Principals Pen,

A huge thank to everyone who supported our Sporting and Cultural Awards Ceremony and our Academic Awards Ceremony that were staged over the last week. Congratulations to all awards’ recipients and thank you to the businesses that sponsored our awards. A huge thank you to all staff involved in organising this event. If you have any feedback, please drop a note in to the office and address the note to the principal. In regards to feedback, please provide information on what went well, what didn’t go well, and any suggestions for improvement. I am happy to take your feedback into consideration.

Our year 7 Graduation was held this morning at Kavney Hall. It was great to meet so many of the parents of our current year 7’s on this special occasion. The ceremony involved handing graduation certificates to our year 7’s as well as viewing a snippet of events that the students participated in throughout the year. I would also like to congratulate our year 7 student leaders who worked on the “Hero Wall and Garden”. A special thank you to the school captains and vice captains who helped turn this project into a reality.

This afternoon, students will take a note home indicating their classes for 2014. Please read through the note and if there are any questions, please contact me at the office. You will also receive booklists for 2014 and Semester Two Report Cards. Please take the opportunity to sit down with your child and review their Semester Two Report Card by discussing academic, effort and behaviour results. Identify with your child, improvements in their Semester 2 report and discuss the gaps. If you have any queries, please contact their classroom teacher on Thursday or Friday of this week.

You should have received a letter regarding the movie that all students will attend this week. Students will travel by bus to the Dalby Cinema and then return by bus to school. Prep to year 3 students will have attended the movies this afternoon, year 4-6 will travel to the Dalby Cinema on Thursday in the middle session and year 7 will attend the afternoon session on Thursday.

Transition to next year’s classes will occur on Thursday afternoon. This will occur at 2pm, when students will be introduced to their new teacher and shown their 2014 classroom.

Our first day back in 2014 is on Tuesday 28th January. It is expected that all students attend school on this day and will need to be full school uniform. Please ensure that during the holidays – booklists and school uniforms (including black shoes) are ordered and organised for 2014.

It has been a wonderful and successful year at Dalby State School, and this is due to the great work achieved by the students, teaching and non-teaching staff and parents. I know if we continue a strong working relationship to support every child at Dalby State School then we all can make a big difference at our school.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Have a wonderful holiday and will see you back in 2014.

Regards Ms Anau
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:
• 12 Dec Year 7 bunya campus and movie day
• 12 Dec Year 4-6 movie day
• 13 Dec last day of school for 2013
• 20 Jan School office opens
• 28 Jan 2014 School Resumes

THIS WEEKS COOL TOOL

DO YOUR BEST
The P&C Executive would like to thank all P&C members, volunteers, parents, teachers, children, Ms Anau, and office staff for a very rewarding 2013.

The most visual development on our school grounds this year has been the development of the Groom Hall for the pre-prep children.
The construction of undercover walkways has also served as extra shade for the children on the oval, with water bubblers installed outside of Kavney Hall.
The P&C contributed $31,000 towards this development, $17,000 towards ipads and computers, $6,000 towards the Music section, and $2,000 towards Aladdin.
It has made us very happy to be able to subsidise some of the class excursions this year.

We notice today that there is new playground equipment being installed in the Junior Playground, so this will bring some fresh activities for the children.
This year we also applied for funding for a Climbing Wall to be installed in Kavney Hall, as a new fun activity, however this was not successful, and this application will be considered again next year.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.
Adrian Rasmussen, Katrina Chapman, Melissa Low, Gayleen Trickett. (P&C Executive)

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### 2013 SWIMMING CARNIVAL TROPHIES

1. Champion House Trophy - OXLEY
2. House Encouragement Trophy - Parents & Citizens - LEICHHARDT
3. Boys Open 100m Freestyle Championship Trophy - Perpetual
   Boys Open 100m Freestyle Championship Trophy - Winner (Individual) - Jake Rynne
   Boys Open 100m Freestyle Championship Trophy Donated by DSS - Runner-up (Individual) - Chris Fetherstone
4. Girls Open Freestyle Championship Trophy - Perpetual
   Girls Open Freestyle Championship Trophy - Winner (Individual) - Kayla Lawrie
   Girls Open Freestyle Championship Trophy (Donated Carrick Aland) - Runner-up (Individual) - Karla Sankey
5. Age Champion Trophy
   - Boy 9 Years - P&C Rep - Blake Johnston
   - Girl 9 Years - Sophie Campbell
   - Boy 10 Years - Jake Rynne
   - Girl 10 Years - Grace Butters
   - Boy 11 Years - P&C Rep - Kristian Bond
   - Girl 11 Years - Karla Sankey
   - Boy 12 Years - Chris Fetherstone
   - Girl 12 Years - Kayla Lawrie
   - Boy 13 Years - Shaun Wirth
   - Boy 13 Years - Brittany Taylor
   (Donated by the Parents & Citizens Assn.)

**POINTS 2013**
OXLEY - 387.5  Cunningham - 373.5  McGregor - 373  Leichhardt - 341

**Swimming Records:**
Congratulations to the following students for creating new swimming records this year:
Jake Rynne 10yrs Boys Freestyle 35.22s (This record was 20yrs old)
Karla Sankey 11yrs Girls Freestyle 34.64s

**Swimming Certificates:**
Students will all receive certificates for their achievement based on the Royal Lifesaving Swim and Survive program that we ran this term.
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:
The tuckshop will close at 1:30 on Wednesday 11th Dec 2013 and will reopen for food sales on Wednesday 29th January 2014.

UNIFORM SHOP OPERATING HOURS
TO START THE NEW YEAR
Thursday 23rd January 2014 9.00am - 3.00pm
Friday 24th January 2014 9.00am - 3.00pm
Tuesday 28th January 2014 9.00am - 3.00pm

STUDENT MEDICATION
All students who have medication at school will need to collect this from the office or the LEC before 3.00pm Friday. Any left over medication will be discarded.

If students require medication at school next year, parents will need to bring this to the office in the new year and fill out the required paperwork.

2013 AT A GLANCE