Principals Pen,

This week, we will hold our annual Creekside Markets on Saturday 7th September. This is our school’s major fundraiser for the year. There will be a variety of stalls, both from local vendors and from around the state. The P&C and Dalby State School have organised a range of entertainment that will occur during the day. The stalls range from country craft, plants, cakes and sample bags. Food and beverages are available on site. Please come along and support our school.

Excellence in teaching is the single most powerful influence on student achievement (Hattie 2003; Timperley 2009). What teachers know, do and care about has powerful effects on student learning. The challenge for teachers, and the school leaders and the systems in which they work, is to focus on pedagogy (teaching practices) to ensure that teachers have ‘powerful and sensationally positive effects on the learner.’ Hence, as a school we have worked on a pedagogical framework, which encompasses our school values, beliefs and expectations.

Dalby State School’s Pedagogical Framework will also include information about the curriculum that is implemented at our school and how we deliver it. Creating strong partnerships with P&C, community agencies and businesses is vital when creating an effective learning organisation. Our pedagogical framework is in draft form at this stage, however, will be finalised by the end of this year. The diagram below sums up our pedagogical framework so far and future components of our pedagogical framework will be elaborated on in future newsletters.

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The use of explicit instructions is a definite topic of discussion at our school where teaching and non-teaching staff discuss the importance of explicit teaching. Good teaching matters and makes a difference to our students. Good teaching involves using “warm ups” in the classrooms, as well as delivering lessons that involve lesson objectives and the reasons to why we are learning certain components. The words “I do”, “We do” and “You do” will become a common language used throughout the school during teaching time. I encourage you to talk to your student about his or her learning in the classroom.
Principal pen continued,

Ways to encourage a conversation with your child regarding learning at school:

Getting the Conversation Started

Firstly, think about the time of day and the kind of questions you ask. Whether your child is a chatty 1st grader or a tight-lipped teenager, he may not want to talk about a tough math test as soon as he gets home from school. And questions like “How was school?” are bound to elicit uninformative answers like “Fine.”

Experts recommend taking a few minutes to reconnect as a family after the busy day before addressing school and household issues. Let your kids know you’re glad to see them and wait a while to ask about grades. Keep in mind that kids may be tired or preoccupied when they first come home, or they may want some quiet time before launching into the evening’s activities.

When you start a conversation about school, ask specific questions about parts of your child’s day or the school environment, advises Laurence Steinberg, author of The 10 Basic Principles of Good Parenting and a psychology professor at Temple University.

“I think the biggest mistake parents make is to ask broad questions like ‘How was your day today?’ and their kids give a one- or two-word answer,” Steinberg says. “The more specific you are in your questions, the more of an answer you’re likely to get.”

At the beginning of the school year, Steinberg suggests asking general questions to learn about a child’s classroom, teacher, and classmates, such as:

- What does your classroom look like? Where is your desk?
- Which of your friends are in your class? Who else is in your class?
- What did you like best at school today?
- What did you have for lunch?

If your child is not talkative, you can still learn a lot about his or her school experience through other means. Read the school newsletter, email the teacher and talk to other parents on the phone. As you become more familiar with your child’s daily routine, you can ask more specific questions to get him or her talking about a project or a class activity.

Have a great week and I look forward to seeing you at the markets on Saturday.

Regards,
Mona Anau Principal

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**P&C NEWS**

**Friday – Creekside Markets Set Up**

**Wanted – Men to help set up Tents and Equipment**

If anyone is available to help us Friday afternoon set up tents and equipment, please meet us on the Oval at 1.00 pm.

Contact phone Adrian Rasmussen 0427 633 554

**LIFT Playgroup**

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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**Congratulations Students of the Week!**

Dalby State School’s very own musical tickets will be released for sale on Saturday at the Creekside Markets from 8am at the Raffle & Pick N Win stall. Seating is pre-allocated so get in quick to get a great seat. Adults $12, Concessions and Students $8.

