From The Principal’s Desk

School Musical ‘Annie’

I would like to first acknowledge our Cast and Crew of the School Musical for staging a fabulous production during the weekend. Well done to all those involved and a special thank you to Mrs Jenny Smith, Mr Ben McPherson and Mrs Amanda Rodgers. We also need to remember the staff members and parents who worked behind the scenes. “Thank you” to the parents of the Cast and Crew for their tireless dedication in working collaboratively with our teachers and students.

Our School Musical was a success because of the team—work demonstrated throughout the planning stage, implementation stage, and then the performance on last Friday and Saturday. The performance was exceptional.

School Review findings:

I wanted to share with you finding from our previous school review. The findings and recommendations will be available on our school website. Thank you to all staff, students, parents, and community members who were involved in the school review process.

- The school is widely acknowledged as an inclusive and welcoming community. There is a widely held belief that the school is an inclusive and welcoming community and that school leaders, teachers, teacher aides, schools officer, and other school staff continually look for ways to welcome and support students at the school. The school places a high priority on student wellbeing, and has processes in place to promote academic and non-academic support to address individual needs. School staff are united in the establishment of a safe, welcoming, and stimulating physical environment that supports and encourages learning.

- The school is widely acknowledged for its positive reputation within the Dalby Community. The school reflects a proud, long history within the Dalby community. A number of community people engage with the school and acknowledge the growth in the school’s reputation. There is a widely held view that student behaviour is an area of significant improvement. School enrolments have increased in recent years.

- Community members acknowledge the school for offerings in academic, cultural, and community areas.

- The school’s Annual Implementation Plan 2015 identifies eight key priorities for improvement.

- The leadership team has recently narrowed this agenda to improvement in reading, student behaviour and student attendance. The school is yet to fully embed these three focus areas.

- Coaching and modelling programs have been identified as being important to further a school-wide, professional team of teachers. All staff have been trained in peer coaching. School leaders and teachers identify coaching, modelling, observation, and feedback as key to achieving the school’s goals.

- The school is implementing the Australian Curriculum through Curriculum into the Classroom (C2C). The plan for curriculum delivery focuses on Australian Curriculum in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography. These units can be reviewed and adapted to become more locally relevant. The school is acknowledged for placing a high priority on catering for the diverse needs of students within the school community, through a range of extra curricula offerings. School leaders and teachers are working towards implementing improvement strategies to further cater for the full range of students within the day-to-day classroom learning.

- School leaders express a desire to update, review and clarify leadership roles and Responsibilities. The school is supported by a school curriculum, administration and support leadership team. This includes a number of defined leadership roles for the school.

- The school has a document outlining the roles and responsibilities of members of the leadership team. Some of these positions have newly-appointed personnel.

- The community have identified the school’s early year’s transition programs as unique and highly valued within the Dalby community. Successful pre-prep programmes such as ‘Learning is Fun Together’ (LIFT and LIFTOFF) and the Indigenous playgroup are in place and the school fosters good working links with a range of pre-prep providers.

Important Dates:

- **October**
  - 29th Instrumental Music Parent Meeting
  - 30th Party Disco 6 – 8pm in the Kavney hall $4.00 entry

- **November**
  - 3rd Melbourne Cup Free Dress and Fast Food Day
  - 14th Absolute Kaos 2015 Tour
  - 25th Preppie for a Day 9:30 - 1pm
  - 26th Year 4 Excursion to Cherbourg

- **December**
  - 1st Year 6 Transition
  - 1st Year 1 - 2 Swimming Carnival
  - 4th Year 3 - 6 Swimming Carnival
  - 7th End of year Concert at DSHS Great Hall
  - 8th Year 6 Graduation
  - 8th Prep Fun day at the Dalby pool at 1pm - 3pm
  - 10th End of year celebration - Yr. 6 breakup
  - 11th Last day of School
Principle's Desk Continued...

- Dalby State School has established itself as a respected and integral part of the Dalby community. A strong sense of pride in the school is shared by all stakeholders. Local businesses and organisations work in partnership with the school to improve opportunities and outcomes for students. Dalby State School hosts engaging events such as quality musicals and student art exhibitions at the local art gallery which draw positive publicity in community newspapers and magazines. An involved and active Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) operates at the school. Community partnership programs such as the successful ‘Creekside Markets’ are run through the Dalby P&C. Such programs are longstanding and are well supported by the Dalby community.

Jump Rope for Heart – Thank you

Last week, I received an email acknowledging our efforts around the commitment towards “Jump Rope for Heart”, especially the work demonstrated by Mr Kavney leading up to the ‘Jump Rope’ fundraiser. I wanted to share part of the email that I received:

"Mr Kavney has been a true heart health champion and should be commended for their time and dedication facilitating ‘Jump Rope for Heart’ within your school. We are most appreciative of the $5,057.90 raised by your school community. Heart disease remains the single leading cause of death in Australia. By supporting the Heart Foundation’s ‘Jump Rope for Heart,’ your school community is making a positive contribution to the health of all Australians, raising much needed funds for heart research.

We trust that ‘Jump Rope’ has contributed to the health of your students by encouraging healthy lifestyle behaviours and showing them the many benefits of participating in regular physical activity. Once more, thank you for your invaluable support.”

