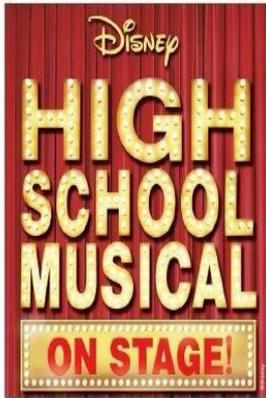
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Dalby State High School's
Production of



Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie

19, 20, 22 and 23 May 2015 at 7.30 pm
Saturday Matinee 23 May 2015 at 1.00 pm

Adults \$15.00
Students/Concessions \$10.00
Children under 5 years \$ 5.00
Groups of 10 or more \$10.00
(Tues, Wed, Sat Matinee)

Tickets on sale to public Monday 20th April
Tickets available at the school office and
Dalby Colour Innovations

Walk Safely to School Day

The 16th annual National Walk Safely to School day will be held on Friday 22nd May 2015. All primary school children, along with their parents and careers, are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school.

The objectives of National Walk Safely to School Day are:

- To encourage parents and careers to walk to school with primary school age children
- To promote the health benefits of walking and create regular walking habits
- To help children develop vital road crossing skills and ensure children up to the age of 10 years hold an adult's hand when crossing roads
- To help children develop the vital - crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce car dependency and traffic congestion
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles
- To promote the use of public transport.

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Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not allowed at school therefore should not be seen at school. Children are encouraged to talk to their classroom teacher if they feel they need to contact parents during the day.

From The PBL Team.

The Positive Behaviour for Learning team meets every second Thursday morning at 8am in the conference room, this week the team held discussions regarding:

- **Bus times and how to avoid students missing the bus in the afternoon**

Classroom teachers are reminded to ensure those students who catch an early bus are not to be kept in class late. To help things run smoothly at afternoon parents are asked to inform the school of any changes to their students travel arrangements.

- **Class Dojo rewards for term 2**

Students will need 75 Dojos points to receive the 5 week ice cream reward

- **Student not wearing hats**

A large number of students are not wearing hats during play time; students who do not have a hat will not be allowed to play in the sun. "NO HAT NO PLAY" still applies at Dalby State School and students will be asked to play in the Kavney Hall, the library or under the admin block. Prep and Year 1 students with no hat are to go to the undercover play area in the P/1 playground.

Weekly Attendance Data

Our overall attendance rate this week is 92.20%
Congratulations Year 6 students for having the highest year level attendance rate.

Year Level:	Attendance:	Rating:
Prep	93.80%	☺☺☺☺☺☺
Year 1	90.88%	☺☺☺
Year 2	90.68%	☺
Year 3	92.14%	☺☺☺☺
Year 4	90.75%	☺☺
Year 5	92.73%	☺☺☺☺☺
Year 6	94.47%	☺☺☺☺☺☺☺

Cool Tool

**Move Safely and
Quietly Around the
School
Values**

**Respect. Safety
& Learning**



Learning Is Fun Together

Monday, Wednesday
and Friday from
9.00am-11.00am
in Groom Hall.

We ask that you bring
with you: a snack for
morning tea, water
bottle, a hat and a gold
coin donation.

DSS STUDENT ABSENCE LINE—Phone: 4672 3660 (24 hour access)

DSS STUDENT ABSENCE E-MAIL - absences@dalbyss.eq.edu.au (24 hour access)



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"I am proud to be at Dalby State School. I will try my best to make the right choices and will respect others, all property and myself. Ever Onward."



From the Student Council

Teacher v Student Handball

What a mighty effort both teachers and students put in to last week's Handball challenge.

According to Mr Hordern, the teachers were victorious once more, but the students won the

day with their cheering and participation! Well done to everyone involved. The next challenge is TEE-BALL in Week 6. Stay tuned for details and results!

