WHITE RIBBON DAY
Yesterday, Darling Heights State School celebrated White Ribbon Day for the first time at a special assembly. From a local point of view, the focus was more about Respectful Relationships and standing against all forms of violence. Selected students made the following pledge on behalf of all students:

Today I pledge to stand up against violence.
I promise to respect myself, my family, my friends and other people in my life.
I will accept other peoples’ ideas, opinions, games, likes and dislikes.
I understand we will have different accents, speak different languages, eat different foods and play different games but together we make my family, my class my town great.
Together we stand and encourage respectful relationships, together we uphold our STAR values, and together we are proud to call ourselves Darling Heights State School Students.

About $180 was raised towards “White Ribbon Day”.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES
At this time of year, classes traditionally undertake Christmas activities leading up to the vacation. Many of these activities are based around the activities of Christmas, including the making of cards, bestowing best wishes and discussing the traditions of Christmas. In a school such as ours, we acknowledge the need to provide different perspectives about religious and cultural backgrounds and that some parents may choose not to have their children involved in these activities. Should this be the case, please let your classroom teacher know and they will make other arrangements for your child during these times.

AT STATE CRICKET
Commencing this Saturday, I will be involved as the coach of a Darling Downs boys cricket side at the 2016 State Championships which is being held in Charters Towers. This is certainly a great opportunity for me to be involved with one of my passions, school sport and especially cricket.
This year’s carnival runs until Thursday, 1st December. During my absence, Mr Chris Gilbert will act as Principal. Should you require anything, please do not hesitate to contact him.

CAROLS
My best wishes for a successful Carols’ program which is coming up next Friday evening, 2nd December. It is a great opportunity for our school community to gather and to enjoy some celebration together.

CHRISTMAS STALLS
Due to the fast approaching end of the year and the very full calendar, the annual Christmas stalls will be held as follows:
- Monday 5 December
- Tuesday 6 December
A timetable for each class will be prepared around the many other commitments at this stage of the school year and outlined in the next Cooee.

Until next week

Mark Creedon
(Principal)
Rule of the Week
I am the best student I can be. The following is a great start to being the best student you can be:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
November
28: P&C Meeting in the Administration Block at 7.00pm
29: Booklists due @ Browns Office Choice

December
02 (AM): Years 3-4 and SEP M Swimming Fun Day (9.00 depart, 12.00 return)
02 (PM): Years 5-6 and SEP S Swimming Fun Day (11.30 depart, 2.30 return)
02: Carols by Glow Stick in the Hall
05: Prep – Year 2 and SEP J Swimming Fun Day
      (Prep and SEPJ 10.45 -12.50, Year 1 12.35 – 2.30, Year 2 9.10 – 11.00)
      Year 5/6 Graduation Disco
06: ‘Move Up’ morning (classes go to their 2017 locations until morning tea)
07: Year 6 Graduation and Annual Prize Ceremony (11.30 for a 12.00 start)
     Report Cards issued.
08: End of Year Class Celebrations
09: Clean-Up Day

2017 CLASSES
Planning is underway towards the establishment of classes for 2017. This process is most effective where we are aware of:
  • Those students leaving.
  • Those students going overseas and not returning for the start of the new school year. (Should complete a form at the office).
Classes will be finalised prior to “Moving Up Day”.

SCHOOL ABSENCE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM
From the beginning of 2017, as part of Education Queensland’s “Every Day Counts” initiative it has been mandated that all Queens-
land State Schools advise parents/carers when their child is absent without explanation as soon as practicable on that day.

In response to this, Darling Heights State School will be introducing an Electronic Absence Notification System. Through this system, parents/carers will receive an SMS if their child is absent without explanation. When your child is away it is important that you notify the school before 10am on the day of absence otherwise you will receive an SMS.

As with all systems, errors can occur. We ask that you please be patient while we work to make this service as effective as possible for the Darling Heights State School community. If you receive this SMS when your child is away, you simply need to reply to the SMS with your child’s name and a reason as to why they are absent. We also ask that families ensure their contact details are up-to-date to ensure this notification can be delivered to the appropriate person.

We thank you for your cooperation during the implementation of this new system.

PARENTING IDEA NO.7 - Don't worry - relax and see what happens!

STRATEGY: ACCEPTANCE

GOOD FOR: kids who worry about exams or performing poorly in any endeavour; pessimists.

If you've ever been driving to an important event only to be stuck in traffic then you would know that there are some situations you just can't control. The only way to cope is to accept what's happening because worrying and fretting won't get you anywhere. Similarly, parents with a resilience mindset can help kids understand what's worth worrying about and what's not, and that some things won't change no matter how much kids fret or beat themselves up.

