Principals Pen,

Well done to the Pink Panthers netball team for winning Junior B Grade Netball finals. Thank you to Ms O’Rourke for coaching our winning team. I would like to congratulate all our netball students for their participation and thanks to coaches, managers and parents for your ongoing support this year.

Last Friday, “Undookai” was held at Kavney Hall, for our year 6 & 7 students. This was a Japanese Sporting Challenge organised by our LOTE teacher, Miss Nakamura. Congratulations to students who demonstrated good sportsmanship throughout the day.

Our school has been nominated to have a six minute vignette filmed on the theme of Literacy and Numeracy. Ten Queensland State Schools have been selected to be part of the project. Dalby State School was chosen based on regional feedback, Performance Monitoring and Reporting advice, acknowledgement of award winning strategies, as well as representing a school from a rural school setting. The six minute vignette about Dalby State School will be shared throughout State Schools in Queensland.

NAPLAN report highlights positive results

The 2013 NAPLAN summary report is now available from the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority website at http://www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/national-reports.html. Since testing began in 2008, Queensland is the most improved State with significant gains made in 9 out of 20 areas over this time.

Dalby State Schools results were outstanding. Huge improvements continue to appear in our Year 3, 5 & 7 results. They were at or above National Minimum Standard in Reading, Writing, Grammar, Punctuation and Numeracy.

Year 3 Results:
- Reading - 94.5% of students are at or similar to the National Minimum standard
- Writing – 100% of students are at or similar to the National Minimum standard
- Spelling – 94.5% of students are at or similar to the National Minimum standard
- Grammar and Punctuation – 93% of students are at or similar to the National Minimum standard
- Numeracy – 98.3% of students are at or similar to the National Minimum standard

Year 5 Results:
- Reading – 96.1% are at or similar to the National Minimum standard
- Writing – 82.4% are at or similar to the National Minimum standard
- Spelling – 94.1% are at or similar to the National Minimum standard
- Grammar and Punctuation – 84.3% are at or similar to the National Minimum standard
- Numeracy – 94.3% are at or similar to the National Minimum standard

IMPORTANT DATES:
- 20 September last day of term 3
- 07 October Labour Day Holiday
- 08 October term 4 resumes
- 15 October Parent evening at DSHS 6:00pm for Students entering year 8 in 2014
- 17 October Pizza & Popper Day
- 19 October Family Photo Day

LIFT Playgroup is on every Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00-11.00 Our fun Mr Music Man sessions are now starting at 9.30am

Dalby State School’s musical – Aladdin Junior will be held on Friday 25th & Saturday 26th October at the Dalby Great Hall, commencing at 7.00pm. Tickets are on sale at the school Office and from Dalby Florist. Seats are pre-allocated and limited in numbers, so be quick.

Dalby State School Family Portrait Day Saturday 19th October

Bookings can be made by calling the school office. Your $20 payment is due before the day of the photos.
Principal pen continued,

Year 7 Results:
Reading – 98.1% are at or similar to the National Minimum standard
Writing – 90.4% are at or similar to the National Minimum standard
Spelling – 96.2% are at or similar to the National Minimum standard
Grammar and Punctuation – 86.5% are at or similar to the National Minimum standard
Numeracy – 100% are at or similar above the National Minimum standard.

Over the next few weeks our staff will go through the NAPLAN results in much greater detail to look closely at the areas where we can build on our performance.

Although NAPLAN results form a useful piece of information, they are not the be all and end all upon which to judge a school’s success. It is important to remember the results represent a point-in-time testing over a few hours each May.

The NAPLAN results are important but are just one of the many pieces of information our school uses to improve learning outcomes for our kids. Well done to all Year 3, 5 & 7 students, staff and parents for the results achieved.

This term, Dalby State School continues to focus on explicit instruction which is seen through the creation of an intentionally inviting environment. Creative displays illustrate classroom expectations and students’ work. Literacy and numeracy walls reflect current unit of work and provide helpful assistance to students.

Our teachers continue to use “strategies” that enhance teaching and learning in the classroom, such as “Warm Ups” and the “Explicit” teaching of a lesson.

Good luck to all students involved in the TYME Music Festival in Toowoomba on Thursday 19th October. Dalby State School students will compete with other schools in Toowoomba in choral and instrumental sections.
Ms Commens and Mr MacPherson will supervise students during this event.

