Principal’s Pen,

Under 8s Day at Dalby State School was a great success thanks to the hard work put in by many teachers, teacher aides and parents. I would especially like to thank Mrs Brown, Mrs Allen, Mrs Fermor, Mrs Kavney and Mrs Amos for the time and effort they put into organising this event. We have had fantastic feedback from the local day care centres and kindergartens who participated. The day, which promoted the theme “Everyone Can Play”, was a wonderful showcase of our school and its facilities. Well done to all involved!!

A huge thank you to Dalby State School P&C for providing financial support to students who have recently been selected in Darling Downs teams. We are extremely grateful to have a P&C that is supportive, enthusiastic, and dedicated to our students and staff at Dalby State School. This Friday, we will acknowledge and thank our P&C volunteers during our school parade. A light morning tea will also be offered to P&C attendees on the day.

Next week, our students will be involved in the Dalby Eisteddfod. This event will be held at the Great Hall and classes from Year 1-7 will present a musical item as part of this occasion. Notes were distributed to students indicating the time of their performance as well as information regarding costumes for classroom Eisteddfod items. If you have any queries, please see Mr Macpherson or your student’s classroom teacher.

Our senior and junior singers will also participate in the Dalby Eisteddfod and our choral group will perform later in the week. Students will need to be dressed in formal school attire for their performance. Many thanks to Mr Macpherson and Mrs Smith for giving up their time to lead weekend rehearsals in the lead up to the Eisteddfod.

In other performance news, Dalby State School will participate in the Wakakirri Challenge that will be held at the Logan Entertainment Centre on July 31. A lot of hard work put in by teachers, students and parents and we are enormously proud of their efforts.
UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS - Tuesdays and Thursday from 8.30am to 9.30am

Principal’s Pen Continued . . .

Wakakirri is a performance that involves story-telling and dance. The performance involves a seven minute story (orientation, complication, resolution) performed on stage to pre-recorded music, using a blend of creative movement and acting. Schools can choose any story, music and creative movement style they wish.

Schools perform their Story-Dance in professional theatres to an audience of industry professionals, family, friends and other schools. There are various Performance Nights, divisions for new and experienced schools and a whole bunch of awards for schools to take home.

Students performing can be from the same or a combination of grades. Specialised teachers and large budgets are not needed or encouraged for schools to enter creative and competitive items. The emphasis in judging Wakakirri is NOT placed upon technical dancing ability or extravagant sets and costumes, but rather on the concept of “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” when making props and costume. There are special awards for schools that excel in this area.

Our Wakakirri students and staff continue to rehearse during lunch times and on Sunday afternoons. As the event draws near, an all day Sunday rehearsal at the Kavney Hall will occur. For more information regarding Wakakirri, please see Mrs Rodgers or Mrs Johnston.

Our year 1 students, staff and parents had a wonderful time last week when they visited the historical Pioneer Village. Today, May 21, our year 5 students travelled to Kilkivan to visit the Prophet Mine. I am sure they had a fascinating day. Thank you to our P &C who continue to provide wonderful support for our school excursions. This year we will ensure that all classes attend an excursion that is related to the national curriculum so that students gain hands-on experience as part of the learning process.

Later this week, notes will be sent home regarding the Premier’s Reading challenge. Again, I would like to reinforce the importance of reading.

10 ways of making Reading Fun:

1. Point out words and phrases around you –on cereal boxes, street signs, maps, posters and books.
2. Let your children choose books themselves.
3. Look for kids’ magazines your child will enjoy.
4. Read with excitement – use different voices, make puppets, act out the story.
5. Give clues about a mystery word you are thinking about. Choose a word related to something you and your child have done together.
6. Make cards to play matching games – match letters and words to pictures. Play board games that include making words and reading the words on a card.
7. Make your kitchen part of your reading zone. Have fridge magnets available so your kids can start making words and short sentences.
8. Encourage relatives and friends to give books as gifts.
9. Play memory games. Place objects on the floor, ask your child to look at them for a minute and then cover them. Ask your child to name as many items as possible.
Read all kinds of materials – stories, poems, newspaper articles, magazines and comics.

Thank you all for your continued support. If there are any questions, please contact the school and make an appointment to see me. Have a wonderful week.
Mona Anau (Principal)

Road Safety

The safety of students arriving and leaving the school grounds is very important. Parents are asked to only park in designated parking areas (not on the footpath), to observe the 40km/h school zone speed limits and always look behind when reversing. Students will be reminded of road safety rules on parade this week. Let’s all work together to keep our kids safe.

Wakakirri Pie Drive

Thank you to those who are selling pies in support of our school Wakakirri team. Pie drive forms are available from the office or by emailing: melissal@bmo.com.au

- Forms are to be returned on or before Friday 30th May, 2014
- Delivery – Thursday 12th June
- Pick up from Kavney Hall – time to be advised
Once again thank you for your support!

P&C NEWS

We would like to thank Kathy Callow who has now retired from the position of Uniform Co-ordinator.
Kathy has given many years of voluntary service to the school. It is a role which required constant work hours at the Uniform Outlet at the school, and even many more hours behind the scenes in ordering stock and working out solutions to challenges that would arise. Kathy also managed the implementation of the new school uniform which we introduced a few years ago, and this was a huge project.
Thank you Kathy.

Welcome also to Kate Guest who will take over the role of Uniform Co-ordinator. Kate has a child in prep and is keen to help by stepping into this important role. The Uniform Outlet will operate without any changes and will remain open Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8.30am – 9.30am.
Thank you Kate.
**Sports News**

**Bunya District Shirts**

Students who represented Bunya District, in any sport this year, can purchase a Bunya Shirt by seeing Mr K sometime at school, all shirts cost $30.

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**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.

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**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:**  
from 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

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**Tuckshop Winter Menu.**

The tuckshop winter menu will be sent home this 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.

Just a reminder that all orders should be filled out at home and placed in the tuckshop box provided in your child’s classroom.

A big thank you to all our volunteers who help out at the tuckshop, you all do a wonderful job and are very much appreciated. There is always a need for more volunteers, if you would like to help out please see Jan or Bev at the tuckshop.

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**OUR SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY SERVICE**

Here at DSS, we have two school Chaplains, Heather Lambert and Erica Jones. Both our Chaplains are qualified Youth Workers and have extensive experience working with children, young people and their families. You and/or your child are welcome to utilise our Chaplaincy Service on the days Heather and Erica are at our school (Mon, Wed, Thurs). To contact either of our Chaplains, please call the school office.