CANBERRA UPDATE
The 5/6 Canberra Trip departed as planned. From all reports, it was a good trip to Canberra and the children are busily enjoying a host of new experiences. The “Mint” was a popular venue but pictured below are our ‘treasures’ posing at the very scenic Mt Ainslie.
USQ - THE WORKS HEALTH & RECREATION CLUB
The Works is a community focused Health and Recreation Club who pride themselves on their friendly and professional staff, who are there to motivate you to lead a happy and healthy lifestyle.

Their classes include Box 4 Fitness, Pilates, Resistance Training, Yoga, Bootcamp and X Fit. Membership Fees start from $22.95 per fortnight (Conditions apply) and $29.95 for the general community. If you are interested in finding out any information about The Works, they can be contacted on 4631 1588 or check out their website on www.usqworks.com.au.

Year 5/6 GRADUATION CEREMONY
Year 5/6 Graduation and Award Ceremony and Announcement of 2017 School Leaders is Wednesday the 7th December.
11.30 – 12.00 Start. DHSS Hall.
All 5/6 parents, carers and families welcome.

CAROLS BY GLOWSTICKS
On the 2nd of December we are going to have our annual Carols by Glowsticks.

As in previous years, we will have many performances from each year level as well as from our school band and choir. In addition to our Sausage sizzle and Glowsticks there will be a Christmas Photo booth. For a gold coin donation you will be able to take a professional Christmas photo with your family using a number of Christmas props before and after the performance.

All money raised will go towards the school Chaplaincy Program.

Entrance is free and everyone is welcome to join.

YMCA After School Care  46 356308

Kiyua Performing Arts held in the Darling Heights State School Hall  - Sat from 9am - 11am.
Payment is by gold coin donation.
For more details call Sheriden 0412135925
All Library books are to be returned by Friday 25 November so that we can carry out our stocktake.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Thank you to all who participated in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Certificates were handed out last week. Some students read more than what was required and were rewarded at Assembly. Three girls in 4K read the three highest amounts - 360, 300 and 216. Well done.

Thank you
Judy Short

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Price increase – Chairbags will increase to $20 @ 2017

Uniform Shop Extended Opening Times 2017
Tuesday 17.01.17:- 9am – 1pm
Friday 20.01.17:- 9am – 1pm
First day back at school, Monday 23.01.17:- 8.30am – 10.30am
Tuesday 24.01.17:- 8.30am – 10.30am

Normal opening hours apply thereafter:
Tuesday 8.30-9.30am & Thursday 2.30-3.30pm
Please note: The Uniform Shop is run by volunteers who need to settle their own children back into school too. Every endeavour is made to open on time. Please be patient.

Used Uniforms: If you have second hand uniforms you wish to sell (on consignment), please leave them in a bag at the office or drop them into the Uniform Shop with your name & contact details & someone from the Uniform Shop will contact you with further details.

The Uniform Shop will be closed
Thursday 8th December.

Prep and Year 1 Stars
PM Dominic Mwamba
PN Anna Kalondja
PT Kaylee Frater
PW Thor Emmert
1B Lily Alfaro
1J Bella Gamble
1M Tharun Saravanakumar
1S Musbah Awedat

Year 2 Stars
2B Georgine Wilondja
2D Rynaz Al-Saadi
2M Ken Hall
2C Andre Kalondja

3B Awards
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Ryan O’Dell

100% CLUB: Joseph, Maddison, Areej, Lucas, Tansie, Harrison, James, Ryan, Samuel, Haozhen

MOST IMPROVED: Nehemiah

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT AWARD
Mahmood, Frank, Phoenix, Nehemiah

3H Awards
STAR BOX: Zakk Broksch

STAR STUDENT: Zakk Broksch

100% SPELLING: Francis, Ruqayah, Ken, Ahmed

100% MATHS: Isabel

MOST IMPROVED SPELLER: Ruqayah

Star of the Week
3A Zainab Abdul Wahab
3G Evie Adams

Merit Awards
3A Tamara Sofio-Isla
3G Darryl McCarthy

Star of the Week
4S Durikai Kelk

Student of the Week
4S Lani Washington

Merit Award
4S Alfonsin Fatima

SEP AWARDS

SEP J
Kayan Jalal
Coen Leighton
Ethan Bryde

SEP M
Nicholas Ditch
Jayson Carandang
Tiba Hazim

SEP S
Cody Elliot
Evan Jack-Sandrey
Rosie Callagher
Warren Till
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STAR OF THE WEEK
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