Principals Pen,

Welcome to term 2. This term, I would like to welcome Mr Greg Mackay who is replacing Miss Lynne Butters (on long service leave for 5 weeks in term 2) and Mrs Chelsea Hasted and Mrs Melissa Cover who are replacing Miss Carlie Payne in Year 3. Thank you to Miss Payne for taking our year 3 /4 class in Term 1. If you have any queries regarding staffing, please see me in the administration block.

This morning at 9:30am, our school staged its annual ANZAC Ceremony at the Kavney Hall. This ceremony was a special tribute to those who played a significant role in previous and current wars. Students with loved ones who fought in the war were encouraged to lay a wreath or poppy.

On Friday 25th April, the community ANZAC Day Parade and the Commemoration Ceremony will be held at the Cenotaph at ANZAC Park. I would like to encourage all students to attend the ANZAC march. The parade is schedule to leave Bell Park at 9am. Please bring your child to Bell Park by 8:30am. All students involved in the ANZAC march should be in full school uniform. Any students who have formal uniform are encouraged to wear it for the march, school hats should also be worn.

This term our School Cross Country will be held on Friday 2nd May. Due to Bunya, Regional and State Championship requirements, any students in Year 3 who turn 9 years old this year may participate in the Year 4-7 School Cross Country. All other year 3 students will participate in the Prep – Year 3 Cross Country. If you have any queries around cross country, please see Mr Kavney.

Parent teacher interviews will be held in Week 3 on Monday 5th May between 3:30 - 7pm. Appointments can be made online (please see the enclosed leaflet for instructions). The week 3 interviews have been scheduled to allow parents to discuss their child’s progress, ask questions and seek clarification before report cards are distributed later in the term. Parents can still converse with teachers once Semester 1 reports are distributed, which will occur during the last week of Term 2.

NAPLAN will occur on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th of May for our Year 3, 5 & 7 students. More detailed information will be provided to you in weekly newsletters. If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please see your classroom teachers.

Have a wonderful week.

Mona Anau (Principal)
CROSS COUNTRY 2014

The Prep to year 7 Cross Country will be held on Friday May 2nd as a whole school event. The Prep to Yr 2 students will run on the DSS Oval. The Yr 3 to Yr 7 students will run from the school along the bike path around the Myall Creek and back. Some Yr 3 students are also eligible to participate in the 9 yrs race if they turn 9 years of age this year. That requires them to run 2km. The events will start at approximately 9:30 am. As this is a school event, all children are expected to participate. A selection of courses is available to run e.g. 9 & 10 years will run 2 km (approx) 11, 12 & 13 years will run 3 km (approx). Non competitive for 9–13 yrs will run/walk 1 km (approx). Yr 3 students run 1km, Yr 2 run 500m and Prep and Yr1 run 400m. If your child suffers from a severe medical condition that prevents them from participating in either the social or non competitive run, you will need to send a letter to your child’s teacher which in turn will be forwarded to the office. A practice walk for Yr 4-7 (and any Yr3’s intending to run) will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday 29/30 April during first break.

Information that will help with the smooth running of the event is set out below.

Dalby State School Cross Country Prep to Year 7 Friday 2nd of May
• Start/Finish is at Dalby SS Oval
• NO PARADE
• Anticipated start time 9:30 am onwards.
• Children will walk in classes with their teachers to House Tents on the Oval.
• Trophies will be presented for Champion Boy and Girl in each age group – 9-13Yrs
• Ribbons and Certificates for Prep – Yr 3.
• First Aid, Water and ice will be available
• Children need to wear House Uniform and bring a hat (not necessary to run in a hat), sunscreen, water bottle and ventolin puffer (if required).

