FROM THE PRINCIPAL

BON VOYAGE MR POWELL

Long serving staff member Mr Alwyn Powell has commenced a period of long service leave for the remainder of this year. Alwyn plans to travel and then to commence his studies for a PHD. Alwyn has not indicated that he is retiring and plans to return at the end of this year. We welcome Mr David Wilson as a replacement for Alwyn. We take the opportunity to welcome David to our school. David is a substantive school Principal most recently being at South State School and Glenore Grove State School in the Locker Valley. He has been undertaking a position within the region of Small Schools Principal Coach.

SING OUT

Congratulations to our students and staff who participated in last weeks sing out. This wonderful Choral Event allowed our students to participate with hundreds from across our region in practice and a performance in the evening.

GREAT NEWS ON THE BUILDING FRONT

The recent State Budget included a number of projects here at Darling Heights State School. These projects had been planned but given the financial situations presently confronting government had not been given the nod to go ahead. The projects planned for our school are:-

1. The renovation of 2 Year One classrooms to Prep rooms.
2. The construction of a new music classroom and Instrumental Music building.
3. The remodelling of the existing music and EAL/D facility into a designated EAL/D unit.

Tenders have been called and a contractor should soon be appointed. We expect to see work begin by or just into September.

SPORTS DAYS

Preparations are all but complete for our 2014 Interhouse Athletics competitions which have been scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Wednesday is specifically set aside for a number of field events with Thursday the main athletic and ball game competition.

As always parents are welcome to join us at any part of this day. Although a program is printed parents need to be aware that the times are only a guide and events may start earlier or later than those times published. A printed program is available only if ordered. Should you require a program please order at the office by Tuesday 24th June.

STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS

Our timetable was to send home the Semester 1 Student Progress Reports next Thursday the 26th of June.

Given the fact that Sports Day will be conducted on this day we will endeavour to send reports either Wednesday the 25th or they will be available on Friday the 27th. If this is the case and Students are not here on the Friday they can assess their report in Semester 2.

Until Next Week

Mark
FROM THE DEPUTY
SWPBS (SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE SUPPORT) MATTERS

This week’s Value of the Week is “Respect” and the focus is “I respect others’ games”. We want our students to consider the feelings, wishes and rights of other students when in the playground or classroom. This all comes down to being friendly to others; allowing others to join in games that you are playing or asking permission to join someone else’s game.

Having friends is important to everyone, so helping your child to develop skills in establishing good friendships is an important parental role; one which is supported here at Darling Heights State School. Much is said about the traditional ‘three R’s’ in education, but there are really ‘four R’s’ and the fourth ‘R’ is relationships. School is about learning to live as a community member, and relationships and friendships are the glue that keeps communities together.

Here are some ideas and advice for developing healthy friendships:

- Be honest and truthful.
- Be there when your friend needs you; be helpful.
- Respect people’s feelings and belongings.
- Share your feelings and be a good listener.
- Be kind and caring.
- Invite people to join in your games and activities.
- Never talk about people when they are not there.
- Always keep your promises.
- Be prepared to forgive and forget; it is human to make mistakes.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- BE the kind of friend you’d like to have.

Making and keeping friends requires a lot of effort. It’s not always easy and sometimes friends do things which are hurtful. A good friendship is one in which the people involved all work together to make it an enjoyable and rewarding experience for everyone. Be prepared to step in and help your child if you sense that their friendships are not appropriate or suitable. Talk to your child’s teacher if you are unsure.

END OF TERM CELEBRATIONS

Next Friday, classes will be acknowledging those students who have successfully and consistently demonstrated our school’s four key values of Safety, Thinking, Acting Responsibly and Respect. Year levels will be running some activities with their classes and having a “Pyjama and a Movie Day”. Students are allowed to come dressed in their Pj’s for the day. This is a free event and no money is required.

