Principals Pen,

It is lovely to be back at school for term 3. I would like to thank Mr Wood and Mrs Brown who took on extra administration duties while I took leave. I can guarantee that there is no place better than “home” when one returns from holidays.

Our reality is what we make it and this is something that I consider as a significant goal in one’s journey at work and at home. Therefore, our school will become what we want it to be by ensuring that our students attend school every day and wear the correct uniform; and by all of our students, staff and parents adhering to our school values of “Respect, Safety and Learning”. The reality at our school should promote an image of fun, respect, joy, laughter and happiness. I know this sounds like a goal that is unrealistic, however, positivity breeds positive thinking, thus inspiring innovative and remarkable outcomes. I believe that positive thinking is the key to success by which we should continue to promote to our students, staff and school community.

A range of school events will occur this term. The Dalby State School Athletics Carnival will be held at the Dalby State School oval tomorrow (Wednesday 17th July) from 9am until 2pm. I am sure it will be a great day for everyone. Our Arts Council and the Broncos visit will occur on Thursday 18th July. The P&C will have their working bee on Saturday 20th July. I would like to invite as many parents as possible to support the working bee at our school.

The Art Council performance this week is called “The Big Samba”. It is a hands-on, musical workshop where students make music by playing a number of percussion instruments (drums, Sudo drums, maracas, claves, timbales, cowbells and tambourines). The workshop concentrates on rhythm and teaches students to play in unison which is sometimes difficult. Students learn the discipline of concentration as well as the importance of working together as a team. The Musician, Steve Schulz has been teaching and playing drums for over 20 years and is one of the finest musician teachers in Victoria. I am sure our students will have a fantastic experience.

Expressions of Interest for Independent Public School status will be open between 15th July and the 30th August. This will include the 26 schools to be nominated in 2013. To be an Independent Public School, it would mean schools have more autonomy and flexibility. I have included some more information regarding Independent Public Schools because we are in the process of considering this option as a way forward for our school.

**What does it mean to be an Independent Public School?**

Independent Public Schools have a business model that brings about improved performance.

Queensland principals, teachers, parents and local communities have greater control and ownership of their schools.

Independent Public Schools will benefit from:

- enhanced local governance
- opportunities for innovation
- locally tailored workforce
- increased financial flexibility

**How will Queensland Independent Public Schools be supported?**

Queensland Independent Public Schools will continue to remain part of the State's strong public schooling system. They will have access to the same support as other Queensland State Schools and maintain the same core values.

The Government will provide a one-off $50,000 grant to assist in a school’s transition to becoming an Independent Public School and the establishment of their School Council. Ongoing funding will also be available each year to cover administration costs.
Principals Pen Continued.....

What will it mean for students?

Independent Public Schools will have greater freedom to shape their own strategic direction and make decisions which will directly benefit their students. They will have the ability to work directly with local businesses, industry and community organisations. This new way of working could lead to unique and innovative partnerships and sponsorships, providing extra support for students, schools and the local community.

Schools also have greater flexibility to tailor the curriculum to directly suit the needs of their students. This tailor-made approach will mean students may benefit from opportunities such as International Baccalaureate, extracurricular and gateway programs or access to centres of excellence.

Further information, please http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/independent-public-schools

As mentioned in term 2, we will not have formalised parent-teacher interviews this term, however, if you are interested in speaking to your child’s teacher, please ring the office to set up an appointment or send a note to the class teacher. If there are questions around report cards and you want comments clarified then the classroom teacher should be able to give you feedback.

Have a wonderful week.

Mona Anau
Principal

P&C Working Bee – Saturday 20th July

The P&C are having a working bee at the school this Saturday morning from 8.30am – 11.30am.

The purpose will be

- general maintenance on gardens
- hedge trimming
- gravel at the gateway between teachers car park and oval in readiness for Creekside Markets
- Soil into some large planter boxes

We are grateful for any assistance.

Thank you

Adrian Rasmussen - P&C President

Sports News:

Broncos Visit

The Broncos are coming on Thursday for a short visit as part of a Community program to interact with Yr 2/3Y, 2F and 3FP. They will be talking about Healthy Lifestyles.

