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 Awards for Excellence in Schools

Regional Winner

From the Principal

Congratulations to our Student Leaders who received their leadership badges on Monday. A wonderful Ceremony led by our School Captains and School Vice Captains. It was lovely to see our School Captains and Vice Captains wear their blazers and dress in formal attire. Thank you for all student leaders for playing an important role in our Induction Ceremony. Student Leadership is an important role at Dalby SS and I do believe that all our badge holders will perform their roles diligently throughout the year.

I would like to thank our invited guests who attended our ceremony – Dr Dean Russell (Principal at Dalby State High School) and Charlie Salter (2021 School Captain at Dalby State High School). Thank you to staff involved in the student leadership ceremony, Miss Lynne Butters, Mrs Kavney, Mr McPherson, Mrs Summerville and Ms Little. Thank you to Mrs

Pascoe, Ms Torney and Mr Bach for organising this special event.

Congratulations to our Bunya Swimming team members from Dalby SS who swam extremely well at the Darling Downs School Swimming Trials at Gatton. Congratulations to Dalby SS students selected on the Bunya Basketball team. These students will attend the Darling Down basketball trials in March.

Thank you to parents for your ongoing support in ensuring our students are attending school regularly. It is lovely to see that our attendance rate is 92%. Strong partnership with parents and school staff can only create success for all students.

This year, Dalby State School will be participating on NAPLAN online – Years 3 & 5 students only.



Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process - it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. NAPLAN also provides schools, education

authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

What is assessed?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials. This year, some students across Australia will sit NAPLAN online, including our students at Dalby SS.

Feedback in the first year of NAPLAN Online showed that students engaged well with online assessments. One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's test performance. The test presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance. Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. NAPLAN Online is not a test of keyboard skills. There are variations in how fast and well a student can type – just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand. To get an idea of what the online assessment looks like, visit the public demonstration site at nap.edu.au.

How can I help my child prepare?

Help your child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Ensuring students are familiar with using devices, typing on them and navigating through programs are a part of student learning and a requirement of the Australian Curriculum from the first year at school.

You can find an easy to understand infographic that gives useful information on the NAPLAN tests and their benefits [here](#) (PDF 810 kb).

To get a sense of the 'look and feel' of the tests and to understand what types of questions are asked, visit the '[NAPLAN](#)' section of the [ACARA website](#) to access a selection of past NAPLAN test papers and answers.

For more information about the move to deliver NAPLAN in a computer-based environment, go to [NAPLAN Online](#).

Finally, the P&C AGM is on next week – Tuesday 16th March, at 6pm in R block (Admin building), please come along to the meeting.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind Regards

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Dear Dalby State School Families,

As we have completed the first five weeks of term 1, we now make our way through the last five weeks of this term with Easter fast approaching. How quickly this term has progressed as our students have well and truly settled into their new classes and class routines. This term, we will be providing term 1 Interim Reports. These reports will provide both students and parents/carers an overview of a student's academic and behaviour growth so far for this school year. Our term 1 Interim Reports will only report on the following:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Behaviour

Only an achievement mark will be provided against these areas. No comments or effort marks will be generated. The purpose of the term 1 Interim Report is to provide a snapshot/ overview of where a student is sitting in their learning so far. The end of Semester reports will still be issued at the end of Semester 1 and 2. The end of Semester reports provide an overall achievement, effort and comment for each of the learning areas taught and assessed during that Semester. The term 1 Interim Reports will be finalised and issued to parents in Week 1, Term 2, 2021.

With both the Interim Report and end of Semester Reports there will be a change in the achievement mark provided to Prep, Year 1 and 2 students that aligns with students from Years 3 to 6. No longer will Prep have the Early Years Achievement Rating or Year 1 and 2 using Very High Achievement (VHA), High Achievement (HA) and/or Sound (S), etc. This will allow for greater clarity and understanding of both parents, students and teachers. All students will continue to receive a 5 point rating scale for their achievement mark against each learning area. From this year onwards, all students will receive an A-E Achievement Rating against the Learning Areas being assessed.

