Principals Pen,

Time seems to fly by so quickly! It seems just yesterday that I was writing the Principal’s Report for last week’s newsletter. I think that, sometimes, we get so caught up in the day-to-day routine that we forget to reflect. Today I ponder a number of questions: How are we progressing as a learning organisation? What have we achieved so far? Do we share our achievements with the wider community?

When thinking about these questions, I go back to our service delivery in the classroom and around the school. To be able to implement quality service, it is worthwhile sharing the goals that we will focus on throughout 2013. These goals are:

• Implement the Australian Curriculum (continue with the implementation of English, Maths and Science). Focus on the implementation of History.
• Analyse and respond to school performance data, with a focus on Reading. Focus on target setting, data collection and data analysis (learning and teaching audit results) to improve student outcomes.
• Develop and implement a Pedagogical Framework aligned with State and Regional agendas, including the new P-12 Curriculum and the Assessment and Reporting Framework. Develop and implement the School Learning and the Well-Being Framework.
• Implement recommendations from the most recent CT&L Audit and embed a coaching and feedback methodology.
• Connect with parents and the community to support successful student learning outcomes through the implementation of early learning.
• Improvement of school grounds and facilities.
• Continue with the implementation of School Wide Positive Behaviour.

There has been a lot of work directed at student learning as teachers continue to plan and deliver curriculum in the classroom. Planning meetings are occurring regularly and teaching cohorts will be given release time in Week 9, to ensure that there is consistency in what we teach in the classroom within year levels. You will continue to see this approach throughout the year.

As a school, we are still working on the implementation of a Pedagogical Framework which will embody our school values and expectations. We are also working to produce a diagrammatical visual on what learning and teaching is about at our school, which involves not only explicit teaching in the classroom but also support (human, physical and financial).

The Pedagogical Framework will also reinforce that leadership is the business of everyone at our school. Leadership is not only about people in administration roles, but will trickle down to teachers in the classroom as well as leadership roles and responsibilities amongst our students.

Most importantly in a Pedagogical Framework is the concept of constant reflection, review and revision of existing systems and of teaching and learning in the classroom. Improvement should be driven by a combination of feedback and hard data.
Principals Pen Continued…..

Sometimes, it is easy to only consider the aspects of our school that need improvement. However, I also have to stress that the number of extra-curricular activities that our students have been involved in this year has been remarkable. Students are succeeding at Dalby State School not only at local and district levels but also in regional competitions.

Our student’s involvement in our local Eisteddfod and in Fanfare in Toowoomba typifies what we offer our students at Dalby SS. The majority of our students will participate in the Dalby Eisteddfod, supported by our classroom teachers, teacher aides and our Music teacher – Mr McPherson.

I would also like to acknowledge the students who participated in The Biggest Morning Tea on Sunday at Jimbour House, assisted and supported by Miss Katie Commens.

Our LIFT program and the introduction of playgroup have occurred this year and we have a growing number of parents from the wider community accessing this program. The introduction of a pre-prep program will occur in Semester 2, where four-year-old students can access a structured learning program that will support our younger students into Prep. The Smart Schools Subsidy (SSS) Scheme grant which Dalby State School will access by the end of this financial year ($160,000) will assist our LIFT and LIFT Off programs.

The Early Phase learning projects will also be supported by Step-Up funds (a guaranteed payment of $40,000 for 4 years) that will be placed into our school funds to enhance early phase learning programs and as well as building community partnerships.

In the next few weeks, you will receive more information regarding student leadership in 2014. Due to the year 7 transition to the high school in 2015, our current year 5 & 6 students will be able to nominate for leadership position for 2014. Year 6 leadership nomination and voting will occur in term 3. Appointed leaders will be decided by the end of term 3. Year 5 leadership nomination and voting will occur in term 4. Below is a specific detail on leadership roles for our students:

**YEAR 6 AND 7 SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS in 2014**

| School Captains: | 2 Girls (1 Year 7, 1 Year 6)  
|                 | 2 Boys (1 Year 7, 1 Year 6) |
| Vice Captains:  | 2 Girls (1 Year 7, 1 Year 6)  
|                 | 2 Boys (1 Year 7, 1 Year 6) |

**YEAR 6 AND 7 SPORT HOUSE CAPTAINS & HOUSE VICE CAPTAINS**

- Cunningham, Leichhardt, McGregor, Oxley
- House Captains: 2 Girls (1 Year 7, 1 Year 6)  
|             | 2 Boys (1 Year 7, 1 Year 6) |
- House vice Cap: 2 Girls (1 Year 7, 1 Year 6)  
|              | 2 Boys (1 Year 7, 1 Year 6) |

**STUDENT LEADERS**

- 10 x Year 6 student leaders
- 10 x Year 7 student leaders

**BAND LEADERS / CHOIR LEADERS** – these positions will also be available for students in the band and choir.

If you have any other queries around our student leadership directions and systems, please see me in the administration office. Have a wonderful week.

