HipHop Kids program
The award winning HipHop Kids program is starting at Dalby State School in Term 1, 2013. The program is running in the afternoon at the following times:
Hippers (Ages 5-8) = 3:30 - 4:10pm
Hoppers (Ages 9-13) = 4:20 - 5:00pm
Cost = $8 per lesson (Family discounts available)
HipHop Kids is an exciting fusion of modern music and hiphop moves that's all about fun and participation. Who knows.... we may help create the next "Justice Crew!"
Book Now - www.hiphopkids.com.au
There are limited spaces available in each class so bookings are essential. Payment is not required until the program starts in Term 1, 2013. Book online or call 1300 656 695.

AFL Auskick
Starts this Friday!!!
When: 8/2/13, 3.30-4.30pm
Where: Dalby Swans AFL Ground, Owen St.
Cost: $60
Canteen operating.
Program runs for 7 weeks!!!

Dalby Swans Club Sign-On Day
When: 15/2/13, 4-5.30pm
Where: Dalby Swans AFL Ground, Owen St.
Cost: $60 (U8-U10); $100 (U12-U16)
Canteen/BBQ Operating
Come and meet (6) Brisbane Lions Players at the sign on day
Every child that registers receives a FREE Lions Bag, Sausage Burger & Drink
## Registration is FREE for Health Care & Pensioner Concession Card holders #

Western Down Winds -- Starters Band
Want to learn a band instrument? Have you played one in the past? Come along and have a blast at the “Western Downs Winds Starters Band”. Rehearsals start on 12/02/13, 7-8pm at the Dalby Silver Band Hall in North Street Dalby. Bring along your own instrument and pencil. Music, books and folder will be supplied. Membership is $50 single/year. To register your interest, and for further information, send your email to westerndownswinds@gmail.com
PRINCIPAL’S PEN

After a very wet end to the school holidays it is lovely to get back to our core business at Dalby State School, where we work collaboratively with staff and parents to provide quality education to our students.

This year Dalby State School will continue to focus on explicit teaching in the classroom. This approach will be consistent throughout all public schools in the Darling Downs South West Region, driven by Principals, their management teams, teaching and non-teaching staff. Explicit teaching involves concentrating on the basics - providing intentionally inviting classrooms, high expectations, engaging learning opportunities, developing positive relationships and delivering explicit instruction. Visitors to Dalby State School will notice modifications to teaching programs to further improve student outcomes.

Our Student Leadership Ceremony will occur during the last week of February at Kavney Hall. This is an opportunity for our school community to acknowledge and congratulate our appointed leaders for 2013, and to show their support for the year ahead. I would like to invite parents, families, friends and members of the community to attend this special event. More details to follow.

Our annual Meet and Greet evening will occur on Monday 18th February 2013, commencing at 3:30pm. Teachers will then open their classrooms between 4:00 - 5:00pm. Please come along and meet your child’s teacher and have a look at the great work that students are doing at Dalby State School.

Swimming will commence later this term. More information will be distributed to parents via next week’s school newsletter. Bunya Districts Swimming trials will be held in Dalby on Wednesday 20th February. Students chosen at this carnival will represent the Bunya District at the Darling Downs Carnival in Gatton on Wednesday 27th February.

You may have noticed that the school phones have been redirected to our school mobile phones because we are currently experiencing connection problems. Our school internet and email is now working with the assistance of regional office and support from our Regional System Technician. Telstra will commence working on our phone lines by the end of this week. The problem has occurred because of excess water from the heavy rain and water spillage from the Myall Creek.

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Day 8 numbers will be tallied this Thursday. So far, some classes are above maximum numbers, specifically Prep. If numbers continue to improve, then our school may secure an extra teacher, hence there may be slight changes to classes next week. If this occurs, I will communicate the changes to those who will be affected. These changes will be minimal, with the understanding that our students and staff are settled for the year. Please direct any questions about Day 8 to myself.

