From The Principal’s Desk

On Wednesday 2nd December, our ‘Academic Awards Ceremony’ will be held at 9:30am in Kavney Hall. Recipients for these awards will receive a letter by the end of this week. This year’s ‘Award Ceremony’ is slightly different to last year’s. Please refer to the ‘Awards Criteria’ in the newsletter.

Students receiving the above awards will be notified via a letter, that will be sent home, inviting recipients’ parents to attend this special event. Please come along to our ‘Academic Awards Ceremony’ and support our students on Wednesday 2nd December. Other events include our ‘Year 1-3 Swimming Carnival’ which will occur on Tuesday 1st December. The ‘Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival’ will occur on Friday 4th December.

Next year, we will run a laptop class that will involve a group of Year 4 students, taught by Mr DeWaele. This innovative program will be trialled throughout the whole year, and progress reports will be shared with parents and the whole school.

As you are aware, we are busy working on staffing, creation of class lists and classroom allocations for 2016. During the last week of school, students will receive a letter notifying parents of their class for 2016. Students will also receive a ‘Booklist’ and their ‘School Report’. Class lists for 2016 will not be posted in the covered area, however, the list will be available in 2016 when students return to school.

During the last few months, our Student Council has worked tirelessly to decide, through a collaborative process a design for ‘House Mascots’ that will be introduced to the school before our ‘School Swimming Carnival’. “Well Done” to this year’s ‘Student Council’ for this wonderful and creative initiative. The Mascots have also been painted inside ‘Kavney Hall’ by Graham McCullough.

The House Mascots are listed below:

Leichhardt

Oxley

Cunningham

McGregor

Lightning

Suns

Cyclones

Flames

A special “thank you” to Graham McCullough for his assistance in designing and painting the Mascots, and to our ‘P&C’ for their support in finalising this project.

If you have any questions, please contact me in the school office.

Have a Wonderful Week

Ms Mona Anau
Principal

Important Dates:

November

24th Year 4 Excursion to Cherbourg
26th Religious Instruction End of Year Christmas Celebration Service

December

1st Year 6 Transition
1st Year 1 - 2 Swimming Carnival
2nd Awards Ceremony in Kavney Hall from 9:30am
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 1pm - 3pm
9th Dalby’s Got Talent
10th End of Year Celebration Yr. 6 breakup
11th Last day of School

January

27th School Resumes 2016
News From The Deputy
Welcome to Week 8. I am looking forward to joining the Year 4’s on their excursion to Cherbourg this Thursday. What a great day to look forward to, as the year starts to wind down.

Attendance:
As the year slowly winds down, it is still important to remember that every day counts and attendance matters at Dalby State School. Our attendance target for 2015 is 93%. Our year to date data has us sitting at 91.8%. Last week, we were sitting at 91.6% so it is pleasing to see that there has been an increase, even though it is only a slight one. At the end of the day, any increase in attendance is a step in the right direction. With so many fun and celebratory things occurring over the coming weeks, Dalby State School is definitely the place we need to, and want to, be attending.

Prep 2016:
Mrs Brown and I have just about concluded our interviews for our 2016 Prep students. We have conducted around 80 interviews over the past six weeks. These interviews have allowed us to collect valuable data that helps paint a picture of the strengths and areas for improvement for our prospective students. This will ensure our Prep teachers for 2016 will be able to ‘hit the ground running’. It has been wonderful getting to meet all the new students who will be joining the Dalby State School family. The most common comment that was made in our interviews was that of “They are just ready to start now!” Our final culminating activity for our 2016 Preppies is the ‘Preppie for a Day’ on Wednesday 25th November. If there are still some families who have not made a time, or were unable to come to the first scheduled interview, please call the office for an alternate interview time.

2016 Planning:
As we continue our discussions around forward planning for 2016, it is important to notify the School Office as soon as possible if your children will not be attending Dalby State School next year. This allows an even split of classes from the very beginning of the year.

Ben Edmunds, Deputy Principal

Weekly Attendance Data
Our overall attendance rate this week is 91.74%
Congratulations Year 4 students for having the highest year level attendance rate.

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End of Year Celebration Whole School Movie Day
Students will be invited to attend the Dalby Cinema on Thursday 10th December to watch ‘Hotel Transylvania 2’. The cost for this movie will be $5 per student. This is an annual event, and end-of-year treat, that is not based on ‘Dojo’ points. Please be aware that this movie is rated PG and you may not wish your child to view this movie. We recommend that you, as a parent, decide if you want your child to attend. Please see further information about the movie to the right and if you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Hotel Transylvania 2 (2015)
PG | 89 min | Animation, Comedy, Family | 26 November 2015 (Australia)

Dracula and his friends try to bring out the monster in his half-human, half vampire grandson in order to keep Mavis from leaving the hotel.

Director: Genndy Tartakovsky
Writers: Robert Smigel, Adam Sandler
Stars: Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg, Selena Gomez

Cool Tool
Follow Adult 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.

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.”

