It was a pleasure to introduce our 2014 student leaders to the whole school community on last week’s Friday parade. I would like to thank the parents of our 2014 student leaders for attending and showing support for the young leaders in your family.

Student leadership is a significant element of the school year for students at Dalby State School. During the last few weeks, nominees from years 5 & 6 interested in leadership positions for 2014 have been involved in a rigorous process to ensure we have a strong leadership team. The process has involved completing nomination forms, participating in leadership speeches, voting and interviews. The way our students handled themselves during this process gives us great insight into our young student’s capacity to step up in their leadership role.

Our Dalby State School Student leadership program in 2014 will differ to our current programs due to the fact that we will lose two cohorts at the end of the year instead of the usual one as year seven becomes a high school year. In 2014 only, we will have two student leadership teams in year 6 & 7. Both year levels will have school captains/school vice captains, house captains, house vice captains and student leader positions.

Although, the number of student leaders will double in 2014, I believe the two leadership teams will be able to accomplish a number of broad goals by the end of next year. There are certainly opportunities for our student leadership team to be involved in local services and organisations such as Lions and Rotary, and with our local council to build student leadership capacity at school and within the wider community.

This year our student leaders have been involved in a number of school and community events such as ANZAC and Remembrance Ceremonies, Dalby’s 150th Celebration, Clean up Australia day and Relay for Life. Our current student leadership team also participated in the TEAM UP program coordinated by the PCYC.

One significant project that we have been working on that will be displayed to the wider community is our “Hero Wall” reinforced by the words “A hero lies within me”. This wall and garden will represent heroes in our local community from the Police, Ambulance, SES, Fire Brigade, and Australian Defence forces as well as a Dalby State School leader who continues to make good choices and support others in our school and within the wider community.

The concept was developed through a brainstorming session with the student council around respecting and acknowledging the great work that leaders and service organisations accomplish at school and within the wider community. One idea was honouring our defence force personnel by creating a “Remembrance or ANZAC garden”.

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**Important Dates:**
- 28 Nov Prep uniform purchasing day
- 29 Nov Yr 1 excursion
- 2 Dec School concert - 6pm
- 3 Dec Yr 1 - 3 swimming carnival - 9am
- 5 Dec Cultural and Sports Award ceremony 9:30am
- 6 Dec Yr 4-7 swimming carnival 9am
- 9 Dec Academic Award ceremony 9:30am
- 11 Dec Yr 7 Graduation Parade
- 13 Dec last day of school for 2013
- 28 January 2014 School Resumes

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**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

**This Week's Cool Tool**
Keep your Area Tidy, Stay Seated, Eat your own Food
Principal pen continued,

However, the concept grew into a broader vision as our current leaders recognised the importance of acknowledging those who went out of their way to help others, such as the emergency services during the floods in Dalby.

Our current leaders also recognised that this concept would support our Social Skilling program promoting the value of caring for one another. Hence, the idea of a good leader will support, care and lead those around them, depicted in the title of the hero garden and wall “A hero lies within me”.

Our current leaders will be involved in the planting of the garden. I would like to acknowledge the work of Kym Burton, Paul Winters, Graham McCullough, Heather our Chaplain, for their contribution to our Hero wall and garden. This space will be utilised during ANZAC and Remembrance Day, special morning teas and as an outside learning area. I would also like to thank our 2013 current student leaders who planned and developed this project.

Next Monday 2nd December, we will have our annual End of Year Concert at the Great Hall. The P&C will commence the BBQ at 5pm and our concert will start at 6pm. All students will be involved in rehearsals on leading up to the concert that night.

Don’t forget our Swimming Carnivals will occur next week. Our early phase Swimming Carnival will be on Tuesday 3rd December between 9:00am-11:30am at the Dalby Aquatic Pool. Students from Prep to Year 3 will need to arrive at the Dalby Aquatic Pool after 8:30am; please do not drop your student at school. The Year 4-7 Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 6th December at the Dalby Aquatic Pool.

Our Sporting and Cultural Awards’ Ceremony will be on Thursday 5th December and our Academic Award’s Ceremony will be held on Monday 9th December. Students receiving awards for Physical Education, Music, Instrumental, LOTE, EPICC, Academic, Effort and Andrew McCullough awards will receive letters by early next week.