It is timely that we do thank our wonderful staff that continue to work with our students in the classroom but also work with our students outside of class, whether it be sport, music, instrumental, school musical, leadership events or any other extra-curricular that is provided by the school.

Our School Captain nomination process commenced this week. Year 5 students who have nominated for the 2016 School Captain and School Vice captains have posted their profile on the student notice board. Speeches will be held next Monday at the Kavney Hall at 11:15am. Interviews will be held on Thursday 5th November, and announcement of School Captains will be made on whole school parade on Friday 6th November. Good luck to those students who have nominated for next year’s School Captains and Vice Captains.

Please continue to support our school by working collaboratively with our staff. If you have any questions, please contact me in the administration office.

Have a wonderful week
Mona Anua, Principal

News From The Deputy

Welcome to Week 4. We are nudging closer to the mid-Term ‘Dojo’ rewards. Have you discussed what your child(ren) will be doing if they are successful in obtaining an invitation due to their positive behaviour choices? What a wonderful night I had on Saturday watching the polished and professional production of ‘Annie’. I have watched many school performances over the years, and I can safely say that our students far outshine some High School performances I have watched. Again, I would like to thank each and every person who played any part in the production. The stars of the show, of course, were the students on stage, however the support they received helped them shine so brightly.

Prep Interviews:

Mrs Brown and I are well up into our Prep Interviews for prospective 2016 students. We have currently completed around 50 interviews, however there are many spaces that still need to be filled. 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.

Frozen Drinks:

Unfortunately, there has been quite a significant increase in the number of students coming to school in the morning, drinking large frozen cokes etc. While I understand the temptation for such drinks increases with the hot weather, they are not appropriate for our students to be drinking before school. Frozen Cokes do not form part of a healthy, balanced breakfast. I am asking for parents / caregivers to discuss the purchase of these drinks before school as inappropriate, and encourage students to spend their money at the Tuckshop, or after 3:00pm.

2016 Planning:

To assist us with forming classes in 2016, please remember to notify the School Office if your children will not be attending Dalby State School next year. All parent requests for class placement for 2016 must be submitted to the office by Monday the 9th November, 2015. The Class Placement form can be collected from the School Office.

Please note, this is not a form to request teachers for 2016.

- Every effort will be made to take into consideration your request for class placement in 2016.
- Please be aware that when the school organises classes, we look at all circumstances and certain facts may not be available to parents when a decision is made.
- Although the school will do its best to meet this request, not all requests can be accommodated.
- All requests for class placements in 2016 must be made in writing on this form, to be considered by the panel organising classes.
- All requests need to be accompanied by a reason to be seriously considered when allocating classes.
- Requests given to teachers will not be considered when allocating classes.
- Verbal requests to teachers, the Principal or Deputy Principal will not be considered when allocations are arranged.
- For all requests, you need to fill in the bottom of the request form with your child’s name, current class, and request, for the following year. This needs to be signed by you, and returned to the office by MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2016.

Until next week, Ben Edmunds, Deputy Principal

Weekly Attendance Data

Our overall attendance rate this week is 95.70%
Congratualtions Year 6 students for having the highest year level attendance rate.

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Cool Tool

Be Ready to Learn

Values

Respect. Safety & Learning

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

Photos from the musical – ‘Annie’
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Thanks Penny De Waele

P & C News
Congratulations on the success of the ‘Annie’ Jr Musical. Well done to the Cast and Crew, and all involved at Dalby State School.
This Friday, 30th October, is Teacher Day. We would like to take the opportunity to thank, not only all the wonderful teachers at Dalby State School, but each and every wonderful staff member of this great school, for their dedication and commitment to our students.

UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS - Monday - Friday from 8.30am to 9.30am

Prep T News
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Student Council Update
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Enrolment Forms for 2016
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2. Enter your details
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Special Education Program (SEP) Parent Update
‘Breakfast to Go’ has been operating for the past 4 weeks and it has been a roaring success. It is great to see so many children having a yummy breakfast here at school. For some students, it may even be their second breakfast, this is absolutely fine. Our children need a big healthy breakfast everyday to give them the best possible start for a day of learning. At ‘Breakfast to Go’ the students are offered a variety of fruit, toast, cereal, beans and mashed egg.

All children are welcome to come along for ‘Breakfast to Go’ on a Monday or Friday morning from 8.30 – 9.00 in the SEP kitchen. A coin donation is welcome, but certainly not essential to access this program.

‘Breakfast to Go’ would not be possible without the support of some wonderful businesses, community organisations and parents. We would like to publicly thank: Food Assist, Woolworths, Brumbies, Foodworks, Elisa Moore, Anon Family, Kelly and Jon Stam for their donations of food and equipment. For the people who turn up every day to assist, Jodie Allen, Chappy Heather and our Teacher Aides – “Thank you”!

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

Stuart Street Kindergarten

Stuart Street Kindergarten offers:
- A maximum of only 22 children per class ensuring a nurturing environment
- An educational program for children before they start school
- A child initiated, play-based program in which the children’s interests are integrated into learning experiences
- Bright and spacious classroom with extensive children’s library and resources
- Shaded playground with children’s garden and well maintained play equipment
- Before and After Kindergarten care available with the Dalby Day Care Centre next door

For more information please contact our school office
46 723 666

Email: stuartstreetkindy@bigpond.com

Open Day

Preppie for a Day

Wednesday 25th November
9:30-1:00