Principals Pen,

Congratulations to our Opti-Mind teams who participated in the Regional Opti-Minds Challenge last Sunday. Well done to all the students involved. The event was held at the University of Queensland - Gatton Campus. One of the four groups who travelled to Gatton for the Opti-Minds Challenge achieved the “Spirit of the Opti-Minds” Award.

Our students performed brilliantly and demonstrated exemplary behaviour throughout the whole day. I would like to thank Mrs Lyn McKeon, Mrs Tracey Gillespie, Mrs Susan Tierney, Mrs Lorraine Holley and Mrs Sharon Fetherstone for working with the students over the last eight weeks including the day of the Challenge. A huge thank you also goes to Miss Fiona Ellem, who took on a judging role, as a representative of Dalby State School. Well done to all involved in the Opti-Minds Challenge.

Thank you to Ms Jo Ferguson-Parkes and Miss Shiho Nakamura for assisting students with their lanterns for the Lantern parade on Saturday, as part of the Delicious and Delightful festival. A huge thank you to all the students who were involved in this event. It was lovely to see, not only our students marching, but parents participating in the parade as well. Well done Dalby State School.

The Father’s Day stall will be held tomorrow, Thursday 29th August. Gifts will be priced from 50c to $5 as they have been in previous years. Please ensure that students bring a minimum of funds to school to purchase gifts. I am sure that this will be a good opportunity for students to purchase a gift for Father’s Day.

Things are never slow at Dalby State School; next weekend, Saturday 7th September we have our annual the Creekside markets. Mrs Kym Burton, our Creekside market coordinator and her helpers are doing a wonderful job. Please support this fundraiser by attending the markets, and offering to help where needed.

Last week, our staff had the opportunity to vote on becoming an Independent Public School. 87% of staff members voted “yes” to this initiative, so our school will submit an expression of interest by the end of this week. P&C have also supported the option to submit an expression of interest. Overall, feedback has been positive. Consultation about our expression of interest has been shared with the wider community, including our Local Council and the Chamber of Commerce.

As a school we are still working on our Pedagogical Framework. Currently, we have considered what has already been implemented at Dalby State School, including our school values and vision, our learning and teaching framework, C2C units taught in each year level and data conversations that occur regularly.

There are also constant discussions around the high expectations which are reinforced at Dalby State School:

- The attendance of students at school, which is vital and has always been on our school agenda, through the “Every Day Counts” mantra at Dalby State School.
- The behaviour of students through high behavioural expectations in and outside the classroom.
- Timely work correction and feedback that occurs regularly in the classroom, specifically by teachers.
- Purposeful classroom displays are occurring in every classroom to support student learning as well as to showcase this quality to our parents and students.
- High standards of student presentation and handwriting. Expectations for these are consistent throughout the whole school. You will receive more information around work expectations and bookwork standards in term 4.
- The strong relationships between students and staff, which occur daily at Dalby State School, and are a priority for each staff member.
Principal pen continued,

- The implementation of differentiation strategies to extend the upper bands and eliminate the tail. You will also notice ‘warm –ups’ happening at the beginning of lessons that may involve repetitive learning such as ROTE learning or general reflective sessions. Students will be reflecting on previous lessons through general conversations or in a written mode.
- Strategies to move student knowledge from short to long term memory through repetitive chanting or learning.

Every day, we hope to encourage all students to learn. We expect to provide your students with a range of opportunities in which students can excel. We continue to strive for quality, but we also need your support each day. If you have any queries, please contact me in the administration building.

Have a wonderful week.

Regards,

Mona Anua (Principal)

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Creekside Market News

**Parent Help Rosters**

Thank you to the parents who have indicated they will assist on stalls, it is really appreciated. Rosters are being sent home again with students in years Prep to 3 and 6 to 7. Unfortunately we received little or no response from the rosters that were sent home two weeks ago and were due for return on Monday. **We really need your help to work on the school stalls.** Please consider donating some of your time for at least an hour. If you feel that your talents lay elsewhere, rather than on the stall your class has been allocated, please feel free to help on any other stalls. Please contact any of the co-ordinators below if you can help:

- Cake & Sweet – Nicole Brown nbrow1@eq.ed.au or Narelle Rasmussen ramussenbroadwater@gmail.com
- Devonshire Tea – Katrina Chapman bingtrine@bigpond.com
- Face Painting – Kym Burton gkburto@bigpond.com.au
- Food Court – Justine Boshammer jbosh1@eq.ed.au or Penny DeWaele pdewa2@eq.edu.au
- Games Stall – Mellisa Cover cuvmel@bigpond.com.au
- Nail & Spray Central – Letitia Amos rowcare@bigpond.com
- Raffle & Pick ‘n’ Win – Bev Kennedy beverleykennedy@hotmail.com
- Sample Bags – Kym Burton gkburto@bigpond.net.au

**Sample Bags**

A steady flow of donations have been coming in. Thank you to anyone who has already donated. We are still short in most areas but most significantly short in:

- Stationery Items
- Drinks – Soft drinks and poppers
- Chips
- Lollies & Lollipops

The Prep year has done an outstanding job donating the biscuit Supply – Well done!!

**Decorated Bottles**

Well done to all the students who participated and brought in bottles on Free Dress Day. I believe LEC has quite a good supply for their stall. Congratulations go to Year 3 and the LEC who were the classes with the most bottles donated. Enjoy the movie and popcorn.

**Raffle Tickets**

Just a reminder, that all tickets sold or unsold need to be returned to school on Monday 2nd September. Thank you.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Students of the Week!**

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**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.”
IMPORTANT DATES:

- 29 August Fathers day stall
- 05 September Prep Amaroo Trip
- 07 September Creekside markets
- 13 September Undoukai
- 16/17 September Year 7 transition day at DSHS
- 20 September last day of term 3
- 07 October Labour Day Holiday
- 08 October term 4 resumes

FATHER’S DAY STALL

Don’t forget our Father’s Day stall this Thursday. Great gifts from 50c to $5. Students to bring their money to school and will shop in their class groups throughout the day.

Any adults who are free to help on the stall please contact Katrina on 0438 924259 or email bingtrine@bigpond.com
We appreciate your help.

Father’s Day Facebook Competition with Smartfunraisers

Win free stock for our school, all profits go towards making our school even better.

Enter the competition via their website www.smartfunraisers.com.au/fb-contest
and complete the entry form. We encourage everyone to enter – the more entries the more chances to win!

Student Banking

TOKEN REDEMPTION DAY
NEXT WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

Please place your 10, 20 or 30 silver tokens (or your 1 or 2 gold tokens) together with the completed redemption coupon/s in with your banking.

The reward items currently available are: Wallet, Handball, Money Box, Torch, and Calculator. I will order the reward items and assuming there are no stock shortages you should receive your reward the following week.

If you have misplaced your redemption coupons, please see the office staff for a replacement card.

Please remember family members are not allowed to pool tokens.

Regards,
Kym Burton

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