PRINCIPALS PEN

I would like to congratulate all students who participated in our ANZAC Ceremony last week. Well done to our school captains and vice captains for taking on the Masters of Ceremonies role. A huge thank you goes to Miss Butters, Mr McPherson, Mrs McKeon and Miss Commens for assisting and participating in our School ANZAC program. I would also like to thank Mr Parry and Mrs Chapman for their roles and to Mrs Gail Clerke for presenting the RSL speech. Well done to everyone who supported and attended this special event.

Students who participated in the community ANZAC ceremony displayed exemplary behaviour during the march to the ANZAC park as well as during the ANZAC service. I was extremely proud of the way our students behaved, demonstrating to our community the respect that we have towards this significant event.

At Dalby State School, staff members continue to work with our students to develop resiliency as well as the ability to make positive choices. The process of decision making is not easy and may depend on the situation and circumstances. Making positive choices can be easy if we hold the same values and expectations. Hence, our school values – respect for self, respect for safety, respect for learning, respect for property and respect for others should always be considered when making choices at school. If everyone is aware of these school values and stands by them, then making positive choices should be easy and eventually become a habit. I would hope that all school members (from young to old) continue to make positive choices and achieve positive outcomes.

In the last few weeks, I have included information regarding NAPLAN either in my Principal’s report or on a separate insert.

NAPLAN is not a test of content. Instead, it tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum.

NAPLAN tests identify whether all students have the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for their learning; and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community. Students are assessed using common national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

NAPLAN tests broadly reflect aspects of literacy and numeracy common to the curriculum in each State or Territory. The types of test formats and questions are chosen so that they are familiar to teachers and students across Australia. NAPLAN testing will occur on Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th of May.

Cross country will occur this Friday 3rd May for our years 4-7 students. The cross country will be held at the old soccer field on the cnr of Coxen and Condamine streets. There will be no whole school parade; instead students in years 4-7 will walk over to the old soccer field for a 9:45 start. Prep – Year 3 will participate in the Early Phase Cross Country on Wednesday 8th May after big lunch, on the school oval.
Just a reminder that parent teacher interviews will occur on Monday 6th May in our school library. I realise that in the past, parent teacher interviews were either held in the last week of term 2 or in early term 3. These times were quite late for conversations to occur between teachers and parents around student’s progress; hence parent teacher interviews have been brought forward so that parents have the opportunity to speak to their student’s teacher early in term 2. Discussions will be around literacy, numeracy, behaviour, effort and homework. If you would like a parent teacher interview, please contact the school office.

Have a wonderful week.

Regards,

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**SPORTS NEWS:**

**BUNYA TOUCH**

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to compete in the DD Trials next Tuesday. **Camryn Marini, Karla Sankey, Kaylee Fermo, Hayden Thomas, and Kristian Bond.**

**CROSS COUNTRY:**

The Year 4 – 7 Cross Country will be held on Friday 3rd of May. Some Yr 3 students are also eligible to participate in this event if they turn 9 years of age this year. This event requires students to run 2km. The venue will again be at the old Dalby Soccer Club Oval on Coxen & Condamine Streets. The events will start at approximately 9:45 am, as this is a school event all children are expected to participate. A selection of different courses are available to run e.g. 9 & 10 years will run 2 km (approx) 11, 12 & 13 years will run 3 km (approx). Non competitive students for 9 – 13 yrs will run 1 km (approx). If your child suffers from a severe medical condition that prevents them from participating in the social, non competitive run, you will need to send a letter to your child’s teacher.

As well as the Dalby Soccer Club, we would also like to acknowledge the generosity of BMO Accountants for donating our trophies.

**PARENTS PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THERE IS ROADWORKS TAKING PLACE NEAR OUR CROSS COUNTRY VENUE. THIS WILL IMPACT ON PARKING. THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN ADVISED.**

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

**Dalby State School Cross Country Year 4 – 7 and 9yr old year 3 students**

Friday 3rd May Start/Finish is at the Old Dalby Soccer Ground NO PARADE

Anticipated start time 9:45 am onwards. Trophies will be presented for Champion Boy and Girl in each age group

First Aid, Water, Ice and Public Toilets will be available

Children need to bring a hat (not necessary to run in a hat), sunscreen, water bottle and ventolin puffer (if required).

