Dalby Rugby Union Player Sign On Day
Saturday 2 March 1pm at John Ritter Oval, Orpen Street.
Players from Under 6s through to senior players can register on the day.
$110 per player includes registration, insurance, shorts and socks.
Enquires phone Gavin on 0428 157 985.
A Union in Numbers, Dalby Rugby Union.

Football Dalby (Soccer) 2013
Registrations are open for the 2013 season.
Please go to www.myfootballclub.com.au to register.
You can pay online, direct debit, or come to the PCYC grounds on Saturday 9th March 8-11am (with your invoice) to complete your registration.
A 20% discount on all your soccer needs is being offered by Hedges Sports Store – on presentation of your invoice.
For more information go to www.footballdalby.com.au, or contact Registrars – Justine 0427 075 893 or Meg 0419 739 273.

Our award winning children’s Hip-hop program is now available in schools!
We have limited spaces available in 2013. To register your interest please go to www.hiphopschools.com.au Be quick as we are filling fast!

About Hip-hop Schools
The Hip-hop Schools program is all about getting kids excited about dance! Our modern mix of music and moves will have your school moving' and grooving'!

Programs Available Australia Wide - We have instructors located across Australia servicing metropolitan, regional and remote areas.
Age Appropriate - Special care has been taken to ensure all music and moves are age appropriate.

Boys Love Our Program - We know how hard it is to get boys motivated and excited about dance. This is where our program is different! Boys love our program! (The girls will too!)

FREE Performance
Kids love showing off and they are going to want to show off their new moves from the Hip-hop Schools program. Our instructor will organise the performance and attend the event (day or night) to ensure it runs smoothly! This is free and is included with every program.

Interested?
Register your interest online by visiting www.hiphopschools.com.au or give our team a call on 02 8203 2604.
We look forward to working with you in 2013.
PRINCIPALS PEN

Student Leadership Induction Ceremony:
Our 2013 student leaders were inducted into their new leadership positions on Monday at our Student Leadership Induction Ceremony. I would like to congratulate all students who received badges and certificates on the day. A huge thank you to Councillor Ian Rasmussen, our guest speaker for this special occasion. Councillor Rasmussen offered some words of advice to all our students about significant leadership qualities which we can all demonstrate. It is always a privilege to have Councillor Rasmussen, who is not only a local Councillor but also a past parent, as a guest speaker at our school.

Thank you also to our P&C president, Mr Adrian Rasmussen who joined in the celebration by presenting the leadership badges to our house captains and house vice-captains. I would also like to congratulate our student leaders who were presented badges by myself. I would like to thank parents on the P&C committee who provided the morning tea for this occasion.

Our Social Skilling Program:
This week’s prompt language is “Look, Listen and Appreciate”. The social skill concepts are explained to the students at our Meet and Greet gatherings on a Monday and are reinforced throughout the week. “Look, Listen and Appreciate” is about displaying quality behaviour at all times, especially during school events and parades. Later in the year, our Peer support program will occur as well as leadership development programs for years 5, 6 & 7.

Out and About:
As you visit our school, you will notice a whole school approach around learning expectations in and outside the classroom. Our school has developed a bookwork policy that is being implemented in the classrooms. Our bookwork policy is about raising standards and expectations around keeping students notebooks organised, legible and well presented. It is crucial that students demonstrate pride in their bookwork, ensuring their school work is of a high standard.

Classroom Displays:
As you visit your child’s classroom, you will recognise that teachers have spent time implementing curriculum and behaviour walls. Curriculum walls have posters that relate to literacy, numeracy, history or science. Behaviour walls depict classroom and whole school rules/expectations, reward charts and consequences for inappropriate behaviour. I would like to encourage you to have a look at your child’s classroom.

Explicit Instruction:
Explicit instruction is a state, regional and a local school priority. Explicit instruction focuses on explicit teaching in the classroom, data discussions, coaching and feedback. As a school, we introduced explicit instruction in 2012. Explicit instruction can be seen in the classroom, where teachers use “I do, we do, and you do” strategies to deliver teaching content (derived from C2C units) to our students.

As part of the explicit instruction agenda, our teachers have been involved in differentiation meetings, whereby teachers look at individual student’s data and identify strategies to support students in class.

Arts Council is on this Friday:
Letters were distributed to parents regarding payments for the Arts Council performance on Friday. Students will need to bring their payment on Friday morning (1st March) in a named envelope and give it to the administration staff underneath the administration block before school. If you have any questions regarding Arts Council and payments, please contact the office.
Principal’s conference in Brisbane

I will be absent on Thursday 28th February and Friday 1st March attending the State Principals’ conference. The Department of Education, Training and Employment is holding a two-day conference on these days for all state school principals and selected senior departmental officers.

This conference provides a strategic forum for principals to come together to reflect on our achievements, celebrate successes and importantly, share future directions of State Education.