School Sports Day

Our School Athletics Carnival will be held tomorrow on our school oval from 9.00am to 2.00pm. Normal procedures will occur on the day. A programme will be available for $1.00. Sports Day Canteen will operate from the prep undercover area, not the tuckshop.

Tuckshop

We would be grateful for some yummy home baked items to be contributed by each family for sports day. Please deliver your goodies to the Prep undercover area from 8.30am on the morning of the carnival. Please be aware that the school tuckshop will be closed on sports day the only food sold will be from the sports day canteen. Thank you for your support.

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.
- Sports Day Canteen will be operating from the prep undercover area on sports day.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 17 July Dalby State School Athletics Carnival
- 18 July Arts Council $6.00 per student
- 18 July Broncos Visit—for classes 2/3Y, 3FP & 3MR
- 20 July Dalby State School P&C working bee
- 28 July Dalby Choral Festival at Jondaryan Woolshed
- 02 August Jump Rope for Heart - jump off
- 09 August Bunya Districts Athletics
- 17 August Dalby 150 Years Celebrations
- 25 August Opti-Minds in Gatton
- 31 August Lantern Festival

Congratulations - Students of the Week!
THIS WEEKS COOL TOOL

**Week 2:**  

“**STICK TO THE RULES**”

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**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.

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**LIFT OFF**

Commences next week!  
Last week we sent home an expression of interest form to our current families who we knew had a child for Prep in 2014. If you would like your child to be part of our Pre Prep Program please contact the office on 46 723 666 or email nbrow1@eq.edu.au

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**Student Banking**

**CHANGE OF BANKING DAY**

Due to the Sports Carnival being held this Wednesday, could you please bring your banking to school on Thursday instead of Wednesday (this week only). Thank you.

**REMINDER TO KEEP BANKING**

*A reminder to all student bankers.*

Remember to keep saving and keep up your regular banking.

Did you know if you banked as little as $2 every week for the entire time you attend Primary School you would have saved over $500. You would easily have enough money to buy yourself an iPod or an iPad.

Not only that, but the school receives a commission from the Commonwealth Bank for Student Banking, so it’s a great way to help fundraise for the school without actually having to do anything. It’s a WIN WIN situation.

If you currently don’t utilise student banking it’s very easy to get started, just visit the local Commonwealth Bank and ask to open a Youth Saver Account (you will require identification).

Regards,  
Kym Burton, School Banking Co-ordinator

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**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.

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**Last Chance for Group Photos**

If you would like to order any of the following group photos, please see the school office to complete an order form and enclose payment of $18.00 per photo by this Friday. Thank you

- Beginners Band
- Junior Choir
- LEC
- School Captains & Vice Captains
- School Leaders
- Senior Band
- Senior Choir

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**Year 8 in 2014**

Parents and guardians of students attending Dalby State High School in 2014 now have the ability to start paying Student Resource Scheme fees by instalment. A discount applies for fees paid in full by 1st December 2013. Layby of uniforms is also available. Ring Joann or Kerry on 4669 0953 at the Resource Outlet between 8:30am and 2:30pm Monday to Friday for further information.

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**Respect**  
**Safety**  
**Learning**

Gotcha Tickets are accumulated and used to redeem special rewards. There is a wide range of incentives on offer, both tangible items and special events. Individual students decide which reward they would like to work towards and redeem their tickets when they have reached the nominated number of tickets needed to secure that reward. Students have some independent decisions to make (about which rewards they would like) and some self-management to attend to (storing and ensuring their tickets are entered onto the database on a weekly basis). This is a great way for students to be acknowledged for their positive behaviour choices and to reap the rewards for them!

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**T. Herner, 1998**

“If a child doesn’t know how to read, we teach.  
If a child doesn’t know how to swim, we teach.  
If a child doesn’t know how to multiply, we teach.  
If a child doesn’t know how to drive, we teach.  
If a child doesn’t know how to behave, we….teach?…..punish?  
Why can’t we finish the last sentence as automatically as we do others?”