Principals Pen,

Congratulations to the beginner band and concert band for their performance at the Eisteddfod on Monday 5th August. Well done to all students who are or will be involved in our local Eisteddfod this week. It is great to know that many of our students not only participate in extracurricular activities provided by the school, but are also involved in a number of instrumental, dance and performing arts lessons after school. A huge thanks to Miss Commens and Mr McPherson for supporting our Dalby State School students in both school and out of school events.

Year 3 visited Jondaryan Woolshed last week and I heard many positive reports about their visit to a historical and well-known landmark in our local area. Our Year 5 students yesterday visited the goldfields in Kilkivan. Our students heard stories of the first European settlers in Kilkivan Shire and about John Daniel Mactaggart who established a sheep run in the area east of Boonara in the early 1840s. Mactaggart named his selection “Kilkivan” after the family farm in the Kintyre region of Scotland. Most importantly, our year 5 students will discover that the town owes most of its origins to the discovery of gold in the area during the late 1860s. Thousands of prospectors descended on the area when payable quantities of gold were discovered in July 1868 near the site of the present-day Prophet Gold Mine. The first Kilkivan township was actually built on the goldfields several kilometres from where it exists today (when gold was discovered under the original township it had to be relocated!). After the goldfields, settlers worked in the fields and the agricultural industry began.

Next week, with P&C assistance, our school will enter a Dalby State School float in the 150th celebration march held in the middle of town at 12noon. Students interested in participating will need to see Mr McPherson or give their names to the office. There will be a quick meeting after the whole school parade this week to discuss details of the march.

There will also be a number of year 3 students working on decorating their lanterns for the next two weeks, leading up to the Lantern Parade on Saturday 24st August. Students who may be making their own lantern in the community or at home are welcome to march with the school. Please see Mrs Ferguson-Parkes for more information regarding the Lantern Parade.

Finally, I would like to share with you our school page that will be included in the 150th Dalby Anniversary book, produced by the Dalby Herald. I would hope that this article really sums up what we are about at Dalby State School. See over page.

Have a wonderful week!
Mona Anau, Principal

QSchools Smartphone App

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 this app.

Safety Notice to all parents and students

Just a reminder to all parents please ensure your children do not walk through the staff car park when arriving or leaving the school grounds as this is a high traffic area.
Dalby State School has been in the hub of the Dalby community for 152 years. Originally, a slab hut with 87 students, it is the fourth oldest school in Queensland and opened in June 1861, it was one of the first schools in the area. As the Dalby region started to develop and grow, so did school attendance. Prominent students remembered include rugby league stars Andrew McCullough and Carl Webb, world-renowned pianist Jason Gillham, as well as former Mayor Warwick Gaels.

We are fortunate to have a school that has a significant historical connection to the residents of Dalby, past present and future. We remain traditional in our belief but at the same time, we are being innovative in ensuring we are moving forward.

Today’s 480 students enjoy a family atmosphere, where staff genuinely care and go out of their way for the children.

Dalby State School’s motto ‘Ever Onwards’ symbolises how we focus on moving the children forward and supporting them so that every child succeeds. Monday morning ‘Meet and Greet’ give teachers an opportunity to reward students for positive behaviour and taking pride in their uniform, and to talk about social skills, manners and respect in a fun way.

The school offers excellent facilities and play areas, technology, learning support, music, sports, performing arts and languages. This is underpinned by a quality education delivered through innovative programs and creating an intentionally inviting learning environment.

It is the use of technology that is most interesting and new forms of communication have proven to be a success. Email and social media has helped us to extend our field and get information.

The key success to Dalby State School is the relationship. A child does not care about how much a teacher knows, but wants to know that the teacher cares.
**THIS WEEKS COOL TOOL**

**Week 5:**

"IT'S NOT COOL TO BE CRUEL"

**Parent Meeting**

Parents of students in either band, music or choir are invited to attend a meeting in the music room at 4.30pm on Thursday the 15th of August

**Pink Party**

The Dalby Coffee Club will be hosting a “Pink Party” in aid of the Kylie Louise Foundation on Friday the 9th August 2013. $30 per person 5pm till late

**Come and join the Celebrations**

This year Dalby is set to celebrate it’s 150th year since it was formally gazetted as a town. Celebrations will include:

- A Street Parade along Cunningham Street to start at 12 noon on Saturday 17 August 2013, followed by family entertainment and activities in Cunningham Street from 12.30pm – 5.00pm.
- There will be markets and an opportunity for your schools to have a stall with food or other goodies.
- Dalby’s Amazing Race for school children will be on this day and students will be required to follow clues along the way. The participants will each be given a set of questions and will need to use their observation and calculating skills to answer each question. The first 50 children to return with the correct answers will receive a commemorative medallion as a memento of the day and each age section will be awarded first, second and third prizes by a draw after the conclusion of the race.

**Sports News:**

Good luck to the students who will be competing in Bunya Athletics Carnival this Friday at Dalby South State School.

Well done to all the students who participated in the annual Jump Rope for Heart Jump off last Friday. Dalby State school students show a great understanding of helping others by raising well over $3000 for the Heart Foundation.

Students, if you still have not returned your jump rope sponsorship money, please do so by this Friday.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- 09 August Bunya Districts Athletics
- 17 August Dalby 150 Years Celebrations
- 19 August Kidney Foundation’s visit to our school at 9am
- 22 August Creekside market bottle collection day & free dress day
- 24 August Lantern Festival
- 25 August Opti-Minds in Gatton
- 07 September Creekside markets

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