Regards,

Mona Anau (Principal)

**Tuckshop Reminder:**

Thank you to all those who support the tuckshop and uniform shop. Many of you would have experienced it can be a very busy place. To help keep things running smoothly and to save you time, please observe the following:

- Tuckshop bags need to be filled out at home with the payment enclosed then placed into the tuckshop box in the classroom.
- All ordering information is included on the tuckshop menu. Orders are not to be filled out at the tuckshop.
- The uniform shop is open from 8.30am - 9.00am Monday, Wednesday & Friday. We realize this time does not suit everyone so uniform order forms are available at the tuckshop, office or on the school web site to help your uniform needs.
- Please note that all inquiries, including uniform sales, are to be made at the front window of the tuckshop.

We appreciate your for your cooperation in this matter.

If you would like to volunteer at the tuckshop it would be greatly appreciated. We are currently very short on volunteer numbers. For more information on how to become a volunteer please contact Jan or Bev at the tuckshop.
**THIS WEEKS COOL TOOL**

**WEEK 7:**

**TEAM WORK COUNTS!**

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**PIE DRIVE**
Thank you to all who participated in the pie drive fundraiser.

Orders can be collected from Kavney Hall between 1.00pm & 3.30pm on Thursday 30th May. If unable to collect at this time please contact the school office to make alternative arrangements.

**Message from the Chaplain**
The following items are needed for Chaplain Heather’s craft group:
- Clean empty spaghetti/baked bean/beetroot/fruit tins
- Small clean empty glass jars
If you can help, please leave any items at the school office,
Thank you.

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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. Details of the first meeting is as follows:

**When:** Thursday 6th June, 2013

**Time:** from 3.15pm

**Where:** on the oval near the shade structure

If you are interested in helping or would just like to find out more about the markets please come along.

The school stalls we are hoping to run this year are:

- Food Court – BBQ, Pizza, Hot Chips and drinks
- Cake & Sweet Stall
- Devonshire Tea
- Sample Bags
- Raffle
- Bottle Stall
- Games Stall
- Face Painting and Nail Central
- Instrumental Music Stall

Any help or input will be gratefully accepted. 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.

Kym Burton – CSM Co-ordinator

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**FOR SALE BY TENDER**
**KONICA MINOLTA BIZHUB C451 COLOUR PHOTOCOPIER**
Scanner
Network printing
Large paper capacity A4 and A3
Stapling function
Booklet/folding
Touch Screen
Purchased 2009
Value $9000.

Photocopier in good working order, to be sold as is. All offers to be submitted in writing addressed to Sarah Holden (BSM Dalby State School). All offers over $500.00 will be considered.

Closing date 4.00pm, 30th May 2013.
For more information contact, Sarah at Dalby State School on PH: 4672 3666

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**Toowoomba Netball Cluster**
**In partnership with Dalby Netball**
Are hosting a Junior Netball Day!!

**On the 22nd June**

All participants are required to have registration forms in before this date.

- Ages: 8 – 12yrs
- Time: 9am – 1pm

Toowoomba Netball Association will be sending State Age representative coaches to Dalby to work with junior players. The day will consist of several rotations focusing on basic netball skills such as catching, passing, footwork, shooting, defending and attacking.

Registration forms available from Toowoomba Netball at (tmbanetball@bigpond.com)

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**Our school is once again participating in Woolworths earn and learn**
Please ask at the check-out for you stickers each time you shop at Woolies. Then place the stickers in the Dalby State School collection box out side Woolworths or drop them in to the school office.

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**LIFT**
**Learning Is Fun Together**

**Every Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9am to 11am**

**At Groom Hall in Jimbour Street**

Mr Music Man is away this Friday due to Dalby State School students participating in the Eisteddfod but will be back with more music fun next week.

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