Student surveys

The Student Council is developing a survey for students which includes questions about their physical activity levels, things they enjoy about school, what they enjoy learning, and other events or things they would like to see happen at school. Student Council leaders will deliver the student surveys to class teachers at the start of next week and collect them during class visits at the end of the week. If parents are interested in seeing a copy of the student survey next week, please email jelli392@eq.edu.au.

KM Club this week and next week....then Fitness Club begins!

KM Club has been going great guns again this term on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am – 8.45am. KM Club will continue this Thursday and next week on Tuesday and Thursday. We will then take a break from KM Club until Term 3. In its place, from Week 6 to Week 10 Term 2, we are going to run FITNESS CLUB on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8.30am – 8.45am in the Hall or on the outside courts. All students, parents, and teachers will be welcome to participate in a circuit of fitness activities. More information to follow!

Sports News

Rugby League

The Dalby SS Boys now play in the Development Cup Final against Pittsworth after defeating Dalby South 18-10. The Final is on Wednesday 20 May at 4pm.

Dalby SS Cross Country Results -2015

Prep: Lachie Jones, Cassandra Condon

Yr1: Grant Robertson, Isabella Baker

Yr2: Jaimon George, Hannah Taylor

Winning House – Oxley

Winning students from Year 3 - 6

8yrs: Riley Pridmore, Katie Keyworth

9yrs: Mitchell Sterns, Jasmin Brown

10yrs: Beau Cosgrove, Karlee Rice

11yrs: Nathan Turner-Gomez, Shanaya Sturdy

12yrs: Jake Cosgrove, Samara Gibson

Winning House – Cunningham

Fastest 2km: Jake Cosgrove – 7.44, Samara Gibson – 9.25

Many Thanks to BMO for donating trophies.

BUNYA CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Beau Cosgrove – First 10yr Boys

Shanaya Sturdy – Fifth 11yr Girls

Jake Cosgrove – Third 12yr Boys

Lachlan Thompson – Fourth 12yr Boys

Samara Gibson – Third 12 yr Girls.

Creekside Markets News

The first meeting for Creekside Markets will be held on the 29th of May at 3:15pm in the covered area near Kavney Hall. All interested parties welcome.



iAIM Update

The Increasing Activity and Intelligent Minds (iAIM) project is about developing and sharing innovative and tailored strategies to support schools regularly implement physical activity in the school day. 60 Primary and Secondary schools across the region are registered iAIM Action Schools. Dalby State School is a proud iAIM Action School and continues to get students sitting less and moving more through quality HPE and Sport programs led by Mr K, but also in class time. After all, current neuroscience evidence shows that physical activity can enhance student achievement and cognitive functioning. Some of the iAIM trials taking place at Dalby SS which we will evaluate, review and share include:

- An active classroom trial in Year 3 / 4 E (Term 2 & 3) including fit balls, mini-tramps and range of 'active' break stations
- An active maths trial in 5 J (Term 3) whereby physical activity will be integrated across maths concepts
- A Brain Gym trial (Term 2 & 3) across various year groups which includes a series of focussed exercises to help students focus for learning
- An active before-school program including KM Club as well as upcoming Fitness and Skipping clubs.

The iAIM program supports the National Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines. Did you already know that two key targets for 5-12 year olds include:

1. Participating in moderate to vigorous physical activity for at least 60 minutes each day; and doing weight-bearing activities (e.g. own body weight) on three days per week; and
2. Engaging in no more than 2 hours of screen entertainment time (TV, laptops, iPADS); and breaking up long sitting down times?

Please contact Jocelyn Elliott (iAIM Regional Project Officer based at DSS) if you have any questions about the iAIM program at DSS or within the region.



No Standing = No Stopping - Its Simple

Parents are reminded that when dropping off or picking up students please do not stop in the No Standing Zones, especially near the pedestrian crossings. These No Standing Zones are put in place for safety reasons. The Crossing Supervisors are not permitted to enter the crossing if cars are parked in a No Standing Zone.

UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS - Tuesdays and Thursday from 8.30am to 9.30am