Race order will be:

- 10.00am - 11, 12, 13 years
- 10:25am - 9, 10 years
- 10:45am - Non competitive for 9 – 13 years

Markers will be placed on the course.

This is a selection trial for the Dalby State School team for Bunya Districts cross country on Friday 10th May

Presentations will be made at the completion of all events around 11:00-11:15 am

Parents, friends and relatives are welcome to spectate and cheer.

**Dalby State School Prep – Yr 3 Cross Country**, will be held on the school oval on Wednesday 8th May. Events will begin at 1:45pm. Children will run in year level groups. Children to wear Sports House uniform, have water bottles, hats and appropriate footwear to run in.

Order of events: Yr3, Yr2, Yr1 followed by Prep.

Finish time: 2:55pm approx. Spectators are most welcome.

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**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- 01 May Bunya Tennis
- 02 May Bunya Soccer
- 04 May BMO Big Garage Sale 6am to 12 noon
- 03 May DDS Cross Country
- 06 Parent/Teacher interviews
- 06 May is a school day, Labour Day Holiday is on the 7th October
- 07 May DD Touch
- 10 May Bunya X Country
- 18 May million paws walk in Dalby - Thomas Jack Park
- 19/20 May DDS Netball:
  - Pink Panthers play at 12pm
  - Blue Diamonds play at 11am
  - Go Girls play at 12pm
- 26/27 May DD Tennis
- 28 May DD X Country
- 12 June Bunya Rugby Union
- 18 June DDS 800m
- 19 June DDS Field Events
- 21 June DDS Athletics
- 26/27 May DDS Soccer
- 28 May DDS Tennis
- 28 May DDS X Country
- 18 June DDS Rugby
- 19 June DDS Athletics
- 21 June DDS Netball
- 28 July Dalby Coral Festival
MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
On Thursday 9th May, there will be a stall open at the tuckshop with gifts for Mother’s Day. Children will all in turn visit the stall with their class and will have the opportunity to purchase gifts for their loved ones for Mother’s Day. Gifts range in price from 50c to $6 each. This year the stall will open from 3 – 4 pm also for anyone to come and purchase gifts.
Students, please bring your money for the stall on the day only.
Anyone interested in helping out on the stall for the day, please contact Katrina 0438 924 259 for details.

Uniform Information
School polo shirts have arrived and are available for purchase in all sizes from the tuckshop Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. From 8.30am to 9.00am.

Pirrinuan Bus Committee Meeting
A meeting will be held at 7.30pm on the May 16 2013 at 255 Hustons Road, Pirrinuan.
Contact details are:
President Shayne Fraser 0437 922 927
Secretary Kym Walsh 0427 136 711

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back in 2013
It’s simple to participate: From Monday 8th April, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect points from the checkout operator (you might have to ask the operator for your reward points stickers). Then stick them on point sheets, which can be collected from the school office. Once completed, you can place your point sheets in the collection box, either at your school or at the front of Woolworths. You will receive one point for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards).

PIE DRIVE
This term P&C are going to take part in a Pie Drive to help raise funds for our school.
Debs Bakehouse will be supplying the pies.
If you would like to sell or even just order pies for yourself please complete the slip below and return to the school office or email Melissa@BMO.com.au
We will then send home more information and an order form with your child. Pie Drive Forms will be due back Tuesday 21st May 2013 and deliver will be Thursday 30th May.

_______________________________________________________
(Parent Name)
I would like a pie drive
form. My child ________________ is in class__________

LIFT
Learning Is Fun Together
Every Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9am to 11am
Mr Music Man (MMM) every Friday lets engage and have fun with music!
Hope to see you there!

“The Dalby Choral Festival is proudly sponsored by Thiess and supported by Stonestreets Coaches.”

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