Principal's Pen,

This week we have a majority of our students involved in the Dalby Eisteddfod. Well done to the students who have already competed in individual piano recitals on Monday and Tuesday. Today was the commencement of the class performances and these will continue on Thursday and Friday. Our Junior and Senior Choirs will also be performing, good luck to all our performers. If you need more information regarding the Dalby Eisteddfod, please contact the office.

Last week, our students thanked the P&C for the amount of work they do and their commitment to our school. This can be seen at the tuckshop, on the school oval, during sport days, cultural events and performances and in their dedication towards the funding a variety of projects, such as technology, sport, musicals, Wakakirri, school excursions etc. Again, I would like to thank the P&C for their constant support throughout the year and for their continued support into the future.

Students in the classroom are commencing new units in English and Maths. It is expected that students will participate in classroom activities and engage in classroom discussions. It is also our expectation that all students complete set work to the best of their abilities. If you have any questions regarding the curriculum or the learning and teaching that is occurring in the classroom, please discuss matters with the classroom teachers.

Reading comprehension skills play a significant role in ensuring students gain understanding from what they read. At Dalby State School we encourage our students to use the QAR (Question, Answer and Response). These are the 4 types of questions that we encourage students to read and respond to while reading a text:

**Right There Questions:** Literal questions whose answers can be found in the text. Often the words used in the question are the same words found in the text.

**Think and Search Questions:** Answers are gathered from several parts of the text and put together to make meaning.

**Author and You:** These questions are based on information provided in the text but the student is required to relate it to their own experience. Although the answer does not lie directly in the text, the student must have read it in order to answer the question.

**On My Own:** These questions do not require the student to have read the passage but he/she must use their background or prior knowledge to answer the question.

Our Playgroup, ‘Lift’ is currently occurring in Groom Hall and it has a huge following on Facebook and our Prep Transition Program will occur in Term 3. If you need more information regarding our Prep Transition program, please speak to the Prep teachers and Mrs Brown.

As a principal, I am impressed over the commitment that members of our school have put in to support our human and physical surroundings. I am excited to be a part of a team that is forward thinking, positive and committed towards improving our students’ futures and most importantly who are committed to sustaining our school’s high levels of achievement in a variety of areas. Ever Onwards Dalby State School!!!!
Netball News

We have now had three weeks in our new Uniforms! The girls got to showcase their fabulous uniforms on parade last week. They all looked fantastic! A huge thank you to the Sponsors that allowed the purchase of these Uniforms – Butters Warehouse, Carrick Aland Accountant, Foztrax Earthmoving, Sandalwood Feedlot and DJAS CROPDATA (Commens family). Special thanks also to the school and P and C for their ongoing support. Just a reminder to those families that haven’t paid their netball fees, please touch base with the office this week.

All teams continue to play with dedication and commitment. This effort has resulted in the first wins for both Shooting Stars and Bluebirds. Well done girls. The draw for this week is:

- Central Tigers VS Sharp Shooters Court 2 at 11:00am
- Shooting Stars VS Jillaroos 2 Court 3 at 11:00am
- Central Angels VS Jillaroos 4 Court 2 at 12:00pm
- Central Cyclones VS Meghan’s Monsters Court 5 at 12:00pm
- Bluebirds VS Black Magic Court 5 at 1:00 pm

Calling all Bakers

The 2014 Wakakirri Cake Stall is on Thurs the 12th of June outside the Post Office. We are raising funds to help the cast & Crew travel down to the Logan Entertainment centre to perform. If anyone is able to help and bake some cakes or fudge it would be greatly appreciated. They can be dropped off to the Tuckshop on Wednesday the 11th of June after 2pm or Thurs morning outside the Post Office after 8am. Any questions please contact Bev in the Tuckshop or on 0415874963.

WAKAKIRRI HELP NEEDED

Mrs Gail Butters is seeking your help in collecting 2L soft drink bottles to turn into scuba tanks for the Wakakirri performance. If you can help please drop the bottles to the school office, Thank you.

