FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CONDOLENCES TO MR CREEDON AND HIS FAMILY
It is with a great deal of sadness, I advise the Darling Heights State School Community of the passing of Mr Creedon’s Father yesterday morning, Monday, 4th, November, 2013. I know that you will keep Mr Creedon and his Family in your thoughts during this very sad and demanding time.

2014 SCHOOL LEADERSHIP SELECTION PROCESS

RATIONALE
Term Four is the time when our School Leaders are chosen for the following school year. 2014 will be somewhat different; in that both the Year 7’s and the Year 6’s will attend high school in 2015 thus their last year of Primary School will be 2014. To allow children from both year levels to have an opportunity to be a School Leader at Darling Heights, the applicant pool for 2014 leadership positions will include the current Year 6’s and the current Year 5 Students. It should be noted that both cohorts are smaller due to the staggered introduction of Prep a few years ago.

THE APPLICATION AND VOTING PROCESS
Friday 1 November Applications are due to Ms McGilvray.
Wednesday 6 November Applicants will be given a “Speech Exemplar” to assist with making speeches.
Monday 11 November Students present short speeches (about 3 minutes) in the Hall (9:00 - 10.45 - Parents Welcome)
Wednesday 11 December Leaders are announced and badges are presented at the Annual Graduation and Speech Day Ceremony
(Parents of successful applicants will be given confidential prior notice to allow them to attend the Graduation Ceremony)
Term 1 2014 Leaders will have the opportunity to attend a short Leadership course after school designed to equip them with some basic organisational, public speaking and other Leadership strategies.

 Should you have any additional questions, please contact one of the 6/7 staff at the school.

We look forward to hearing the Students Speeches in the Hall next Monday, 11/11/13. Presenting a speech in front of an audience can prove to be quite daunting and it takes a great deal of courage to do it. For those students who do present a speech, be very proud of who you are and what you are able to offer if successful in becoming a 2014 School Leader. You are a Winner and have proven yourself by presenting a speech to the Assembly.

STRENGTHENING DISCIPLINE
The Education (Strengthening Discipline in State Schools) Amendment Bill 2013 has been passed in Queensland Parliament. The amendments will provide principals with the authority to develop local solutions to disruptive or challenging behaviour. Strengthening discipline in Queensland State Schools is one of 15 strategies introduced under the government’s Great teachers = Great results initiative to lift standards of teaching and give schools more autonomy so they can get on with the job of providing a safe and supportive learning environment for students.

From January 2014, state school principals will have greater autonomy and more flexibility to manage inappropriate student behaviour. Red tape will be cut, the processes for exclusions, suspensions and cancellations of enrolment will be streamlined and new approaches to behaviour management will be implemented. These changes will include:

• Increasing the maximum period for short suspensions to 10 school days
• Removing the requirement which allowed a student the opportunity to make a written submission prior to being excluded
• Expanding the grounds for suspension and exclusion
• Making a wider range of disciplinary strategies available for principals including discipline improvement plans and community service interventions
• Removing prescription so that detentions can occur outside of school hours and on weekends.

All state school will participate in a discipline audit by the end of 2014.
If you would like to find out more, please contact the School Office and we will gladly provide you with a Fact Sheet. The fact Sheet that you need to ask for is titled “Strengthening discipline in Queensland”.
In the “Sunday Mail” dated 3rd November, 2013, there was an article about students and their behaviours. If you are able to read it, please do so because there are a number of very pertinent points that we as parents, need to reflect upon. It states that the behaviours that children display are normally modelled on behaviours that they observe modelled by significant Adults in their lives. We can agree to disagree, but these comments are extremely accurate. Please take the time to reflect on the importance of being positive role models and incorporating our “STAR” (Safety, Thinking, Acting Responsibly, and Respect) Values when we are dealing with all members of the Darling Heights State School Community. As a School Administration we look forward to receiving feedback both positive and negative, from you, “the most important role model” in your child’s life.
The following quotation is very appropriate in relation to the aforementioned information: “Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.”

SWPBS (SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT) MATTERS
Welcome to Week 5 of Term 4. The Value for this week is Acting Responsibly and the Focus is “I use the Tuckshop in an appropriate manner”. During the discussions with the students, we stress the importance of ordering lunch before School (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday); standing back and waiting whilst ordering and waiting in line at the Tuckshop. We also stress the importance of using manners when dealing with the Adults who are assisting in the Tuckshop. As we continually remind the students, we are teaching you the skills that will ultimately assist you when you deal with people later in your life.
Because we are now almost halfway through the Term, it is a golden opportunity to remind you all about the Values and Focii that have been covered so far this term.
Week 1: (Safety, Acting Responsibly): I sit and behave in a safe manner in the Eating Areas. Discussion focussed on: Wait for signal to move; Wash hands before eating; Eating politely; Eat in designated area: sit to eat; Take unwanted food home and Eat own food.
Week 2 : (Thinking): I think about what needs to be done when I hear the First Bell. Discussion focussed on the importance of having books and materials ready.
Week 3 : (Acting Responsibly): I know what time School starts and I get here on time. Discussion focussed on the importance of arriving at School on time and being prepared to commence lessons at 8.45am.
Week 4: (Respect); I respect Teachers and other students and their right to learn. Discussion focussed on: Thinking about my own and others’ learning and working; Talking quietly and Allowing others to learn.