During the last week of school, transition to 2014 classrooms will occur on Wednesday afternoon. Students will receive a note indicating their 2014 classroom teacher and a list will be posted in the covered area on Thursday morning. Report cards will also be distributed on Thursday morning. If you have a special request regarding class placements, please forward this information in writing to the Principal by the end of this week, including reasons for your request.

Have a wonderful week.

Regards,
Ms Mona Anau, Principal

P&C NEWS

We will be operating a canteen on Monday night at the Great Hall for the end of year school concert. Food and drinks will be available from 5pm. Hot chips, sausage on bread and steakette burgers will be on sale, so please come along and enjoy an early dinner to support our school.

If you are able to lend a hand in either setting up or cooking, please come to the canteen at 4pm. Otherwise if you are able to help serving food and drinks, please come to the canteen at 5pm.

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Swimming Carnivals 2013

Yr1-3 Swimming Carnival Tuesday 3 December 9.00am-11.30am
Parents/Caregivers and Friends are invited to come along and cheer for children in the Yr1-3 swimming carnival. The aim of the carnival is for the children to demonstrate skills that they have learned in lessons. Each child will participate in 3 events.
- Children are to be dropped at the pool between 8.30am - 8.45am. Please do not go to school first.
- Bus children will be dropped at the pool.
- Supervision will be provided from 8.30 – 9.00am.
- Children are to bring a snack for morning tea, a water bottle and hat. No one will be allowed to visit the canteen. Students also need to bring lunch which will be eaten back at school.
- Children need to wear their full sports uniform.
- Events consist of fun games in the little pool, 15m, 25m and 50m events in the big pool. There is no printed programs for this event.
- Parents who have helped at swimming may wish to assist in the pool.
- Children will be walked back to school by their teachers after the carnival at 11.30am.
- Some Yr 3 students turning 9 this year will also compete in the 50m events in the Yr 4-7 Carnival on Friday.

Yr 4-7 Swimming Carnival Friday 6 December 9am-1.30pm
A Program of Events for Yr 4-7 Carnival will be available from the office for 50c in Week 9. There will be no names printed in the Program.
- Children are to be dropped direct to the pool from 8.30am – 8.45am. Please do not go to school first.
- Bus children will be dropped off at the pool.
- Children are to bring their own morning tea and a drink bottle. Children will be allowed to visit the canteen for lunch.
- Children are to wear full sports uniform.
- Approximately 6-7 parents will be needed for timekeeping and judging.
- Children will walk back to school with their teachers at the conclusion of the carnival.
Some 9 year old Yr 3 students will also compete in 50m events.

All children attending Swimming Carnivals are to be in full sports uniform.
Make sure you have a hat, sunscreen and water bottle.

The LEC is seeking second hand school uniforms. If you are able to donate any uniforms please drop them in to the school office.

Thank you

Transition to Year 7 – Community Forum
Dalby SHS Principal Dean Russell invites all members of the Dalby community to a forum to discuss plans for the transition of year 7 students to high school in 2015. No RSVP is required; simply arrive at the school library in time for a 5.30 pm start, on Tuesday, December 10.

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

Chaplains Chat
As the year progresses, I do trust you all are working well and can see the end in sight.

Over the school holidays, there are some camps available for children in years 6/7 to attend. If you are interested in these camps there are forms available in the school office. These are safe and fun places for your children.

During my lunchtime craft groups, we have been starting to focus more on Christmas activities.

Last Sunday afternoon, I went along to hear the Silver Sounds singing, they were a pleasure to listen too. Three of our staff need to be congratulated; Mr McPherson, Mrs Smith and Miss Commens who are all part of the choir. The proceeds of the afternoon will go to supporting the Chaplaincy programme. It is wonderful to see all these community members supporting us. You will also find a link on the Chaplaincy web sight to help support The High Court Challenge to keep Chaplaincy going in the State.

Enjoy the rest of the school year,
Heather Lambert

PARENTS PROMOTING RESILIENCE
PREPARING YOUR CHILD TO NEGOTIATE THE UPS AND DOWNS OF LIFE

This evening seminar is brought to you by DDSWQ Medicare local and will be helpful to parents and others who work with or support children.

Date: Monday 9th December 2013
Time: 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Location: Picnic Point - 164 Tourist Road, Toowoomba
Cost: FREE
Bookings: Shenaed Bliss on 07 4688 2000 or sbliss@ddswgmedicarelocal.com.au