The primary objectives of the Principals’ conference are to progress the key priorities of pedagogy and parent and community engagement in our pursuit of excellence.

The conference will focus on the importance of:

- implementing a research-validated pedagogical framework to support excellence in teaching and learning practices
- connecting with parents and the community to support successful student learning outcomes

The conference will consist of keynote presentations by two internationally renowned experts in educational reform and community engagement, and a series of workshops based on local case studies that have demonstrated excellence.

The Keynote speakers at the Principals’ Conference will include:

Professor Ben Levin, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Education Leadership and Policy, University of Toronto. Professor Levin is widely known for his work in educational reform, educational change, educational policy and politics. Professor Levin will base his keynote address on implementing a research-validated pedagogical framework to support excellence in teaching and learning practices.

Dr George Otero, International Education Consultant and Founder of the US-based Centre for Relational Learning. His work with schools and community leaders in transforming schools is a product of his 20 years creating and directing a multicultural community learning centre in Taos, New Mexico. His approach utilises dance, play, dreaming, games, storytelling and an open inquiry process that builds community and stimulates learning and leadership. Dr Otero will base his keynote address on connecting with parents and the community to support successful student learning outcomes.

The conference provides principals with opportunities to discuss a range of important topics with colleagues and senior officers. I am looking forward to this conference.

Regards, Mona Anau

P&C NEWS

We will be holding a working bee on Saturday 9th March and would be grateful for anyone that can offer some of their time to help. Further details to follow next week.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to students who were awarded “Student of the Week” certificates last week on parade.

SPORTS NEWS

- Swimming Makeup
  2F and 1/2BC Friday 8th March (Makeup for Wed 13 March Week 7)

- Rugby League
  No Rugby League this week.
  Bunya Rugby League Trials are Monday 11 March.

- Swimming
  Congratulations to Karla Sankey, Grace Butters, Kayla Lawrie, Stephanie Callow, Jake Rynne and Chris Fetherstone who were selected to represent Bunya Districts at the Darling Downs Swimming Championships this Wednesday. Jake was also the 10yrs age Champion while Karla and Kayla were Runners-up.

- Prep Swimming begins this Friday.

DALBY STATE SCHOOL CREED

“I am proud to be at Dalby State School. I will try my best to make the right choices and will respect others, all property and myself. Ever Onward.”
**THIS WEEKS COOL TOOLS**

**Week 4**

**LOOK, LISTEN AND APPRECIATE**

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**Tuck Shop News**
Old school polo shirts can be worn till the end of the year. You can donate old uniforms to the tuck-shop for parents to purchase for $2.00 in our second hand room.

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**IMPORTANT DATES:**
- 27 Feb -DD Swimming
- 01 March - Arts Council Friday
  Cents & $ensibility
- 03-04 March -DD Softball
- 05 March - Bunya Basketball
- 08 March – Bunya AFL
- 09 March -P&C working bee, Saturday
  7am at Dalby State School grounds
- 11 March -Bunya Rugby League
- 14 March -Bunya Netball
- 16 -17 March - Roberts Open Garden
- 18 March -DD Golf
- 19 March -DD Basketball
- 21 March -DD AFL
- 25 March -Bunya/Inner Downs Rugby League
- 18 March - Year 7 Camp to Tallebudgera
- 29 March -Last day of the term

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**Cents + $ensibility**
On Friday 1st March, Artslink Queensland and Markwell Presents Cinematic Theatre Company will present Cents + Sensibility at our school.

Cents + Sensibility explores issues of money and financial mathematics in the 21st Century through the engaging medium of Cinematic Theatre. Cinematic Theatre fuses live performance and the big screen to present a unique and exciting live performing arts experience.

**SHOW:** Cents + $ensibility  
**DATE:** 01/03/2013  
**TIME:** 9.50am and 11.40am  
**COST:** $6 per student

Artslink Queensland is a not-for-profit, non-government organisation, dedicated to bringing the arts to Queensland students.

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**LIFT**

Learning Is Fun Together  
LIFT is Dalby State School’s very own playgroup, for children 0-5 years of age. This year we launch LIFT on Thursday 7th March commencing at 9.00am and finishing at 11.00.  
LIFT will then continue to run on a Monday, Thursday and Friday for the remainder of this term. We ask that you bring a snack for morning tea, water bottle, hat and a gold coin donation. We look forward to catching up with you next week!  
PS This year we are offering something different on a Friday so watch this space next week and more will be revealed (MMM wonder what it is)!

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**NOTICE OF AGM**
**FOR THE KUMBARILLA BUS RUN**

**THERE WILL BE A MEETING IN THE WILKIE CREEK FIRE SHED ON SATURDAY 9TH MARCH AT 2.30PM**

All parents/guardians of children who use this bus service are kindly asked to attend. Main agenda items will be to develop an incident plan for future flood events.

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**DSS STUDENT ABSENTEE LINE—Phone: 4672 3660 (24 hour access)**