The 2014 Student Leadership program will occur early next term. Students in years 5 and 6 will be invited to attend a leadership day being held at the Bunya Campus, if they are interested in taking on a leadership position for 2014. More detailed information will be distributed to these students in term 4.

The second group that attended the “TEAM UP” program, coordinated and led by PCYC will finish on Friday 20th September. Thank you to Sarah Lucht (PCYC Branch Support Officer) and Sergeant Mick Hughes (PCYC Branch manager) for organising this event.

“Team Up” is a program that promotes positive social skills and builds leadership capacity at Dalby State School.

With the summer storm/cyclone and bushfire season on its way, Queensland’s Get Ready Week on 14–20 October will encourage people to be prepared before extreme weather or a natural disaster strikes. Over the holidays, families can work through a checklist to help them get ready and ensure everyone knows what to do. Information and resources are available from http://www.disaster.qld.gov.au/.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday everyone. We look forward to seeing you all for the start of Term 4 on Tuesday 8 October.

Please help keep our school safe! If you notice any suspicious activity out of normal school hours, please call SCHOOL WATCH on 13 17 88.

Regards Ms Anau

SPORTS NEWS:
CONGRATULATIONS Sam Rasmussen who was the Darling Downs Multi Event Champion for 10 yrs Boys and also finished second in the Shot Put at the Darling Downs Track and Field. Sam’s Shot Put was the same distance as Carl Webb’s school record of 8.25M. Sam is now representing Darling Downs at the State Championships at Brisbane in October.

Yr5 Rugby League
Students once again participated in year 5 Rugby League last Friday. It was good to see all the players gaining more confidence especially some of the girls who played without tags. ARL Development Officer Lennie Currie commented on the enthusiasm of the students and at the end he presented everyone with an ARL ball.

Swimming
Swimming will begin in Term 4 Week 3. Please make sure all swimming fees are paid before the commencement of lessons.

Congratulations Students of the Week!
FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

Prep Amaroo Visit.
On Thursday 5th September, the Prep children, some parents and teachers had a very exciting bus trip to the “Amaroo Environmental Centre” for a fun-filled day of camping activities. Our day included learning about camp safety, setting up our tents, bushwalking, digging with the fold-up shovels and using the binoculars to find some Australian animals. Everyone enjoyed the sausage sizzle lunch and the damper. Another highlight of the day was watching the possum being fed with apple. A very big ‘thank you’ to the staff at Amaroo, our parent helpers and teacher aides for helping on the day. We had a great day camping and learning about the bush.

CALLING FOR ADDITIONAL SHIRT ORDERS
We are doing another order of black Aladdin polo shirts. Any staff member, helper or parent who would like to order one, please send your name, contact number, size and $25 to the school office, or to Mr Ben McPherson, by Friday 20th September. This is the final date that orders can be accepted. Sizes are S, M, L, XL, XXL etc. Alternatively email: melissal@bmo.com.au or phone 0427 126656.

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Year 8 in 2014
You are welcome to an information evening for students entering Year 8 in 2014
2014 enrolment packages will be available on the night Dalby SHS Great Hall Tuesday, 15th October at 6:00pm

Does your child experience stress, worry or anxiety?
Get involved in the Do as I Do program!
The “Do as I Do” program is a parent focused approach to the treatment of anxiety, stress and worry in children. Working closely with parents has been found to be one of the most effective methods of treatment. The next Do as I Do program will be run October 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th October between 6pm and 7.30pm at the BUSHkids centre. contact Eleanor at BUSHkids on 46622729 to register.

CHAPPY NEWS
This term we have had lots of fun at craft and sewing. The children have had a wonderful time creating lots of different things during lunch breaks. Next term we will begin our Christmas activities.
I recently listened to an international Computer Scientist who talked about the dangers of letting our children spend too much time on video and computer games. As parents if we don’t monitor our children’s time on these games it can have some side effects. These side effects include trouble sleeping, eating and socialising with others.
So maybe during these holidays we could encourage the children to play outdoors, use their imagination, go for picnics at the park, bike riding, craft activities or read. Reading creates a wonderful opportunity for your child to read to you, or for you to read to them. This is an excellent way to share your time and enjoy a good book together!
I am always available to chat to parents and can be contacted via the school office on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Have a wonderful and safe holiday.

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