Another busy term is ahead of us. Term 3 is 11 weeks long and teachers have a wide range of curriculum activities planned throughout the school. A number of classes have arranged excursions linked to curriculum areas. We have a number of special presentations in our school including Arts Council and a visit from the Broncos next week. We also look forward to OptiMinds, our school musical and Creekside Markets. We are indeed fortunate to have a mix of highly skilled staff members and families with loads of energy and commitment towards our school.

Our school community now has a new way to interact with state schools using the QSchools smartphone app. The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about schools. The app is designed to integrate with a new type of school website, and allows users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to selected school websites.

The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app. The QSchools app will be particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools in a single view. All Queensland state schools are searchable via the app.

Our rescheduled Athletics events began today with the 200m finals being held today at Dalby SHS. Congratulations to all students who qualified and tried their best in these events. We have decided to make a few minor changes to our main Athletics event. This year the sprints and relay events will be held on our school oval on Wednesday 17 July instead of being held at the high school. Parents, carers and friends are encouraged to come along and support students on this fun day of activities.

There has been a number of staff changes made in our school since the end of Term 2. Mr McCaskie has accepted an Acting Head of Special Education role at Dalby South SS. Mrs Rodgers will now be full time teacher for 3MR and Mrs De Waele will be full time teacher for 3/4DR. Mrs Sharples will be Acting Principal at Cecil Plains SS for the first 2 weeks of this term. We also welcome back Mrs Bayles who took long service during Term 2.

Our staff have been involved in a number of focussed discussions over the last few weeks relating to a whole school incentive system. We will be involved in some further meetings over the next 2 weeks with a view to finalising aspects and launching the system at the beginning of Week 3. The whole school incentive system is a way for all teaching staff to regularly reinforce, encourage and reward positive behaviour choices in and around our school.

Staff members who observe examples of student positive behaviour will issue a ‘Gotcha’ to individual students. These then accumulate over the term and can be used to redeem special rewards. There are a wide range of incentives on offer including prizes, special activities, excursions and privileges. Additional information about the incentive system will be provided by class teachers, via this newsletter and also during Monday Meet & Greet and Friday Parade.

I would like to take this opportunity to provide some clarification regarding the use of mobile devices in our school. Expectations and procedures were shared with Year 7 students earlier this week. These are summarised as follows:

- Mobile devices are not formally banned from our school. We understand that for a variety of reasons mobile phones may be required by students. Parents are encouraged to discuss these circumstances with our Principal or Deputy Principal.
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- Our school does not accept responsibility for these devices whilst at school. Staff will not accept responsibility for storing them or locking them away during lesson times.

- Phones are to be switched onto silent mode and are not to be used at any time once students have arrived at school and until departing for home.

- If parents/ carers urgently need to contact their child/children or convey an important message during school hours then please contact the general school phone number 46723666.

Parents/ Carers will be contacted if students are inappropriately using mobile devices while at school (before/ during or waiting for bus/ parents after 3pm). If this happens then devices will be retained by Principal or Deputy Principal until collected by Parent/ Carers.

We acknowledge that there are at times genuine reasons for the use of mobile phones. Parents should consider these reasons and decide whether or not phones actually need to be brought along to school. We have expectations regarding how they are used whilst at our school. If you would like further information please contact Mr Wood or refer to pp. 11-12 of our Responsible Behaviour Plan which can be found on our website at: https://dalbyss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/Responsible%20Behaviour%20Plan%202011-2012.pdf

Some significant facilities upgrades have taken place since the middle of Term 2. These include outdoor learning area/ storage for LIFT program, air conditioning/ suspended ceiling/ lighting upgrades in Groom Hall. Our Admin area and covered walkways were repainted over the holidays and we have recently had a security system upgrade and master key system installed school wide. Work on a covered walkway between Kavney and Groom Hall will commence soon and will be completed prior to Creekside Markets. These upgrades help to keep our facilities in good order and to maintain safety and security.

Within the next fortnight we will practice ‘lockdown procedures’ in our school. We have revised the procedures that we use regarding lockdown and these will be clearly outlined to students. While we hope not to have the need to ‘lockdown’ our school it is important for all students and staff to know the procedures that are in place to ensure safety.

Have a great week

Steve Wood
Deputy Principal

P&C Working Bee – Saturday 20th July

We are organising a Working Bee at the school on Saturday morning, 20th July.

Further details will be in next weeks newsletter. We hope that a few parents may be able to come along and help us and have an enjoyable morning.

Thank you

Adrian Rasmussen - P&C President

Sports News:

Our School Athletics Carnival will now be held on the school oval on Wednesday the 17th of July from 9.00am to 2.00pm. Normal procedures will occur on the day. A programme detailing the competitors will be provided to parents at the cost of $1.00. Food will be sold on the school oval like it usually is for sports day.

Things to remember:
- House uniform is required for sports day.
- Teachers will write Year of Birth on students arm to help with ‘check starting’.
- Programs will be available for sale at school office for $1 each.
- Tuckshop will be operating on the school oval on sports day.

Tuckshop News

Sports Day - Home Baking:

Dalby State School Athletics Carnival will be held on the Dalby State School oval on Wednesday 17th July. We would be grateful for some yummy home baked items to be contributed by each family. Please deliver your goodies to the Dalby State School oval from 8.30am on the morning of the carnival. Thank you for your support.
THIS WEEKS COOL TOOL

WEEK 1:

STOP / WALK / TALK

Arts Council Performance
Thursday 18th July.
Artslink Queensland and Nexus Arts will present *The Big Samba* at our school. The Big Samba is a big show full of fun and energy.

To ensure that your child has the chance to participate in this experience, which is linked to our curriculum in the areas of *The Arts* and Critical and Creative Thinking, please return payment of $6 per student on Thursday 18th July to the collection point underneath the Admin Building.

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

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.

We look forward to hearing from you.
Please share this information with interested family and friends.

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 this week.

Thanks again for all your support!