From The Principal’s Desk

Congratulations to the students involved in the ‘School Touch’ competition on Sunday at the Touch fields. Thank you to the parents and staff who supported this event. Our boys’ team and girls’ team played well throughout the whole competition. Well done to our School touch team for their efforts and commitment to the game.

This week, our ‘Cool Tool’ is “follow instructions”. This ‘Cool Tool’ has been discussed at ‘Meet and Greet’ and will be reinforced in the classroom and on whole-school parades. Students are aware of making positive choices to ensure that our school is safe, supportive, and inviting for students, staff and parents.

While looking at our school calendar, there are a number of events that will occur:

Leadership speeches and votes will occur soon. This is to ensure that we give Year 5 leadership nominees enough time to prepare for their speeches, and the opportunity for students to be able to present their speeches to year 4, 5, 6 students. Later this week School Captains and School Vice Captains’ interviews will occur on Thursday 5th November. Our 2016 School Captains and Vice Captains will be announced later this Term.

Our ‘Behaviour Awards’ will occur in Week 5. Students should know how many points they have achieved so far through classroom ‘Dojo’. It would be worthwhile having conversation with your student to ensure that they do have an idea on how many classroom ‘Dojo’ they have reached so far. If you have any questions regarding award points, please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

It is quite obvious that, at the beginning of the year, our attendance was reaching Regional targets (93% and beyond), however, as the term progresses the data indicates that our attendance decreases. It is critical that all students attend school every day, and if there are any problems, please contact the school. You will also notice that Friday is a day on which absences are quite high. Therefore, it is also important to stress that Friday attendance is also important at Dalby State School.

Our Award Ceremony will occur during the second last week of school. It has come to my attention that students who attend school regularly have a better chance of receiving academic, PE, and Music awards then those who failed to attend school on a regular basis. It is unfortunate that attendance can impact on a child’s learning, and limit the chances of a child to succeed at school. This reason again reinforces the importance of attending school, so that all children have the opportunity to succeed.

More information regarding the Award Ceremony will be shared in the next newsletter.

Have a wonderful week.

Mona Anua,
Principal

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Great state. Great opportunity.
News From The Deputy

Welcome to Week 3, or better known for some of our staff and students – ‘Annie’ week. After many months of rehearsals and practice during school and out-of-school hours, the cast of ‘Annie’ are ready to go. Best of luck to the staff and students who will be taking part in ‘Annie’ over the weekend. Your hard work will definitely shine through with the polished and professional performances I know you will present. A very big “thank you” to the staff and parents/caregivers who have given so much of their time to allow our students an opportunity to excel in what they are passionate and excited about.

Prep Interviews:

Mrs Brown and I have started Prep Interviews for prospective 2016 students. The purpose of these interviews is to allow our future preppies a fairly smooth transition to ‘Big School’. It also allows us, as a school to gauge where the students are at, before they are split into Prep Classes. If you are, or know of, a parent who will have a Prep student next year, please ensure an interview is booked through the link in the information letter received last term.

Class Dojo:

Our ‘Class Dojo’ points target for Mid Term Reward is 90. How is your student going? Do they feel confident? What can they identify to help them if they feel as though they might have veered off track in the past week or so? It is important to have these conversations with your child (ren) as they need to see that both the parents and school are on the same page when it comes to behaviour. We all want to ensure positive choices are made, and we are always following the school values of Respect, Safety, and Learning.

Healthy Eating:

Did you know the ‘Healthy Eating Pyramid’ has been updated? Nutrition Australia’s Pyramid has continually evolved for over 30 years, always with the same aim: to encourage Australians to eat a varied and balanced diet in line with current dietary guidelines. In 2015, Nutrition Australia launched the new Pyramid, with a fresh look and targeted health messages. The 2015 Healthy Eating Pyramid depicts the types and proportions of foods the average Australian should consume in one day for good health. It depicts whole foods and minimally-processed foods in the five core food groups, plus healthy fats, as the foundation of a balanced diet that’s based on the Australian Dietary Guidelines (2013). It also encourages drinking water, enjoying herbs and spices, and limiting salt and added sugar.

Weekly Attendance Data

Our overall attendance rate this week is 94.95%. Congratulations Year 6 students for having the highest year level attendance rate.

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Media Consent Form

Last term, new media consent forms were sent home with all students, as we now need the permission on this form to include ‘Facebook.’ Thank you to the families that have returned their forms to the school office. If you have not yet returned your form, could you please do so by the end of next week, as it is important to have our records up to date. If you require a new form, please see Mrs Torney, or Mrs Harvey, in the school office.

Cool Tool

Follow Instructions

Values

Respect. Safety & Learning

LIFT

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.
DALBY STATE SCHOOL CREED
“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.”

Sports News
SWQ All Schools Touch
Congratulations to the Dalby SS boys ‘Touch’ team who were runners-up at the SWQ All Schools Touch. The Boys also won the team relay event. Well done, also, to our mixed team who kept trying all day. Both teams now go to Redlands for the Qld All Schools Touch Tournament on 7/8 November.

Tallebudgera Camp Yr6 2015
An ‘Expression of Interest Letter’ was sent home Friday with the current Yr5 students. There are only 50 places available for this Camp. Parents are asked to register their interest by paying a deposit of $150 at the school office as soon as possible. Once the number reaches 50, students will be put on a waiting list. There will be a ‘Tallebudgera Camp’ information meeting for Yr 5 parents on Wednesday 28 October in the Conference Room at 3:15pm. This is for students who want to attend Camp in March 2016.

Family Portrait Day
Unfortunately, due to low numbers booked for photographs, this year’s family portrait will be cancelled for this year. Hopefully, a new date can be organised for early next year. Watch this space for more details.

