Principals Pen,
Welcome back to Term 4 at Dalby State School. Once again this will be a very busy term. On Friday 25th and Saturday 26th October, our students will perform the Musical “Aladdin Junior” at the Great Hall, commencing at 7pm. Tickets are being sold at Dalby Florist and at Dalby State School. The cost of the tickets is $1 for adults and $8 for concessions/students. Please support our students, staff and parents who have committed a great deal of time to ensure our school musical will be a great success!

In conjunction with “Aladdin Junior” an art exhibition called “Art Through The Ages” will be staged at the high school on Saturday 26th October from 9:00am to 5:00. Parents and community members will be able to view students’ art work before attending our school musical. “Art Through The Ages” patrons will be asked for a gold coin donation. Please come along and support our talented students at Dalby State School.

The 2013 Dalby State School NAPLAN results were impressive. Our students’ results indicate improvement in the areas of Reading, Grammar and Punctuation and Writing.

As the Australian Curriculum is being implemented, our staff is very mindful of not losing the focus of the literacy and numeracy skills across all KLAs. Rather than ‘teaching to the test’, our teachers have committed to raising our students’ abilities to cope with sustained concentration, questioning in various forms, problem solving, being familiar with reading condensed text and being resilient learners.

Dalby State School has submitted an Expression of Interest to become an Independent Public School.

Independent Public Schools have a business model designed to bring about improved performance. If Dalby State School were to be successful taking on an independent public school status, parents would notice very little changes to the day to day running of the school.

Our desire is to increase opportunities for our students, staff and parents through greater autonomy while proudly flying the “State Schools are Great Schools” banner. Independent Schools are not private schools.

Queensland principals, teachers, parents and local communities have greater control and ownership of their schools.

**Independent Public Schools will benefit from:**
- enhanced local governance
- opportunities for innovation
- locally tailored workforce
- Increased financial flexibility.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**
- 12/13 October Musical camp
- 15 October Parent evening at DSHS 6:00pm for Students entering year 8 in 2014
- 17 October Pizza & Popper Day
- 18 October Arts Council
- 19 October Family Photo Day
- 22 October School Swimming Starts
- 26/27 October Aladdin JR

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**Learning Is Fun Together (LIFT) Playgroup**

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.

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**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.
How will Queensland Independent Public Schools be supported?
Queensland Independent Public Schools will continue to remain part of the state's strong public schooling system. They will have access to the same support as other Queensland state schools and maintain the same core values. The Government will provide a one-off $50,000 grant to assist schools transition to becoming an Independent Public School and the establishment of their school council. Ongoing funding will also be available each year to cover administration costs.

What will it mean for students?
Independent Public Schools will have greater freedom to shape their own strategic direction and make decisions which will directly benefit their students. They will have the ability to work directly with local businesses, industry and community organisations. This new way of working could lead to unique and innovative partnerships and sponsorships, providing extra support for students, schools and the local community.

This term, our year 5 & 6 students will have the opportunity to nominate for leadership positions for 2014. Nominations will be called for in the coming weeks. Good luck to all year 5 & 6 student leadership nominees.

Finally, I would like to thank our P&C, parents, community members, businesses and organisations who continue to support our school. Your commitment and dedication enables Dalby State School to continue to move forward.

Have a lovely week.

Regards,
Mona Anau
Principal

THIS WEEKS COOL TOOL

ARTS COUNCIL FOR THIS TERM WILL BE HELD NEXT FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER. ‘Deadly Australians’ is about dangerous animals. They will have a display of various types and information so children can have a close encounter! Cost will be $6 per student. Children are to bring $6 to the collection point under the office on the day.

In conjunction with
Disney
Aladdin Jr.
Dalby State School
Presents
Art Through The Ages

A wonderful display of our students’ Art Work
Saturday 26th October
9:00am—5:00pm
Dalby State High School
Dining Room (Home Economics Block)

Entry—Gold Coin Donation
SPORTS NEWS:
Swimming:
School Swimming commences in week 3.
Please make sure you have paid for your child/children's swimming fees before the start of week 3. Students who have outstanding fees will not be able to participate in swimming lessons.

Touch:
Students who were selected for All Schools Touch need to return their forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Aquathlon:
DShS Aquathlon will be held on Wednesday 16th October.
DD Aquathlon will be held on Friday October 25th - Please return Medical Forms ASAP.

Tuckshop News:
The summer tuckshop menu was sent home at the end of last term for your use, it contains all tuckshop information, but please note this price change: Mini Pies are $1.80 not $1.50 as printed on the menu. The tuckshop is usually a very busy place and at this stage we have some days where we have no volunteer help. If you are able to help out please contact Jan or Bev at the tuckshop to find out which days help is needed. Thank You

P&C News:
Pizza & Popper order forms are due back on Friday.
Cost is $5 – this provides 1 popper of your choice and 1/4 of pizza (cut into 2 slices).
Additional pizza quarters can be purchased for $3.

DALBY STATE SCHOOL FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY
Dalby State school P&C invites you to participate in our family portrait fundraiser. Advanced Life Photography will provide you with a family portrait for only $20. For $20 you will receive a 10 x 13 inch print in colour OR pencil sketch PLUS a bonus key ring with your family photo inside.

Family portraits will take place on Saturday 19th October 2013 starting from 9:00am. Bookings can be made by calling the school office on 4672 3666. Your $20 payment is due before the day of the photos. Feel free to invite friends and family to take up this wonderful offer as the portrait day will only go ahead if we have 30 bookings.

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

IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICE
Irvingdale Bus Service
Monday, 14 October 2013
@ 5pm
Conference Room
Our Lady of the Southern Cross College

All parents of all students (Dalby South School, Dalby Primary School, Dalby High School, OLSCC, and Dalby Christian College) who utilise the Irvingdale bus service provided by Stonestreets Coaches are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Junior Cricketers & Parents.

NOMINATION FORM 2013/2014 CRICKET SEASON.

Once again cricket season is fast approaching with plans underway to have the sign on day after the school holidays on October 12th at 8:30am to be held at the cricket grounds on Owen St.

Age Groups this season will be Pathways 7-10 year olds, Under 12 & Under 14. However all players are graded so requests for children to play down is given consideration in all cases.

Junior cricket is for all players enjoy sport so ever endeavour is made to give everyone equal opportunities. Parents are also welcome to become involved & enjoy a Saturday morning with their children.

To join a team: contact President Scott Congrove on 0447 177 678
Secretary Tim Hart on 0408 910 557
Treasurer Martin Ambrose on 46 623859 or drop into Sportfirst Dalby for more information.

All welcome