Race order will be:
Senior: Races – All Races start and finish with a lap of the Oval.
09:30am – 11, 12 and 13 years Boys and Girls – 3km Bike Path Course
09:55am – 9 year/10 year Boys and Girls – 2km Bike Path Course
10:20am – Yr 4-7 Non-Competitive Race – (1km approx) Foot Bridge Course

Junior: Races - All Races start and finish on the Oval.
10:35am – Yr 3 Boys Race – (1km approx.) Bike Path-Foot Bridge Course
10:45am – Yr 3 Girls Race – (1km approx.) Bike Path-Foot Bridge Course
11:15am – Yr 2 Boys race – (500 m approx.) Oval Course
11:30am - Yr 2 Girls race – (500 m approx.) Oval Course
11:45am - Yr 1 Boys race – (400 m approx.) Oval Course
12:00pm - Yr 1 Girls race – (400 m approx.) Oval Course
12:15pm - Prep Boys race – (400 m approx.) Oval Course
12:30pm - Prep Girls race – (400 m approx.) Oval Course

Markers will be placed on the course.
This is a selection trial for the Dalby State School team for Bunya Districts Cross Country Friday 9 May
Presentations will be made at the end (approx 12:45 pm)
Parents, friends and relatives are welcome to spectate and cheer.
The P&C are running a Sausage Sizzle and Drinks for Morning Tea and Lunch.
We would also like to acknowledge the generosity of BMO Accountants for donating our trophies.

Thank you
Mr K
**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.”

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**NAPLAN NEWS**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The NAPLAN test is being completed in Week 4 Term 2.

While participation by all students is expected, students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. A formal application in the manner specified for each state or territory must be received by the Principal prior to the testing. Your Principal can provide further information about the withdrawal process.

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**After School Student Collection**

From Week 2 we will be providing parents with a supervised alternative location to collect students after school. This is due to congestion at the Cunningham Street entrance and reduced number of car parks available.

Key points to consider:

Students will wait in an undercover area near the entrance to Kavney Hall. They will be supervised by a staff member from 3.00 - 3.30pm.

Parents are encouraged to try to park on the school side of Jimbour Street as this avoids students/parents from having to cross the street.

If students have to cross they must be met by a parent/adult.

On rainy days children will wait inside Kavney Hall and watch for the arrival of a parent.

Please consider these arrangements as they may make collection easier and quicker.

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**Tuckshop arrangements for DSS Cross Country on Friday 2nd May.**

The tuckshop will relocate to Kavney Hall on Friday 2nd May, and will be open from 9am - 12:30pm. A variety of food and drink will be available for children and parents to purchase for lunch (first break) during the Cross Country. The day will run similar to our regular sports day with children able to buy ‘over the counter’. Prep and younger children will be able to have their lunch order written on a brown bag with the money enclosed.

A Cross Country Menu will be included in next week’s newsletter for your convenience. The school tuckshop will reopen for ice block sales only at 1:10pm.

Children will need to have any other food they require for afternoon tea sent from home.

Please note: The School Tuckshop and Uniform Shop will be closed on Friday Morning 2nd of May due to the above arrangements.

**Sports Uniform Tip:** Please check your children’s sports uniforms and make any required purchases before Friday 2nd May.

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**Miss World Australia Beauty Pageant Fundraiser**

2014 Miss World Australia beauty pageant entrant Jade Hirning will be hosting a fashion parade at 1pm Sunday 4th of May at the Dalby Golf Club.

Cost: $10 per ticket.

Seating arrangements of 8 people per table.

Prepaid table of 8: Buy 7 tickets get 1 free.

Afternoon tea will be supplied.

Lucky door prize and multi-draw raffles.

To book: PH 0487 666 141 or email: jandmhirning@bigpond.com

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**2014 ICAS Testing – International Competitions and Assessments for Schools**

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 2 to 12 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. The tests can be seen as preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child’s strengths and weaknesses.

All students who sit the test receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested.

Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:-

* High distinction to the top 1% of entrant
* Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
* Credit to the next 25% of entrant
* Participation to all others

Please indicate which of the following tests you would like your child to sit and forward this slip along with the required money to the school office by 2nd May (the second Friday after the holidays). The tests will be supervised in the library. If you require any further information, please contact Wendy Maguire.

I give permission for my child ____________________ of Class _________ to participate in the following ICAS assessments.

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