Student Council Update
Nominations for 2016 School Captains and Vice-Captains are due this Friday.
All interested Year 5 girls and boys are invited to nominate for School Captain and Vice-Captain positions for 2016. Nomination forms are available from the office, and are due back at the office, signed by students and parents/carers by 4pm, this Friday 23rd October. Next week, we will display candidates’ names, photos and written nomination on/near the Student Council Noticeboard near the tuckshop. The following week, we will hear 2 minute speeches from the candidates before ALL Year 4 – 6 students vote for their preferred candidates. Please note nominations for other leadership positions will occur in the next few weeks. Stay tuned!

‘Nutrition’ face painting and design competition
Even though National Nutrition Week finished last week, a keen group of Year 6 students are continuing to promote the campaign’s healthy messages this week i.e. “Go for 2 (fruit) and 5 (vegetables)” each day, and “Pick right, feel bright”. The student leaders are offering to face paint a ‘fruit’ or ‘vegetable’ on any interested student or teacher this Thursday and Friday at first break outside of the tuckshop, and will aim to do a quick nutrition survey on students. Any parents/carers concerned about their child being face painted are requested to notify the school (note or phone call). Students are also invited to enter the ‘T-Shirt nutrition design’ competition. Templates can be collected from the office.

Disco PARTY!
All students are welcome to attend the school disco on Friday, 30 October from 6pm – 8pm. The theme is ‘PARTY’ and will cost $4 at the door. The disco will include great music, dancing, games, free lucky dip, and items available from the canteen, including glow products, drinks, chip packets. Students will need to eat dinner before the disco. Which teachers will you get up on the dance floor? Who will stay in time with the Macarena? Can’t wait to see!
Uniform Shop News
There are 2 x size 14 Senior shirts for sale, $35 each at the ‘Uniform Shop’. We are currently looking for donations of second-hand uniforms. If you have any, please drop them to the ‘Uniform Shop’.

NEW UNIFORM PURCHASING AND ‘CENTERPAY’ PROCESSES
- All uniform purchases will need to be part-paid at the time of ordering.
- Only uniforms that have been paid for will be released from the ‘Uniform Shop’.
- Families wishing to use ‘Centerpay’ as a method of payment will still need to pay half of the total order before the ‘Centerpay’ option can be set up.
- New families can only use ‘Centerpay’ for uniform purchases once confirmation is received from Centrelink that they have set up a direct payment to the school and we have received the first payment.
- ‘Uniform Shop’ staff will need to check with school office staff before releasing uniforms to families using ‘Centerpay’.
- ‘Centerpay’ application forms are available from the school office.
- Existing ‘Centerpay’ families can continue as normal, but will need to check with the office as to their available balance before purchasing uniforms.
- Families using ‘Centerpay’ will need to have enough credit on their account prior to purchasing any uniforms.
- All families can now benefit from the new lay-buy system for uniforms available through the ‘Uniform Shop’, 8:30am – 9:30am each week day morning.
- Some second-hand uniforms are available at a discounted rate.
- Should you require any further information relating to the new ‘Centerpay’ process please contact the school office on PH: 4672 3666.

Instrumental News
Instrumental Parent Support Meeting
When: Thursday 29th October, 2015
Time: 4:30pm - after Concert Band practice
Where: Conference Room - Admin Building

‘Mumsnext’, Dalby, invites you to a Luncheon on Tuesday Nov 10 @ Dalby Presbyterian Hall
12.15 – 2.00pm
TOPIC – Bullying [Strategies to help our kids]
Guest Speaker – Bushkids Psychologist
Cost for lunch $10
Further info and to RSVP [message or phone]
Camille Town
0427 583959

Year 6 Transition
The Year 6 students enjoyed their half-day transition at Dalby State High School
Prep Interviews

Parents of ‘Pre Prep’ children are asked to book a 30 minute interview appointment. Selected times on the following dates will be available: Thursday 22nd October; Monday 26th October; Wednesday 28th October; Tuesday 3rd November; Thursday 5th November; Monday 9th November; and Wednesday 11th November, 2015. Please bring your pre-preppie to the interview. You can book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.

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Enrolment Forms for 2016

As the year draws to a close, the school is preparing for next year. It would be greatly appreciated if you can return your enrolment forms to the school office before Friday 20th November, 2015.

Special Education Program (SEP) Parent Update

Grade 6 SEP students were excited to get a taste of the next phase of their lives with a visit to the Dalby State High School last week. The visit was part of a transition program, during which students will gain some familiarity with the physical lay-out of the High School, as well as meeting some of their teachers for 2016, and learning how to read a timetable.

Here, at Dalby State School SEP, we believe that a successful transition will provide students with the confidence to enter their High School years and will reduce anxiety over the long holidays.

As parents, there are many ways you can help your child prepare for High School. Some things to consider, especially if your child has sensory concerns are:

1. Uniforms – getting used to the materials prior to day one.
2. Arriving and leaving school – how they are getting there each day, where to catch the bus, or meet you if you are driving or walking.
3. Discussion of possible play options during breaks.
4. Calming strategies – where they can go to calm down, breathing strategies and, if needed, fidgets or sensory toys in their bag, ready.

I encourage you to call the High School’s Head of Special Education, Mandy Abbott, on (07) 4669 0900 if you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting or walk through.

Preppie for a Day

Limited tickets left to see the cast of ‘Annie Jr’ shine onstage. Call into the school office or Dalby Florist, to reserve your seat. Hope to see you at the show Friday 23rd or Saturday 24th of October at 6:30pm.

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