Sports News

Make up Swimming

Two ‘makeups’ will be run for the Monday group classes. They are on Wednesday 2 December (Normal times) and Friday 4 December 9.30 - No classes due to ‘Awards Ceremony’. 11.45. 1/2R, 1B and 2T. 1.30. SJ, SH and 3/4E.

Congratulations

Mrs Kavney, for receiving the ‘Meritorious Service Award’ from ‘DD School Sport’ for her services to School sport at school, zone, regional and state level.

Swimming Carnivals 2015

‘Junior Swimming Carnival’ (Yr1-2) Tuesday 1 December 9.00am-11.15am
Parents/Caregivers and friends are invited to come along and cheer for children in the Yr1-2 swimming carnival. The aim of the carnival is for the children to demonstrate skills that they have learned in lessons. Each child will be in 4 events.

PREP STUDENTS ARE NOT INVOLVED IN THIS CARNIVAL.

- Children are to be dropped at the pool between 8.30-8.45am. No one goes to school.
- Bus children will be dropped at the pool.
- Supervision will be provided from 8.30 – 9.00am.
- Children are to bring a snack for morning tea and a water bottle and hat. No one will be allowed to visit the canteen. They also need to bring lunch, which will be eaten back at school.
- Children need to wear House uniform.
- Events consist of Fun Games in the Little Pool, 15m, 25m and 50m events in the Big Pool. There is no printed program.
- Some parents who have helped at swimming will be needed to assist in the pool.
- Children will be walked back to school, by their teachers, after the carnival at 11.30am.

‘Senior Swimming Carnival’ (Yr 3-6) Friday 4 December 9am-1.30pm

A Program of Events for Yr 3-6 Carnival will be available from the office for 50c in Week 9. There will be no names printed in the Program.

- Children go direct to the pool from 8.30 – 8.45am. No one goes to school.
- Bus children will be dropped off at the pool.
- Children are to bring their own morning tea and a drink bottle. Children will be allowed to visit the canteen for lunch.
- Children are to wear House uniform.
- Approximately 6-7 parents will be needed for timekeeping and judging.
- Children will walk back to school, with their teachers, at the conclusion of the carnival.

All children attending Swimming Carnivals are to be in full sports uniform. Make sure you have hat, sunscreen and water bottle.

Year 7 in 2016

Dalby State High School enrolment forms for Year 7 next year are now overdue.

Please return the forms to the Dalby State High School office as soon as possible. Please use the checklist provided in the enrolment pack to ensure all documentation is returned, including ‘Proof of Residency’ and ‘Birth Certificate’. For enquiries, call the office on 4669 0900.

School Leadership Information

Well done to students who nominated for ‘House Captain’ or ‘Vice Captain’. The successful candidates will be announced this Friday, on parade. Nomination forms for ‘Student Council Representatives’ will be available for collection from the school Office this Friday 27th November, and will need to be returned by 9:00am Wednesday 2nd December to Mrs Torney in the Office.

Tuckshop News:

Please note that the last day of Tuckshop for this year will be Friday 4th December. The Tuckshop will be closed the last week of school, and will reopen Wednesday 2nd December to Mrs Torney in the Office.

Congratulations Students of the week

Dalby Make A Splash

Join us for a fun day at the pool for children and adults. Swimming Queensland is offering FREE ‘Make A Splash’ days throughout Queensland in 2015, with support of ‘Georgina Hope Foundation’.

‘Make A Splash’ days are for adults and children from indigenous and CALD (Culturally and linguistically Diverse) Communities to enjoy fun water activities, and to gain aquatic skills and confidence, in a relaxed and safe environment.

Where: Dalby Aquatic Centre
When: Friday 4th December, 2015
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Register online at qld.swimming.org.au
**Tallebudgera**
Reminder for parents of current Yr 5 students that $150 deposit is required to secure a place for Tallebudgera Camp next year.

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**ICAS**
Congratulation to these students for participating in the ICAS testing:
All students below received a participation certificate as well as the following certificates -

**Year 4**
- Mitchell Sternes – received a Merit Certificate for Writing
- Fergus Duff – received a Merit Certificate for Spelling
- Abbey Burton – received a Merit Certificate for Writing and English

**Year 5**
- Annabelle Commens received a Merit Certificate for Spelling and a Credit Certificate for Writing, English and Maths
- Sophie Commens received a Credit Certificate for Writing and English
- Sam Boshammer received a Credit Certificate for Maths

**Year 6**
- Georgia Lindsay received a Participation Certificate for Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Maths
- Elizabeth Duff received Credit Certificate for Science, Spelling and Maths and a Distinction Certificate for Writing.

Well done to all students!

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**Dalby Apex’s New Year’s Eve Event**
Dalby Leagues Club
Thursday 31st December
4pm till 10pm
- Fireworks
- Kid’s rides
- Free music
- Market stalls
- Food vendors
$10 armband per child for unlimited rides

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**Emailed Report Cards**
Due to the success of emailing Year 6 Report Cards in Semester 1, 2015, we will now be emailing all Year 5 & 6 ‘Student Report Cards’ at the end of this Term. Dalby State School will slowly roll out the emailing of ‘Report Cards’ to all Year Levels by the end of next year.
Families who do not have access to email will still receive a printed copy of their student’s report.
The school would appreciate it if you could please supply your preferred email address to the Office. Also, if you have had any recent changes to your personal details, such as address, phone numbers, and emergency contact details, please return the below slip to the Office so that the details can be updated in our system, especially mobile phone numbers.

