Principals Pen,

A huge thank you goes to all of the staff, parents and students who were involved in the 150th Celebration Street Parade on Saturday. Thank you to the teachers and parents who worked on our school float, to the students who volunteered to represent our school in the Parade and thank you to the members of the P&C for their commitment towards decorating the float as well as providing a hot chip and drink stall at the celebrations.

I keep emphasising how lucky we are as a school. We have such a committed team, each of whom is continually working towards providing our students with every opportunity. It was fantastic to see so many students take up the opportunity to support our local community by participating in the street parade.

I remember mentioning in a previous newsletter that a high performing school is about the data driven conversations and is most significantly, a people-powered organisation. A people-powered organisation means everyone coming together with one goal in mind, that being - enhancing student outcomes. I believe we continue to demonstrate this to our own school community as well as to the wider community.

Year 5 & 6 students will attend the ‘Deadly Sports Program’ on Wednesday 21st August, held at the PCYC. Students and staff will travel to the venue and back by bus. The event will commence at 9:30am and finish at 2:00pm. This event promotes sport, active recreation, exercise and the importance of living a healthy and active lifestyle, particularly in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

We are very fortunate to have a number of ‘Deadly’ ambassadors who will work with our students. Andre Moore for basketball, Chris Weir for boxing and fitness, Amber Mutch for hockey, Chelsea Pittman, Laura Clemesha and Nicola Gray for netball, Mick De Vere for Rugby League, Kelly McKellar-Nathan for softball and Will Thwaite for volleyball.

The ‘Deadly Sports’ ambassadors are great role models for all young Queenslanders and they help to promote the benefits of an active and healthy lifestyle. Students will enjoy and learn from these outstanding athletes throughout the day. Their experience will show that it is possible to foster discipline, leadership, self-esteem and build confidence by participating in sports and active recreation.

This Thursday 22nd August, we will have a Free Dress day, Through which students can support the LEC bottle stall for the Creekside markets. Students will need to bring decorated bottles filled with goodies (eg - wrapped lollies or small toys) to school. The more bottles we collect, the more money we raise for the school, so lets get behind the LEC and make this a huge success.

Our Year 4 students will travel to the “Ration Shed” at Cherbourg on Thursday 22nd August. Students and staff will experience what life was like for indigenous people living under the Aboriginal Protection Act during much of the 20th century. Students will gain an understanding of the rich and varied history of this settlement and the people who lived in Cherbourg. The Ration Shed has developed exciting interactive resources – including books, worksheets, videos, art objects, online photographic and oral history collections, onsite displays and exhibitions, guided tours and art workshops. Many of these have been developed specifically for use by schools as part of curriculum-based Indigenous studies.

A gentle reminder that our Creekside markets, collaboratively run by Dalby State School and Dalby State School P&C, will be held on Saturday 7th September. Mrs Kym Burton, the Creekside market coordinator and her helpers have done a wonderful job. You will continue to receive a number of newsletters and attachments about the Creekside Markets over the next few weeks. I am sure the P&C will appreciate as much support and as many helpers as possible on Saturday 7th September.
Principal pen continued,

The Regional OptiMinds Challenge is on this Sunday 25th August at Gatton. Students involved in OptiMinds will need to be at school by 6:15am ready for the bus to depart at 6:30am. Student and staff will return to school by 5:45pm. Good luck to all students and staff involved in this wonderful event.

Have a great week.
Ms Anau, Principal

Independent schools update

Tomorrow staff will be involved in a voting process to gauge the interest in Dalby State School becoming an independent school. Information about this has been supplied to staff and P&C however, any parents needing more information, this is available for collection from the school office. Ms Anau would appreciate any feedback in relation to this important decision for our school as soon as possible.

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.

P&C News

Dalby’s 150th Street Parade
Thank you to all teachers who assisted with the costumes and marching in the street parade.
Thank you also to the P&C members who helped at the food stall where we raised over $1,000. A great effort.
Kingsley & Katrina Chapman spent many days polishing up their farm truck to enable us to use this for the parade. Many onlookers voted our float the best!
A special thank you also to Rodney & Bec Johnston who made the Aladdin MURAL and the teachers who spent many hours painting it for the back of the float.
Our school certainly got some terrific exposure from being involved in this event and the Dalby State School children looked wonderful.
Adrian Rasmussen
P&C President

Congratulations - Students of the Week!

IMPORTANT DATES:
• 22 August Creekside market bottle collection day & free dress day
• 24 August Lantern Festival
• 25 August Opti-Minds in Gatton
• 29 August Fathers day stall
• 05 September Prep Amaroo Trip
• 07 September Creekside markets
• 13 September Undoukia
• 17 September Year 7 transition day at DSHS
• 20 September last day of term 3
• 08 October term 4 resumes

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 WEEK'S COOL TOOL**

**Week 7:**

'KEEP YOUR AREA CLEAN AND TIDY'

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**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.

Creekside market sample bags are still a little empty. Please send any donations to the office office as soon as possible. We appreciate your support.

Don’t forget our free dress day tomorrow when you bring in a filled bottle for the LEC.

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**STUDENT ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL**

Just a reminder if your child is absent from school, could you please send a note or ring the school as soon as possible. You are able to ring the student absent line 24 hours a day on 4672 3660 to leave a message with your absent child’s name, year level, reason for absence, and expected time away. The school office phone 4672 3666 is also another option as messages can be left during or after office hours.

**Department of Education guidelines state:**

“Each parent of a child who is of compulsory school age must ensure that the child is enrolled and attends school on every school day for the educational programs in which the child is enrolled unless the parent has a reasonable excuse”.

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**LEARNING IS FUN TOGETHER**

**LIFT Playgroup** is on every Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00-11.00.

We hope to see new faces and familiar faces at playgroup.

Our fun Mr Music Man sessions are now starting at 9.30 on Friday.

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**EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE AT HOME**

In January 2014 students from over 20 countries around the world, will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 2-10 months.

Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit [www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student](http://www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student)

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**Come and Try Football**

*for children with a disability*

Kids of any ability welcome! (3 -17 years of age)

**Saturday 24 August**

4 - 5pm

Westside Football Club

Hanrahan Street, Grovely

**FREE EVENT**

Fun skills, drills, and games!

Parents welcome to join in!

Experienced Coaches!

For more information or to RSVP please contact Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association

Ph: (07) 3263 3333
E: davidb@sportingwheelies.org.au

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