Our school has recently had some new additions with our Prep students receiving their outdoor seating! This outdoor seating has an outdoor laminate bench top that allows students to eat on but also acts as an outdoor learning area for the Prep classes. The new tables have certainly been a welcomed addition as all our Preps.



Recently, a number of our staff gave up their weekend to come and paint the Undercover Area brick wall that was recently lowered. Thank you to Mrs D, Ms Torney (Front Office) and Miss Fredericks for giving up their time to come and paint this wall. Lowering the brick wall has been a welcome addition to this space as it is now a welcoming and open space for all to utilise. Further painting work will continue over the Easter Break to finalise this space and tie this area in with the toilet block and new Admin building.



We are waiting on the installation of turf in the area at the front of the school (in the corner area of Cunningham and Bunya Streets). This will become a valued space both for students and parents, with upper year level students keen to use this space as an outdoor classroom area and an additional waiting area for parents. The school would also like to thank the P&C for part contribution of funds in developing this space.

Work has commenced on the installation of bird netting in the Multi-Purpose Courts. The school would like to thank the band of helpers who have given up an entire weekend to start installing the bird netting. As you can imagine this is quite a large area to attempt to cover. Work so far has almost covered up to about half way in the Multi-purpose courts. By doing this has helped reduce pigeons nesting in this area where students play and eat.

With further works within the school, we have met with a playground specialist to start investigating the options and possibilities of what we are able to do with the current Prep and

Year 1 playground area. As a school we will continue to work with the P&C in investigating possible funding options in order to update the Prep and Year 1 play area.

Regards,
Scott Bach
Deputy Principal

Leadership Badge Ceremony 2021

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Congratulations to the 2021 Student Leaders.

School Captains- Kash Hunt and Molly Cosgrove

Vice Captains- Nicholas Tyler and Charlie Thies

Student Council Representative Council- Grace Mcwhirter, Sienna Haack, Kierra Potter, Jedd Tronc, Skye Mckinnon, Macee Cann, Mart Silvestre, Isaak Ingall, Piper Van Klaveren, Talitha Janke, Natalie Salmon and Emma Bound

House Captains:

Leichhardt- Millie Dun and Ethan Fraser

Cunningham- Broughton Stam and Kimie Nadal

Oxley- Sienna Gordon and Demi Frizell

McGregor- Hayley Abbott and Lara Land-Keating

Music Captains- Luke Anderson and Georgie Seng

Rugby League Program of Excellence- Elijah Nielsen and Lily Bond

Thank you to Dr Russell and Charlie Salter for your attendance on the day. We also want to thank the parents and and carers of the students who were inducted as student leaders.



Dates to Remember

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5th March	Dalby State School Clean up Australia Day
8th - 12th March	Tallebudgra Camp Year 6
9th March	P&C Meeting 6:30pm
10th March	Bunya Cricket Trials
12th March	"Words out West"- Prep, Yr 1 & Yr 4 Excursion
16th March	Bunya Boys Rugby League Trials
16th March	Bunya Netball Trials

19th March	Free Dress Day- Fundraiser for Student Council
23rd March-31st March	Life Education Visit
25th March	Easter Service
26th March	Dalby State School Cross Country
30th March	The Very Hungry Caterpillar- Yr 2 Excursion
31st March	BYOL and Computer Hire fees due
1st April	Red Food Day
1st April	Last day of Term 1
19th April	First day of Term 2

Shrek The Musical Jr

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Students have been informed that our 2021 Musical will be Shrek Jr. Last week students in Yrs 3,4,5 & 6 who were interested attended an information session. The process from here will be:



- Over the next 2 weeks, teachers will assist students to learn the songs for the audition
- Students will then be auditioned from weeks 7 to 9. Starting with year 3 students.
- Auditions will be conducted by teaching staff, and a criteria must be met.
- An information booklet will be presented to students during audition preparation. This will contain all relevant information regarding the musical

Sports News



PE Lesson

Breakfast Club

Did you know that every Tuesday and Thursday the school runs a breakfast club to make sure every student at our school starts the day with a healthy breakfast. We serve fruit, toast, eggs, sausages (Tues) and pancakes (Thurs) The food is generously donated by staff, parents and members of the wider Dalby community. If you would like to make a food donation please contact the school office.

