Principals Pen,

A huge thank to all parents who attended our “End of the Year Concert”. Well done to all students and staff who participated in the event. Thank you to Mr McPherson for organising the concert and preparing the students for many of the items, and to Miss Butters for taking on the MC role. Thank you also to our musicians on the night, our performers and teachers, the teachers’ aides who supported our students, and to the P&C for the BBQ and the work done behind the scene.

Tomorrow, we have our Sports and Cultural Awards Ceremony at 9:30am in Kavney Hall. Award recipients will receive letters today confirming their awards for tomorrow’s event. I would like to encourage parents to come along to this occasion. Our special guest speaker will be Mr Graham McCullough (well-known local artist), who will share his positive message about goals and goal setting.

Our year 7 leaders continue to work on the Hero Garden. The project will be completed by next Wednesday ready for the Year 7 Graduation Ceremony. After the Ceremony, the area will be open for viewing by parents, staff and students. You might like to read some more information about the “Hero Garden” in the local Dalby Herald. Well done to the students involved in this process, specifically to our student leaders, led by our School Captains and School Vice captains. I would like to thank Mrs Burton and Heather, our Chaplain, who supported our students with this initiative.

On Monday 9th December, the Academic Awards Ceremony will be held at 9:30am in Kavney Hall. Recipients for these awards will receive letters on Thursday. The categories for these awards have been academic merit and effort; hence these awards are based on students’ first and second semester report cards.

Please come along to the Academic Awards Ceremony and support our students. I would like to thank the local businesses that have sponsored our Award Ceremonies. The Ceremonies have been well supported by local businesses and I am impressed by the amount of sponsorship received for both the Sports and Cultural Awards Ceremony and the Academic Award Ceremony.

Our special guests for the Academic Awards Ceremony are Audrey McInerney and Matthew Ash. The 2013 Dalby State High School captains attended Dalby State School during their primary years of education. It is always great to see past students return to our school and speak to our students about the importance of leadership and goals.

The Year 1-3 Swimming carnival occurred on yesterday morning. Thank you to all the parents who attended our early years Swimming Carnival. Thank you to Mr Kavney for organising this event and thank you to the parent volunteers who supported our students in and out of the pool. Well done to the teachers of Year 1-3 who assisted Mr Kavney at the pool.

Class allocation will be out next Wednesday afternoon through a letter home to parents and class lists will be posted in the covered area, next Thursday. If you have any queries, please see me at the office or contact me by phone.

Regards Ms Anau

Important Dates:
♦ 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

Learning is Fun Together
LIFT Playgroup is on every Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00-11.00
This Friday the 6th December 2013 will be the last LIFT session for the year.
Please join us for a shared morning tea
Thank you for all your support this year and we hope to see you again in the new year.

This week’s cool tool
Following Instructions
School Concert
The annual school concert was held on Monday night at the Great Hall. The evening was very well attended with standing room only. Our children showcased an amazing display of singing, drumming items and band music. The student leaders for 2014 were introduced to our school community.

Bookfair and Dressup Parade
This year the Bookfair was a great success, with school receiving over $2000 in free resources. Our evening opening was well attended and lots of purchases were made.

The dress up parade of book characters was also a big success. There were lots of different characters on display. Children were asked to make a gold coin donation to be able to dress up for the day. All monies will be donated to the Philippines Typhoon Appeal. We are pleased to announce that we raised over $500 for this worthy cause.

Classes 3/4DR & 3MR share with Prep
This term the Yr 3/4DR & 3MR students have been designing and creating card or board games for younger students that teach hygiene or exercise practices. On Tuesday afternoon these games were shared with some of the Prep students. There was lots of laughter and fun occurring as children learnt about healthy choices.
Swimming Carnivals 2013

Yr 4-7 Swimming Carnival Friday 6 December 9am-1.00pm

A Program of Events for Yr 4-7 Carnival is now available from the office for 50c in Week 9. There will be no names printed in the Program.

- Children are to be dropped at 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

Results of the Junior Carnival

Cunningham - 136, McGregor - 122, Leichhardt - 117, Oxley - 99

Thank you to the P&C for providing all children with an ice-block.

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.

Attention Parents of Bus children

Due to the council footpath upgrade on the daycare side of Bunya St, witches hats will be placed for children to walk behind until the end of the year in the bus zones.

Tuckshop News:

Bev and Jan wish to thank all who have supported the tuckshop throughout the year. Your help, your time and your baking skills have been very much appreciated.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a refreshing holiday break and look forward to working with you again next year.

We are in need of many new volunteers in 2014. Information will be sent home the first week of school next year or feel free to pop into the tuckshop for more info or to have your name included on next year’s roster.

The tuckshop will close at 1:30 on Wednesday 11th Dec 2013 and will reopen for food sales on Wednesday 29th January 2014.

School Captains Tan McKie and Megan Burton get busy with plantings for the Hero Wall garden.