Principals Pen,

Congratulations to our year 6 & 7 students who have participated in the election of school captains, school vice captains, house captains and house vice captains. The election of student leaders will occur by the end of this week and then an announcement of house captains, house vice captains and student leaders will be made by the end of this week. All leadership positions will be announced on parade this Friday due to the instrumental band tour occurring next Thursday and Friday.

I would also like to clarify to everyone that I will continue my principal position at Dalby State School in 2014. So far, my journey at Dalby State School has been a wonderful ride and I am committed to remaining at Dalby State School for the next few years.

Our school recently completed an evaluation of our School Wide Positive Behaviour policy (Behaviour management framework, policies and practices). I have listed the results below:

- 75% - Expectations defined – that is everyone (students and staff) in the school understands that our school values (Respect, Safety and learning)
- 90% - of staff are teaching our expectations to students
- 100% of students surveyed mentioned that they have received a GOTCHA this year
- 90% of staff have issued GOTCHA this year
- There is evidence of a system for rewarding student behaviour.
- The school has significantly improved this universal feature of SWPBS with the introduction of a school wide gotcha reward system.
- Major and Minor behaviours are clearly identified in the Responsible Behaviour Plan.
- Staff and Admin have a shared understanding of which problem behaviours are office managed and classroom managed.
- 100% of SWPBS team members surveyed reported that data is used to inform decision making around behaviour support.
- 100% of staff surveyed indicated there was an SWPBS team operating in the school.

While reading the report, there are certainly areas in which our school is doing extremely well regarding how we manage student behaviour at Dalby State School, however, there are still areas in which our school will need to improve, such as the teaching of expectations, placing more signage regarding our expectations around the school, promotion of good behaviour through GOTCHA’s and working collaboratively to celebrate good behaviour at Dalby State School.
Principal pen continued,

The positive outcome of this report is that as a school we continue to reflect on the question ‘Where are we at?’ regarding our School Wide Positive Behaviour program. Our Goal at Dalby State School is to reach 100% in all areas of School Wide Positive Behaviour. Our school in 2014 will go through an external audit.

Earlier this term, I was informed that Dalby State School, as an Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership school, had been nominated to have a six-minute vignette filmed on the theme of Literacy and Numeracy. Ten schools were selected to be a part of the project and were chosen based on regional feedback, Performance Monitoring and Reporting advice, and acknowledgement of success of strategies through awards. The project also wanted to ensure that a range of schools were included i.e.: metropolitan, rural, remote, primary, secondary and indigenous communities.

After filming the vignettes, I received an email from Central office, which I would like to share with you.

"Thank you so much for accommodating us at your school for the filming of the Best Practice Vignette and for your hospitality. The professionalism, flexibility and expertise of you and your staff made our job, of capturing the fantastic work you are doing at Dalby, easy. It was exciting to see how the literacy and numeracy programs are improving student learning outcomes. We captured such rich and valuable material it will be hard fitting it into six minutes! Please extend our deepest thanks to all involved in the filming."

Please don’t underestimate the great work that our teachers are doing at Dalby State School. I would also like to acknowledge the consistent effort that our students are demonstrating in the classroom, while engaged in learning.

Although, these past few weeks have been hectic due to end of the year processes, such as our leadership process, staffing for 2014, creating classes for 2014, ensuring that our Strategic planning is in place for 2014, I want to again promote positive thinking, positive talk and positive support. It is so easy to look at what’s not working, rather than what is working.

As we head towards the end of the year, it is crucial that as a school community we continue to work collaboratively, remain positive and focus on achieving the best outcomes for our students. Feedback is fine; however, make sure that you put in a positive for every negative given.

Our Awards Ceremonies will occur during the last two weeks of school. The Inaugural Sport and Cultural Ceremony will occur on Thursday 5th December and our Inaugural Academic Awards Ceremony will occur on Monday 9th December. Both Ceremonies will begin at 9:15am and finish by 10:15am. Students will receive HPE, Music, Instrumental, EPIC (year 7 only), LOTE, Ever Awards (Prep only), Academic and Effort awards. Letters will be distributed to award recipients by the beginning of Week 9.

Reports cards will be distributed to students during the last week of school. Classes for 2014 will be posted in the covered area during the last week of school and notes will go home with students indicating classes for 2014. If you have a special request, please do so in writing and post this to school, addressing the letter to the Principal.

Our End of the year concert will occur on Monday 2nd December at the Great Hall. The concert will commence at 6pm and the P&C will be having a BBQ at 5:30pm. All students will be involved in rehearsals on Monday 2nd December in preparation for the concert on Monday evening.

Have a wonderful week.

Regards,
Ms Mona Anau, Principal

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
PLANNING FOR 2014
We are starting the process of looking at classes for 2014. To help with staffing and class numbers, could any families who are not going to be part of our 2014 Dalby State School family next year, please let the office know as soon as possible. Alternatively if you know of any families who are coming to the area and may be enrolling in our School, could you please let us know.

If there are any parent requests regarding the placement of your child please advise in writing, addressed to the Principal. This should be advised by the 22nd November, 2013.

Student classes and book lists will be available during the last week of school.

STUDENT BANKING
FINAL TOKEN REDEMPTION DAY FOR 2013 IS NEXT WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
Please place your 10, 20 or 30 silver tokens (or your 1 or 2 gold tokens) together with the completed redemption coupons in with your banking.

All student bankers have been issued with new redemption cards.

All reward items are currently available: Money boxes, Wallet, Handball, Knuckles Game, Torch, Calculator, Headphones and USB Stick.

I will order the reward items and assuming there are no stock shortages you should receive your reward the following week.

Due to the implementation of the new token tracking system, next year, please return all tokens so that I can check token numbers. Remember you are only allowed to carry forward 9 tokens into 2014.

Please also note the final student banking for 2013 will be Wednesday 4th December.

Regards,
Kym Burton

THE ROCKABILLY CHRISTMAS SHOW IS COMING TO TOOWOOMBA THIS DECEMBER
WHERE: THE GRID, 488 RUTHVEN STREET
WHEN: SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2013
2 SHOW TIMES: 3PM MATINEE AND 6PM SHOW (45 MIN SHOWS)
COST: $7.70 PER/PERSERN
TICKETS: WWW.RENATAJAYNE.COM AT THE “TOURS”

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Thank you

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Time: 9 am to 12 midday
Where: STONESTREETS COACHES OFFICE
6 Commodity Court, Dalby

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◆ Complete the required forms for 2014
◆ Ask any questions you may have
◆ Get your passes early

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2pm—4.30pm, December 1st 2013
19 Patrick Street, Dalby
Free Entry

◆ Santa Claus will be attending
◆ Carols
◆ Raffles
◆ Lucky Door Prize
◆ Sausage Sizzle
◆ Face Painting

Open to all Adults & Children with a disability and their immediate families. Please be aware at least one parent/carer needs to be present for the disco.

If you wish your child to receive a gift from Santa please provide a wrapped & named gift to the value of $10.

RSVP by 25th November on 4662 1434

Please let us know of any dietary requirements by this time

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