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**Student Name:**

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Parent Name:

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- The school already has my correct email address
- I do not have access to email
- Please change/add my preferred email address:
- Also update to the below information
- Phone Number: ___________________________ Mobile Number: ___________________________
- Address: ___________________________ Emergency Contact Name: ___________________________
- Emergency Contact Phone & Mobile Number: ___________________________
# Awards Criteria

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<td>Academic</td>
<td>Year 1-6 only</td>
<td>Students must achieve an ‘A’ standard in ALL core areas (English, Maths and Science) ‘A’ for Behaviour Must meet the above criteria in Semester 1 &amp; 2 Report.</td>
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<td>Ever Onwards</td>
<td>Prep only</td>
<td>are presented to two children (boy and girl) from each class who have displayed: a love of learning; a tremendous effort to try their best; a warm friendly nature; These Preppie students are co-operative, caring and show a willingness to participate with great enthusiasm.</td>
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<td>Encouragement Award</td>
<td>Prep – Year 6</td>
<td>This student continues to strive for their best result throughout the whole year. Behaviour and Effort must be a ‘High’ or ‘Very High’ standard on the Semester 1 and 2 Report. Must be co-operative, caring and show a willingness to participate with great enthusiasm. One boy and one girl is selected for this Award.</td>
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<td>Learning Enhancement Centre Award</td>
<td>Prep – Year 6- (students only accessing the Learning Enhancement Centre)</td>
<td>Students selected must have achieved an academic result of an (A-C) (A &amp; B) effort and ‘Very High’ or ‘High’ for general behaviour Must meet the above criteria in Semester 1 &amp; 2</td>
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<td>Michael Taylor Resilience Award</td>
<td>Prep – year 6</td>
<td>Shows courage in adversity Ability to ‘bounce back’ Motivation to ‘move forward’ Awareness of knowing themselves Potential to show promise Capacity to ask for help Tenacity to accomplish goals Capability to connect with others Inspiration to give back</td>
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<td>Physical Education Award</td>
<td>Prep – Year 6</td>
<td>Any student who has received: ‘A’ for Academic, ‘A’ for effort, Must meet the above criteria in Semester 1 &amp; 2 Reports.</td>
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<td>Andrew McCullough Award</td>
<td>Year 6 only</td>
<td>Recipient has shown a willingness to participate in school/cluster sports activities. <strong>Sports Participation</strong> Recipient has been selected in school sports across a range of levels – Dalby SS, Bunya District, and Darling Downs Zone. <strong>Sports Representation</strong> Recipient has shown a willingness to support peers and younger students in a range of school and community activities. He/ she displays positive leadership qualities and often involves him/ herself in activities on a voluntary basis.</td>
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<td>Music Award</td>
<td>Prep to Year 6</td>
<td>Any student who has received the following criteria ‘A’ for Academic, ‘A’ for effort, Must meet the above criteria in Semester 1 &amp; 2 Reports.</td>
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<td>Instrumental Award</td>
<td>Year 6</td>
<td>Involvement in the Instrumental Music Program for at least two years. Strong commitment to the Instrumental Music Program throughout the entire year through regular attendance at lessons and rehearsals. This student must have worked to the best of their ability in both lessons and rehearsals and shown evidence of improvement. Attendance at all band performances. Demonstration of leadership qualities - helping other students with playing, setting up and packing up at beginning and completion of lessons, rehearsals and performances. Extra commitment and representation of the program and school - e.g. Eisteddfod participation outside of school ensembles, participated in community</td>
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Special Education Program (SEP) Parent Update

In the SEP JM class this term, we have put lots of work into skill development. Using group rotations, we have engaged in a variety of activities to develop fine and gross motor skills, scissor skills, sight word and reading strategies. We have enjoyed lots of hands-on activities, including bubble blowing, word stamping, using tongs and chopsticks, bouche, and tunnel trekking. We have used a lot of hands-on materials in our unit and math activities. Mr Payne has introduced us to ‘The Incredible 5 Point Scale’ to help us monitor our own work practices and behaviour.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT DALBY STATE SCHOOL
MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT

The Broncos are coming to Dalby!

Are you Dalby’s biggest ‘Broncos’ fan? On Saturday 12 December, get your family and friends to the ‘Dalby Leagues Club’ from 9 to 11am to meet players from the ‘Brisbane Broncos’ and join the fun.

There will be heaps of activities, junior skills clinic, signings, photos with the team, and more. There will also be a free BBQ and the Broncos will be taking on some Dalby fans in a friendly game of ‘Touch Footy’.

It’s the perfect way to kick off school holidays. Come along and show off your Broncos colours! Visit arrowenergy.com.au to find out more.