Principals Pen,

I would like to congratulate all students who participated in the Performing Arts afternoon at the Anglican Church last Sunday. Well done to Mr McPherson, Mrs Commens and Mrs Smith for organising the concert.

Thank you to our classroom teachers, Miss Trieu, Mrs Hegedus, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Young, Mrs Fern, Mrs DeWaele and Mrs Rodgers for preparing their students for the concert. A huge thanks also to the instrumental parents and committee members who assisted with catering, setting up the hall, cleaning up and providing afternoon tea to the parents, families and friends who attended the concert. A great opportunity to showcase the enormous talent we have at Dalby State School.

This week, we held the 800m races at the Dalby State High School oval. Today, we have the field events for Year 3-7 between 9:15am and 1pm.

Our School Athletics’ Carnival will be on Friday 21st June at Dalby State High School. All students will participate in a number of field and running events. I would like to acknowledge the work and commitment demonstrated by Mr Kavney in organising our School Athletic Carnival. Thank you also to the teaching and non-teaching staff, members of the P & C and parents who will be involved in setting up the carnival as well as taking on various roles during the day.

Semester 2 reports will be distributed on Thursday to all students. Please ensure you sit down with your student and go through their school report. It is timely to reflect on your child’s progress as well as identify the gaps that have occurred throughout the semester. I encourage all parents to speak to classroom teachers, early in Term 3, if there are any concerns. There will be no formal teacher interviews.

Below are hints to assist parents in supporting your child at Dalby State School, especially when reports will be distributed this term and that conversations regarding your child’s progress will occur either at the end of this week or during the start of the school holidays.

**TIPS FOR PARENTS**

Help students succeed by talking about school, having high expectations and building positive attitudes.

**Parent-teacher interviews**

Parent-teacher meetings are a vital part of the bridge between home and school. At the meetings parents can share information about their children and their goals, learn about their progress then teachers can provide concrete strategies to support students at home.

**Report cards**

Report cards help parents understand their children’s progress at school. Read report cards carefully and focus as much or more on the “learning skills and work habits” as on the marks. The information about student’s learning skills and work habits help identify areas where parents can have an influence. Report cards offer a great opportunity for parents to talk to their children about school.

**Concerts, sports events and festivals**

Even though concerts, sports events and holiday festivals may not seem directly related to academic achievement, parents’ attendance at them shows children that their parents think school is important, and importantly for students, demonstrates parents’ engagement in their children’s education.
**Principals Pen Continued.....**

**National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program**

The National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program (NSCSWP) supports school communities to establish school chaplaincy and student welfare services or to enhance existing services.

As part of this program, I need to complete an annual progress report on the overall delivery of the chaplaincy service including the services delivered, benefits to the school and any feedback. If you have any feedback regarding our chaplaincy program, please see me at the administration building.

There will be a short survey that will be distributed next term to get written feedback on our chaplaincy program, as we would like to continue this significant program in 2014.

Next term, I will be on long service leave during the first week back after the June/July holidays. Mr Wood will be Acting Principal and Mrs Brown will be Acting Deputy Principal. If you have any enquiries during the first week back, please contact Mr Wood or Mrs Brown.

Ms Sharples will also take on an Acting Principal role at Cecil Plains for Week 1 & Week 2 in term 3. Ms Sharples will be replaced by our current teachers already in the LEC, Mrs Donnan and Mrs Lindsay. If you have administrative questions, please contact Mrs Smiles in the Learning Education Centre during Week 1 & 2.

Please remember that there will be no student free day during the 1st week of term 3. Therefore, school will commence on Monday 8th July.

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy - 13 17 88 - and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a very enjoyable holiday. Have a safe break and return ready for a great Semester 2.

Regards,
Mona Anau (Principal)

**Sports News:**

Congratulations to Kuyhan Dunrobin and Pheonix Keene who were selected to play in the Bunya Rugby Union team.

**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 & from the High School by their class teachers. Students will be back in time to catch their buses.
- 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.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- 21 June DSS Athletics Carnival
- 21 June last day of term
- 08 July School Resumes—NO pupil free day
- 18 July Arts Council
- 28 July Dalby Choral Festival at Jondaryan Woolshed
- 02 August Jump Rope for Heart - jump off

---

**EARN AND LEARN**

Woolworths Earn & Learn program has now finished for this year, We would like to thank everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where points sheets are collected and lodged. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. Please hand your Woolworths Earn & Learn points sheets or stickers in to the school office by the end of the school term.

Thanks again for all your support!

---

**Dalby State School had a free dress day last Friday to raise funds for our 2013 Relay-for-Life team. Our School Captains Tan and Megan handed $444 to Reply-for-Life Team Co-ordinators Julie and James Stephens to go towards our team tally. Julie and James are also holding a multi-draw raffle, so if you see them, please support this worthy cause, by purchasing raffle tickets**

---

**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 WEEKS COOL TOOL

Week 10: MOVE SAFELY AND WALK

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.

Jump Rope For Heart
This year Dalby State 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.

Dalby State School is excited to launch our new Pre Prep Program!

LIFT OFF
Commencing Term 3 2013.
LIFT OFF will have a specific focus on getting your child ready for Prep learning at Dalby State School. LIFT OFF is our own explicit pre prep program co-ordinated and implemented by a qualified teacher with a focus on developing children’s Early literacy and numeracy skills, Oral language and Gross and fine motor skills.
If your child is entering Prep in 2014 and you are interested in this program please contact Dalby State School on 46 723666 or email nbrow1@eq.edu.au for more information.
Enquiries close Friday 21st June.
We look forward to hearing from you.
Please share this information with interested family and friends.

Looking for something to do in the Holidays?
Faultless Tennis Academy is running a School Holiday Clinic & Tournament.
1st week, Mon 24th – Fri 28th June
Groups for all ages and standards
Up to 3 hrs daily, from $15/day
For more info please contact
Ben Campbell – Head Coach
m: 0414 645 916 e: faultless@samford.net

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