Students that have received three (3) or more time out referrals or RTR referrals, WILL NOT be eligible to participate in the reward activities on the day. If your child is not eligible to participate, please take the opportunity to explain to them that there are always consequences to the choices we make – some are positive consequences and sometimes we have to learn to deal with any negative outcomes. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr Leach on 46 368 333

YEAR 3 MORNING TEA

Throughout this term, Year 3 students have been writing persuasive letters to Mr Creedon as part of their English unit. The students offered several suggestions on how to best celebrate the value and importance of families. Mr Creedon thought this was a great idea and as a result, the Year 3 students, parents and teachers had a shared morning tea last week. There was a huge turnout and it was a great opportunity to see the school community get together to celebrate and appreciate all the wonderful student work that was on display within the classrooms. Thank you to all the parents who were able to be part of the celebration and for the students and teachers for their great efforts throughout the term.

Regards
James

Quote of the Week
“The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing.”
CHAPAINCY NEWS
Hey Y'all
I am just letting everyone know I will be away this whole week and possibly some of next week. I am having some time with my family to welcome our newest edition. My wife Kim had our second boy Gideon Gale George last Thursday morning. I will be around Darling Heights from time to time and I hope everyone has a great end of Term 2.
Sincerely,
Matt

YEAR 2 – JONDARYAN WOOLSHED
Last week our Year 2 students and teachers travelled to the Jondaryan Woolshed as part of their History unit in which they learnt about the changes in technology over time. The students got to dress up in “olden day” clothing and participated in a range of exciting and hands on activities – they even cooked and ate their own damper, took a ride on a horse drawn cart and watched a sheep get shorn!
When the students returned to school they each wrote a persuasive response about their favourite activity at the Woolshed. Here is a couple of great examples of some fantastic writing from our Year 2 students.

I strongly believe that the animal nursery was the best activity at the Jondaryan Woolshed. There were lots of animals to see like kangaroos, wallabies, a baby calf, goats, hens and many native birds. It was amazing that we got to pick up the hens and baby chicks. The activity was great because everyone was allowed to pat, hold and feed the animals. The baby chicks were fluffy and soft. Surely you would agree that the animal nursery was the best?
Lien D 2M

I strongly believe that the best activity was when we dressed up in the old school. We got to know a little bit about the olden days. It was amazing because the man there told us about the punishments the children used to receive from the teachers in the olden days. He showed us how to write Tanahya’s name in running writing on the board. You absolutely should agree that dressing up in the school was the best!
Chrystina B 2M
TUCKSHOP NEWS

During Sports Day on Thursday 26th June there will be no normal orders taken.

There will be a variety of food on offer in the vans on the top oval. Menus will be sent home today.

There will also be NO Meal Deal on the last day of school just the regular tuck-shop menu.

PARENTING BLOG

Michael Grose’s Insight of the week: Sometimes parents get drawn into sibling disputes, often unnecessarily … to read more

Link to the website as follows:  http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Home

We will share more of this with you from week to week.

STAR STUDENTS

Prep and Year One Stars
PN Brock Lingard
PT Tedy Ahadi
PW Asghar Hussain
1B Joseph Boland
1J Dimercias Kalenga
1S Ruby Hayes
1M Jazmyn Keller-Martin

Year 2 Stars of the Week
2LM Ayan Aldosari
2D Madison Seefeld

Year 3
3S Stars of the Week
3S Most Improved Speller
3B Most Improved Speller
3H Star Box
3H Star Student
Year 4/5 Student of the Week

3B Stars of the Week
3B Most Improved Speller
3H Star Box
Ibrahim Salim, Karla Wakefield
3H Star Student
Mamis Nafie, Domanic Taylor

3S Year 4/5 Student of the Week
4R Kiko Tutapu
4Y Jacinta Frizzo
4B Lily Wise
5S Issra Maryol
5V Eduardo da Silva
5Pr Amelia Ballard

Merit
4R Alkira Doman
4Y Yousif Abdul Wahab
4B Jasmine Boland
5S Matthew Boston
5V Ahmed Dhahir
5Pr Martin Dekeyser

6/7 Stars of the Week

Week 7
Prasiddha Paudyal, Elizabeth Ardika
Week 8
Dylan Glossop, Yassmin Ibrahim

SEP Awards
Merit Awards
Riley Barlow
Briar Brown
Philip Lane-Gessiri
Kurtis Jackson
Alex McDonald
Levi McClelland
Madison Powell
Lukuch Pach
Liam Binns
Sarah Hayes

Student of the Week
Jessica Bryde
Ayuen Pach Garang