Performance dates are Friday 25th October and Saturday 26th October. Tickets will be available from Monday at the school office and also at Dalby Florist. If you would like to purchase tickets but are unable to purchase them in person, please phone Melissa Low on 0427 126656 or email lwmelissa@hotmail.com to make arrangements (from Monday onwards).

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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.”
**THIS WEEKS COOL TOOL**

**BE READY TO LEARN**

**IMPORTANT DATES:**
- 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

**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.

**RMHC RIDE FOR SICK KIDS**

Ride for sick kids coming through Dalby on the 10th Sept 2013
Arriving at the McDonald’s Dalby Store around 3pm
Bring the Family to enjoy an afternoon of fun; while raising money for sick kids.
Jumping Castle - Face Painting - Music

**SIGN-ON DAY**

Come along to our sign-on day.
SATURDAY, 7th September – 10.00am to Midday @ Dalby Town Pool
Club Membership $95.00 (October ’13 to April ’13)
Junior Swimmers $65.00 (12.5m only)
(Family discounts for more than two swimmers)
Club swims are held on Tuesday nights commencing the 8th October from 5.30pm. The aim of the club is to encourage swimmers to improve their times and technique, but most of all to enjoy their swimming. Members enjoy weekly swims, novelty events, carnivals and all receive an engraved trophy at the end of the season with the total number of points earned.
For further information please contact:
Sharlene Leeson 0422 381 180

**Entertainment Program**

- 7.00am  BBQ Breakfast Opens
- 8.00am  Markets Commence Trading
- 9.30am  Western Downs Winds Beginner Band
- 9.50am  Dalby State School Concert Band
- 10.00am  Sponge Throw – Mr Hordern
- 10.10am  Dalby State School Junior Singers
- 10.25am  Dalby State School Senior Singers
- 10.45am  Sponge Throw – Mr McPherson
- 11.00am  The Golden Voice of Katie Commens
- 11.30am  Western Downs Winds Band
- 12.00pm  Dalby State High School Stage Band
- 12.30pm  Academy of Dance
- 1.00pm  DSS – Instrumental Eisteddfod Items
- 1.15pm  DSS – Instrumental Eisteddfod Items
- 1.30pm  Dalby State School Raffle Draw
- 2.00pm  Markets Close

Thank You for supporting the Markets

**Instrumental Music News**

Creekside markets - a note has come home about this, please remember that the Concert Band are playing. All details are on the note. Students who did duets and small groups at the eisteddfod will be playing their songs also, I will have definite times for them on Thursday, but it will most likely be between 1.00pm and 1.30pm.

TYME festival - a note will be coming home this week about this event (on the second last day of term). Please keep an eye out for this note.

End of year Concert Band trip - details for this are being sorted and a note will come home about this before the end of term also. We will not start our combined rehearsals until next term as we are preparing for performances on our own at the moment.

Advanced Band camp - six Concert Band students attended the Advanced Band camp held in Toowoomba from the 20th to the 22nd of August. All of the students displayed the behaviour standards that are expected of students at Dalby State School and enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The next camp is from October 22nd to 24th in Toowoomba also.

Please contact me through the school if you have questions about any of these performances.

*Katie Commens*

**Chaplaincy News**

Our Local Chaplaincy Committee held a stall at the Delicious and Delightful Festival. We were happy with the funds raised, however this was also for awareness of our organization in the schools.

As A Chaplain I am to organize programs in the school to assist children in social and emotional areas of life. Coming up soon we are running the 2nd Shine Programme with Year 7 girls.

The aim is a practical, life equipping, value - forming course that is based on the life principles and the belief that each girl is created with purpose being uniquely beautiful, precious and valuable - that she is somebody.

The girls enjoy hearing from community facilitators about skin care, hair care, healthy living, fitness and good friendships. These are just some of the topics we cover.

The girls have lots of fun with this learning.

Heather Lambert

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