THE YEAR 5 STUDENTS HAD A WONDERFUL TIME AT THE PROPHET GOLD MINE LAST WEEK
After School Collection Area
Parents and carers are reminded that a supervised after school collection area is available for those wanting to park in the less congested Jimbour Street. A staff member will be in this area until approx 3.15pm each afternoon. Students are not to be using the play equipment during this time and instead should be seated in the areas that the staff member indicates. This is a waiting time not a playing time – another concern is that the play equipment in this area is unsuitable for small children (it is suited to the height, strength and interest of 10+ year olds). Students not collected by parents by 3.15pm will be brought to the admin building. Parents/carers will then need to collect them from admin.

Student Absences
Our school is making some changes to the way we manage student absences. Starting next week all parents who have a student marked unexplained on the morning roll will receive a text message asking them to please contact the school and confirm the absence. If you know in advance or your child is sick and will be absent from school please use one of the following options to inform the school.
24 hour Student Absence line: 4672 3660
24 hour Student absence email: absences@dalbyss.eq.edu.au
This new process is to ensure the safety of all students at Dalby State School.

DALBY STATE SCHOOL
ARTS COUNCIL PERFORMANCE FOR TERM 2
Marcus and the Manic Music Makers
Our Arts council performance for Term 2 will be held on Thursday 29th May 2014. Students are invited to attend the performance by Arts Link Queensland called “Marcus and the Manic Music Makers.”
Please return payment of $6 per student on Thursday 29th May to the collection point underneath Admin.
As there is two performances on the day all classes will have the opportunity to attend before or after their eisteddfod item. Year 1 students will have their money collected from the class room after eisteddfod.
WHEN: Thursday 29th May 2014
COST: $6 each
PAYMENT TO BE MADE: Thursday morning at the collection point under Admin.

Wakakirri Pie Drive
Thank you to those who have collected pie orders in support of our Wakakirri team. Order forms are available at the office. All forms and money MUST be returned to the office no later than 3pm Friday 30th May. If paying by cheque please make it payable to Dalby State School P&C not Deb’s Bakery.
Please ensure you fill in your name and phone number in the section marked “Orders on this sheet have been collected by” and submit with the correct money.
Pies will be available for collection from Kavney Hall on Thursday 12th June in the afternoon – set times to be confirmed.

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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.”

Wakakirri News
Students please wear your Wakakirri shirt every Wednesday.

WAKAKIRRI REHEARSAL DATES:
Full day rehearsals Sundays from 10am — 4pm
Sunday 1st of June.
There will be no rehearsals over the long weekend in June.
Full day rehearsals will continue on:
Sunday 15th of June
Sunday 22nd of June
Term 3: Full day rehearsals will continue on:
Sunday 20th of July
Sunday 27th of July
Friday 25th of July (Premiere at Kavney Hall from 7pm.
Wakakirri students will need to be at Kavney Hall from 5pm)
Just a reminder that each time a student misses a rehearsal, a strike will be marked next to their name. Students who record three strikes are no longer permitted to participate in Wakakirri. We recognise that families are busy and that students get sick. If your child is unable to attend a rehearsal for any reason, please contact us via the office. We are desperately seeking a truck to transport our props and sets to Brisbane and back. If you are able to help please contact me via the office.
Thank you for your ongoing support
Rebecca Johnston
Wakakirri Coordinator

Creekside Markets
It’s that time of the year again that we need to start planning for the Creekside Markets in September, our main fundraiser for the year.
We’ll have our first meeting on:
When: Friday 30th May, 2014
Time: Starts at 3.15pm
Where: Shaded area near Kavney Hall
If you are interested in helping or have some new and fresh ideas or would just like to find out more about the markets, please come along.
If you are unable to attend and would like to help please see me or ring on 46625047 or email: creeksidemarkets@live.com.au. Thank you.
Kind Regards,
Kym Burton – CSM Co-ordinator

Tuckshop Winter Menu.
The tuckshop winter menu was sent home last week, please keep it so it can be referred to when ordering lunches from the tuckshop. The menu includes all ordering information as well as what foods are available. We have made a few changes and added a couple of new food items to help warm up through the cooler months. Copies of the winter menu are available at the school office.

You are invited to join Dalby Women’s Networking Group
Date: Wednesday, 28th May, 2014
Time: 5:30pm—7:00pm
Venue: Dalby PCYC