Principals Pen,

Congratulations to all the students, staff and parents who were involved in the Dalby Eisteddfod last week. Well done to the students involved in class items and the senior and junior choirs. A special thank you to Mr Ben McPherson and Mrs Jenny Smith for their commitment towards supporting all students involved in the Eisteddfod. Dalby State School students excelled on the Great Hall stage and performed against a range of schools from Dalby and the surrounding areas.

Last Wednesday, our Senior Choir travelled to Toowoomba to compete in the bi-annual Choral Fanfare competition, which was organised by Education Queensland. The Choral Fanfare is now in its tenth year and its aim is to showcase Queensland’s best State School choirs, as well as celebrate the work being done by music teachers, choral directors and students. We are proud to announce that Dalby State School’s Senior Choir won a Gold Award for their performance at this event.

There were 16 State Schools from the Toowoomba district performing at the Choral Fanfare this year. The calibre of vocal ensembles was of a very high standard and the conduct and behaviour demonstrated by all our students was exemplary. Dalby State School students were excellent ambassadors during the choral competition. Again, thank you to Mr McPherson and Mrs Smith for their dedication with regard to encouraging and empowering their students with the gift of music and singing.

This week we return to some normality as students continue to work in the classroom, either completing assessment items leading up to the end of the term or continuing with their normal curriculum. Last week, I was impressed with the balloon powered vehicles that our Year 7 students produced as part of the science unit studied in class.

Students in Year 7 studied “Moving right along - Exploring motion” early this term in which students investigated balanced and unbalanced forces and the effect these have on the motion of an object. Students explored the effects of gravity and consider the difference between mass and weight. They also investigated the impact of friction on moving objects and the forces involved in simple machines.

Their second unit of work, while studying science, was to consider the forces of motion in everyday life. Students had to apply their knowledge to construct and test a balloon powered vehicle and investigate forces acting on the vehicle.

As a result of this unit, students produced a balloon powered vehicle, in which they had to plan and conduct a fair test. While considering safety aspects, describing the forces in action while the vehicle moved from one point to another and to use data gathered to improve the vehicle design. The end results, which was the creation of balloon powered vehicles was definitely impressive.

The range of opportunities that is offered to our students is remarkable; from explicit teaching in the classroom ranging from literacy, numeracy, science, social science as well as elective subjects.

Students can access courses on line from Project 600 and UniFy. Dalby State School offers extra-curricular events in the areas of sport, music, instrumental, choral, OptiMinds and this year we are proud to be presenting a school musical to the school and wider community in Term 4.

Our LIFT playgroup, which is held in Groom Hall on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings, has been increasing in popularity and has a huge following on Facebook. Also the introduction of our Pre-Prep program LIFT Off, which will occur early next term, is currently being discussed at school, regional and state levels. The focus of these discussions is about building community partnerships and improving the readiness for learning in the early phase at Dalby State School.

As you visit our school, you will see evidence of improvement, whether it is student outcomes in certain areas and the delivery of a range of programs for students to access as we try and cater for individual needs. Also obvious, will be construction that is occurring in our school around improvement to grounds and facilities.
Principals Pen Continued…..

The amount of work mentioned above is really about the work of employees at our school (teachers, teacher aides, administration team, groundsman, and cleaners). It is also a reflection on the work that our school P & C Association has done throughout the year so far. As a Principal, I am impressed with the commitment the members of our school have put in to support our human and physical surroundings. I am pleased to be a part of a team that is forward thinking, positive and committed towards improving our students’ futures and most importantly committed towards sustaining the great things happening at our school. Ever onwards Dalby State School!!!!!

Regards,
Mona Anau (Principal)

DALBY STATE SCHOOL ATHLETICS 2013

Tuesday 18 June - 800m Events at Dalby SHS - 9.45am – 11.00am
- Students involved will walk to DSHS with Mr Wood and Mr Kavney for the 800m events on Tuesday.
- House Uniform is required on all Competition days.

Wednesday 19 June – Field Events Day at Dalby SS - 9.30am – 1.00am
- Selected students will take part or spectate in field events on the DSS Oval on Wednesday.
- House Uniform is required on all Competition days.

Year 4 – 7 (and selected 9yr old yr 3’s) field events morning will run as follows:
ASSEMBLE: 9:15 am
START: 9:30 am
MORNING TEA: 11:00 am - 11:15am
FINISH: 1:00 pm

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Friday - 21 June - Athletics Carnival at Dalby SHS - 9.30am – 2.30pm
- All Students are to arrive at school as usual on Friday. Students will leave from Dalby SS to walk to the High School with their Class Teacher (no parade). Parents who take children directly to DSHS will need to remain with their children until supervision arrives at 9.30am.

Things to remember:
- School buses will run as normal on Friday for Dalby SS students
- Students will be walked to the High School by their class teachers.
- Students will be walked back to school at the end of the day in time to catch their bus if necessary.
- Parents who wish to take their children home may do so after advising the class teacher.
- House Uniform is required on all Competition days.
- Teachers will write Year of Birth on students arm to help with Check starting.
- Programs are available for sale at school for $1 each.
- Tuckshop will be operating on the High School Oval on Sports Day Friday 21 June. Our Tuckshop at school is closed for the day.

IMPORTANT DATES:
- 06 June Creekside Markets meeting, 3.15pm
- 06 June Instrumental music Parent Support Meeting
- 12 June Bunya Rugby Union
- 12 & 13 June Relay for life raffle ticket sale day (under Admin building)
- 16 June Dalby State School performing arts afternoon
- 18 June DSS 800m Events at DSHS
- 19 June DSS Field Events
- 21 June DSS Athletics Carnival
- 28 July Dalby Coral Festival

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.”
**Instrumental Music News**
This is belated, but a big thank you to the Concert Band parents who brought children out to Jimbour House on May 27th for the performance at The Biggest Morning Tea. I was very impressed with the way the whole band played and have received very positive comments from people listening also. It has been obvious in recent weeks that some students have been practising more at home and I am very grateful for the assistance from parents for monitoring this. I would love to see some more practice sheets being returned to school though. A special thank you must go to Tayla Hosking who brought out her clarinet and played with us, despite only finishing the music at DSHS the previous night and also to Mr McPherson who helped to fill in on parts that were missing.

Last year we were fortunate enough at Dalby State School to have a visit from the Band of the 1st Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery at school to play for us. They are back in town this weekend and will play on Saturday night at Dalby State High schools Great Hall. The concert starts at 7.00pm and is a gold coin entry to support Bush Kids. They have a new repertoire of songs for this concert and a special surprise instrument on the night also. Having attended the concert last time, I highly recommend attending this if you are available. The concert is expected to go no later than 8.30pm.

Students who are interested in competing in the second half of the Dalby Eisteddfod (in the instrumental sections) will be receiving music over the next week or two so that they can start rehearsing. I am expecting that nominations will be due by the end of this term so a note will come home about this when I have the information. Both bands (Concert and Beginner) will be playing at this.

Finally, there is a Parent Support Meeting this Thursday June 6th in the music room after Concert Band rehearsal at 4.30pm. We will be discussing the concert which is taking place on the 16th of June so all parents are welcome to attend. A note about this will come home later this week.

Yours musically
Katie Commens

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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

Any help or input will be gratefully accepted. If you are unable to attend and would like to help please see me or Phone: 4662 5047
email: creeksidemarkets@live.com.au.
Thank you, Kym Burton – CSM Co-ordinator.

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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)