Chappy Karl



Dalby State School Netball

DSS Netball



Calling all interested netballers Prep-Year 6 who would like to be a part of a DSS netball team to play in the Saturday morning PCYC netball competition.



Information we need: Name, Date of birth, Year, Parent/Carers name, contact details.

Each team will require a coach, manager and scorer so adults please help your child's team.

If you are interested in playing please give your name to the office including all the above information by Friday 5th March.



Students of the Week

Student of the Week 4

Week 4

Anna	1B	Curriculum Award
Chase	1B	Curriculum Award
Azariah	1C	Classroom Participation Award
Patrick	1C	Classroom Participation Award
Emily	2A	Curriculum Award

Kye	2A	Curriculum Award
Maia	2B	HPE Student of the Week
Charlotte	2C	Classroom Participation Award
Malachi	2C	Curriculum Award
Margaux	2D	Making Positive Choices
Lucian	2D	Curriculum Award
Olivia	3C	Classroom Participation Award
Brax	4A	Curriculum Award
Heidi	4A	Curriculum Award
Sebastian	4B	Making Positive Choices
Beau	4B	Making Positive Choices
Tilly	4C	Classroom Participation Award
Arrabella	4D	Making Positive Choices
Jayde	5A	Classroom Participation Award
Blair	6A	Classroom Participation Award
Keirra	6A	Making Positive Choices
Lara	6B	HPE Student of the Week
Kash	6B	HPE Student of the Week
Mack	Prep A	Curriculum Award
Eli	Prep A	HPE Student of the Week
Erin	Prep B	Classroom Participation Award
Ruby	Prep B	Classroom Participation Award
Kade	Prep B	Classroom Participation Award
Cassidy	Prep C	Classroom Participation Award
Kalani	Prep C	Curriculum Award



Uniform Shop Information

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

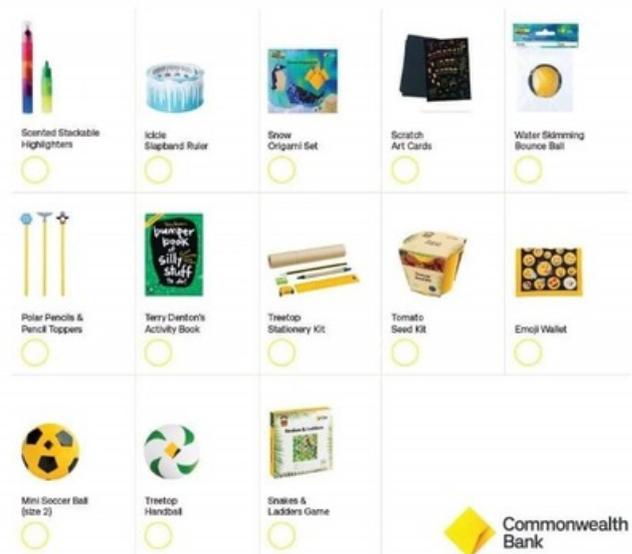
Monday	8am-9am
Wednesday	2pm-3pm
Friday	8am- 9am

Uniform order forms are available in the front office and can be placed in the P&C collection box should you not be able to make these times

School Banking News

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School Banking Rewards Redemption Day- Wednesday 10th of March is rewards redemption day. Check out the great rewards on offer.



Cleaners Trophy

The Cleaners Award for the cleanest classroom in Week 4 has been awarded to 2D!



Kilometre Club

Kilometre Club is back!!

Tuckshop News

https://dalbyss.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1147/tuckshop_2020_21_summer_menu.pdf
https://dalbyss.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1000/flexi_schools.pdf

Darling Downs Dental Clinic

Darling Downs Health

Students were sent home a note to register to participate in Darling Downs Health School Dental Service. If you would like your child to attend this clinic, please send the form back to front office as soon as possible. If your child did not receive this form please contact the front office. Parents will need to sign out their child to attend this service from the Front Office and sign back in once appointment has finished.



Community Notices

Junior Netball

Show and Shine

Dalby Swans