Principals Pen,

This week has been set aside at Dalby State School for teachers to be involved in curriculum planning for next term. Teachers will be identifying assessment pieces from C2C units of work (the national curriculum) and will also work on weekly and daily lesson plans. While working on their daily lesson plans, it is the expectation of teachers to use the components of “Explicit Instruction” in teaching the content to students. Explicit teaching involves directing student attention toward specific learning in a highly structured environment. Explicit Instruction can only occur in schools when everyone has a good understanding around the expectations of school values and beliefs. Our belief at our school is that every day, every student in every classroom is learning. The school values, which are constantly reinforced at our school, are Respect, Safety and Learning. In the next few weeks, our school will be exploring our beliefs and values. This will be in the form of what our beliefs and values may look like, sound like and feel like. The explicitness of what our school believes and values will then be shared with everyone.

Reporting is the regular communication of relevant information to parents/caregivers on student progress and achievement. Semester 1 reports will be distributed next Thursday, 20th June to students. Throughout the year, students are assessed regularly, using formative and summative assessments.

Formative assessment is used to monitor progress during a learning sequence and provide continuous feedback to teachers and students, enabling students to monitor progress and identify errors in learning. The feedback from this is a crucial component as it informs teachers and students about students’ progress with the specific purpose of helping them to improve. At Dalby State School, we facilitate formative assessment through the use of anecdotal records, work samples; teacher made tests, peer and self-assessment. These will be reported to parents through parent/teacher meetings and case conferences.

Summative assessment seeks to establish the level of achievement attained by a student, and typically occurs at the end of a learning sequence, course or unit. Although the main purpose is to establish levels of achievement, it also provides information for judging the effectiveness of teaching programs. It is supported at Dalby State School through Department of Queensland Education formal semester reports.

There will be no formalised Semester 1 parent teacher interviews in term 3; however, you can request an interview with your classroom teacher by contacting the school.

This week, students will continue to practise field events on the oval during lunch time as well as during sport on Friday. This Sunday 16th June, you are invited to attend our Performing Arts Afternoon at the St Johns Anglican Church between 2 - 5pm. Performances include the concert band, senior and junior singers and selected class Eisteddfod items. The cost will be $2.00 for admission only; or $5.00 which will include admission, as well as tea/coffee/popper juice with 2 pieces cake/slice.

Our Student Council will run a crazy dress day this Friday (14th June) as a fundraiser for The Australian Cancer Council. Although, we encourage students to participate in this event, it is still important to emphasise the importance of wearing appropriate attire on Friday. Singlets are not to be worn due to safety requirements, long sleeve shirts are encouraged. No offensive clothing is to be worn and students must wear covered flat shoes and any hair colouring must be done before entering the school grounds.

No coloured hair spray bottles are to be brought to school. Students will still need to wear a hat while outside the school building or in the sun. These are just simple requirements that meet work place health and safety regulations as well as behaviour requirements. Students participating in this event will need to hand a gold coin donation to the Student Council.

Reading is a crucial component at Dalby State School and as parents we also play an important role in making this work at school as well as home. Listed below are practical suggestions that you can use to assist in improving literacy at home:

**Reading to Your Child**

1. Try relaxing your family’s bedtime rules once a week on the weekends. Let your children know that they can stay up as late as they want, as long as they are reading in bed.
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2. Help your child start a home library; paperback books are fine. Encourage your child to swap books with friends. Check used book stores. Give books as gifts.

3. Want your children to be good readers? Let them see you read.

4. Try holding D-E-A-R times at your house. "DEAR" stands for "Drop Everything and Read." During DEAR time, everyone in the family sits down for some uninterrupted reading time.

5. With young children, try reading to them during bath time.

Use the "Rule of Thumb" to see if a book is on your children's reading level: Have child/children read a page of the book aloud. Have them hold up one finger for each word they don't know. If they hold up four fingers and a thumb before the end of the page, the book is probably too hard for them to read alone. But it might be a great book to read aloud.

What does research say about ways parents can help their children with reading?

The following suggestions have been beneficial to many parents:

- Provide a good role model — read yourself and read often to your child.
- Provide varied reading material — some for reading enjoyment and some with information about hobbies and interests.
- Encourage activities that require reading — for example, cooking (reading a recipe), constructing a kite (reading directions), or identifying an interesting bird's nest or a shell collected at the beach (using a reference book).
- Establish a reading time, even if it is only ten minutes a day.
- Write notes to your school-age child; encourage written responses.
- Ask your child to bring a library book home to read to a younger sibling.
- Establish one evening a week for reading (instead of television viewing).

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 |

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 will be 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.

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**Welcome to Ms Chelsea O’Brien**
Ms O’Brien commenced with Dalby State School at the end of last month. Ms O’Brien will take on a support role while at Dalby State School as well as teaching the prep program, LIFT OFF. Ms O’Brien graduated with a teaching degree in 2006 and a Masters in Occupational Therapy in 2008. For the last 4 years Chelsea has been working as an Occupational Therapist with children aged from birth through to primary school years. Chelsea comes to us with a passion for children's development and supporting families to achieve success in their child’s education.

**Jump Rope For Heart**
This year Dalby Sate School is once again supporting Jump Rope for Heart. This year marks the 30th Anniversary of Jump Rope. Students will receive sponsorship forms from their teacher within the next few days. Jump Rope for Heart fundraising is voluntary. Fundraising can also be done online. Our school jump off will be Friday August 2nd.

**Casual School Cleaners Needed**
If you are interested in becoming a casual cleaner for Dalby State School, please drop a copy of your resume and contact details in to the school office.

**EARN AND LEARN**
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- 18 June DSS 800m events at DSHS
- 19 June DSS field events
- 21 June DSS Athletics Carnival
- 21 June last day of term
- 08 July School Resumes
- 28 July Dalby Coral Festival at Jondaryan Woolshed
- 02 August Jump Rope for Heart - jump off

**Tuckshop News**
**Sports Day - Home Baking**
Dalby State School Athletics Carnival will be held on the Dalby State High School oval on Friday 21st June. We would be grateful for some yummy home baked items to be contributed by each family. Please deliver your goodies to the Dalby State High School oval from 8.30am on the morning of the carnival. Thank you for your support.

**Dalby Eagles Junior Touch Association Muster Season 2**
**Wednesday, 24th July 2013 at 5pm**
Dalby Junior Touch Football is designed to cater for children of ALL skill and experience levels. Season 2 will commence 31st July, playing every Wednesday afternoon at 5.00pm and conclude mid November. The primary focus is teaching children good basic touch skills and then building further on those skills. We would like to invite individuals and Primary All Schools teams to participate in season 2.

Contact person: Kasey White
Junior Development Officer
dallas_kasey@bigpond.com
0402802983

**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.

**LIFT**
**Learning Is Fun Together**
**Every Monday, Thursday and Friday**
**from 9am to 11am**
**At Groom Hall in Jimbour Street**

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