As you walk around the school, you will see our ‘Prompt Language’ for the week. This week we are focusing on “Respect for Self, Respect for Others, Respect for Learning and Respect for Property”. It is crucial that everyone in our school discusses the same message with our students, staff and parents. RESPECT is a significant value that we hope to demonstrate at all times by our students and staff.

Finally, our staff participated in the FISH! philosophy training earlier this year. It is always good to look at how we can do things differently. We had the opportunity to reflect on our delivery and organisation and evaluate what we can do differently. This year, we will continue to shine and will be focusing on four key components that will be crucial towards improving our learning organisation.

- “Be there” - to improve communication and strengthens relationships.
- “Play” - making learning fun and creative.
- “Make their day” - finding simple ways to delight people in a meaningful memorable way.
- “Choose your attitude” - taking responsibility for how you respond to what life throws at you.

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

Regards, Mona Anau

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to these students who were awarded “Student of the Week” certificates last week on parade.

SPORTS NEWS

- Canoeing will start this Friday. Students from 7E who are not involved in AFL training will have the chance to canoe.
- Swimming will begin in Week 4.
- Swimming notes will be sent home in Week 3.

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.”
**THIS WEEK & NEXT WEEK’S COOL TOOLS**

**Week 1**

Welcome/Goal setting/Classroom Expectations and School Expectations.

**Week 2**

Respect for self and others, Respect learning and Respect property.

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**STUDENT BANKING IS EVERY WEDNESDAY**

*STARTING NEXT WEEK*

13th FEBRUARY 2013

Welcome back to another year of saving. All students currently participating in the student banking program will receive a Savings Hunter Parent pack which includes the redemption coupons, which you will need to keep so you can claim your reward items.

Students in Prep and Year 1 will also receive a Parent pack. Students from Year 2 onwards who would like to become involved in the School Student Banking program can collect a Parent pack from the school office. All you need to do to get started is:

There are three options:

1. Apply at any Commonwealth Bank Branch for a Youth saver Account (take in identification for you and your child - such as driver’s license and birth certificate);
2. Apply over the phone by calling 13 2221;
3. Existing Commonwealth Bank Customers can apply via Net Bank.
4. When your child makes their first deposit they will get their first token and our school will also receive $5 commission.

Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child an important life skill of saving money.

Regards,
Kym Burton
School Banking Co-ordinator

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Our tuckshop menu has been sent home, this contains the food available and all the information you need to help you order your children’s lunches. Please keep it to refer to.

Please note that tuckshop orders need to filled out at home, money enclosed and placed in the tuckshop boxes provided in each child’s classroom at the start of the day. This system prevents long delays at the tuckshop as staff & volunteers are busy with uniform sales from 8.30 to 9am.

Volunteer notes have also been sent home. We really need volunteers this year, please read the note and if you would like to help out please fill in the details and return as soon as possible. Thank you.

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**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

I would like to introduce myself to the local school community. I am Heather Lambert and my husband Bryan and I have been living in Dalby for 31 years. My time with the school started in July 2012 and I have familiarised myself with a number of the students and staff. We have raised our three children here, and they are now all employed in full time work. I am now a proud grandmother to a beautiful granddaughter as well. My background is that I trained as a Registered Nurse and worked at the Royal Children’s Hospital and in Blue Care before moving to Dalby 31 years ago. Since living in Dalby, I have worked at Karingal and Ningana. After raising my family I went back to work at the Early Learning Centre and there I completed my Certificate 3 & Diploma in Children’s Services. To gain further experience, I worked a couple more years at Stuart Street Day care, before commencing as a Chaplain. I have always been very involved with my children’s kindergartens and schools. I am available on a Wednesday or Thursday and can be contacted through the School office. My role is to support the community and children so if you ever want someone to talk to I’d, love to hear from you. Phone the office on 4672 3666 to arrange an appointment.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

- AFL Comp Starts Friday 15th Feb
- Swimming Starts Week 4
- Arts Council Friday 11th Feb
- Year 7 Camp to Tallebudgera 18th March

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DSS STUDENT ABSENTEE LINE—Phone: 4672 3660 (24 hour access)