Once again, thanks to all Parents who assist us in ensuring that they discuss these Values with their children and stress the importance of using these Values when dealing with all members of the School Community. The behaviours that Parents model are picked up by the children and this is what they tend to do in various situations. Some Parents may disagree with what we are attempting to do but that’s what life is about. We can agree to disagree, but when students attend this School (or any other School in fact), there is a certain expectation that the Rules will be followed. If any Parent would like to discuss any of the aforementioned information, then please feel free to contact Mr Allan Bagley (Deputy Principal) on Telephone Number (07) 46368333.

2014 STATIONERY LISTS
Sincere thanks to Brown’s Bookstore for printing the 2014 Stationery Lists. By purchasing these stationery items from Brown’s Bookstore, you are ultimately assisting your P&C. A percentage of sales is paid to the P&C and this ultimately benefits all members of the School Community. Stationery Lists will be given to students and the important dates to remember are as follows:
Friday, 22/11/13: Closing date for orders to be placed on-line
Tuesday, 3/12/13: 8.00am to 9.30am, orders can be collected from the Function Room
Please feel free to contact Mr Allan Bagley (Deputy Principal) or Telephone Number (07) 46368333 if you wish to seek clarification about any of the aforementioned information.
TAKE THE TIME TO PONDER
For all of you, the past four weeks have been extremely busy at School. This is my first week back at work since July and I am really looking forward to assisting in tying up the year and making preparations for the new School Year. If at this time of the year you feel as if you are going to tire, then carefully read the following, “The Power of You”, and incorporate the ideas into your everyday lives. Any feedback (be it positive or negative) will be welcomed.

THE POWER OF YOU
You are strong ….. when you take your grief and teach it to smile.
You are brave ..... when you overcome your fear and help others to do the same.
You are happy .... when you see a flower and are thankful for the blessing.
You are loving ... when your own pain does not blind you to the pain of others.
You are wise ..... when you know the limits of your wisdom.
You are true ...... when you admit there are times you fool yourself.
You are alive .... when tomorrow’s hope means more to you than yesterday’s mistake.
You are growing ..... when you know what you are but not what you will become.
You are free ...... when you are in control of yourself and do not wish to control others.
You are honourable .. when you find your honour is to honour others.
You are generous .... when you can take as sweetly as you can give.
You are humble ..... when you do not know how humble you are.
You are thoughtful ... when you see me just as I am and treat me just as you are.
You are merciful .... when you forgive in others the faults you condemn in yourself.
You are beautiful ... when you don’t need a mirror to tell you.
You are rich .... when you never need more than what you have.
You are you ...... when you are at peace with who you are not.

By Nisha Nair

CORRECT MONEY TO THE OFFICE
When paying money to the office, please have the correct money in a named envelope as change is not always available at the time.

Envelopes are available at the office.

SWIMMING LESSONS
Please be aware of the days your child has a swimming lesson. The days and dates of your child’s lessons are clearly listed on the swimming notes.

We currently have three year levels attending swimming lessons. When several children forget their swimming gear it is very difficult for office staff to contact parents and get swimming togs to school in time for the lessons. We will only make one phone call to you if your child has forgotten togs.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Outside School Hours Care** - Ph. 4636 8342
- **Kiyua Performing Arts** Dancing and Performing Arts every Saturday morning in the DHSS Hall from 9am. Call Sheridan on 0412135925
- **Toowoomba State High School** - Wilsonton Campus Year 8 2014. Year 7 Parent Evening 7.00pm Tuesday 5 November 2013. Asian Languages Centre, Lecture Theatre, with light supper to follow. R.S.V.P Mr D Nugent 46 390 492
- **Toowoomba Grammar School Cricket Camp:** For all boys aged 10 - 13 years.
  
  When: 12 - 14 January 2014
  Where: Toowoomba Grammar School
  Cost: $275 Live out or $400 Live in
  R.S.V.P: Friday 15 November 2013
  Inquiries: (07) 46872529 or email: w.brown@twgs.qld.edu.au
- **Bush Remedies Workshop** on Tuesday 12th November 9.00am- 5.00pm at Harlaxton Neighbourhood Centre- presented by Ross & Saraeva Mitchell. Come along and learn how to make soaps and creams. Only 30 spaces available for this workshop. Transport provided if required. Phone Glenda, Jeff or Janet from PaCE team 1300 991 443 if you are interested.

PREP AND YEAR 1 STAR STUDENTS

- **Prep**
  - PW Erin Hall
  - PN Mahmoud Ali
  - PT Kevin Kibai

- **Year 1**
  - 1B Jayde Barwick
  - 1J Jayde Bryde
  - 1S Nirav Raj
  - 1M Shreeshail Nepal

YEAR 2 STARS OF THE WEEK

- **2D** Shaima Hawij
- **2LM** Julekha Hossain
- **2V** Lyrene Miguel
- **2M** Johanna Beard

YEAR 3

- **3H Star Box**
  - Sofia Kacisolomone

- **3W 100% Spelling**
  - Aisha Nafie, Jemma Kelk, Zoe Brown, Mayar Elamir, Connor Splatt

- **3W Students of the Week**
  - Joshua Stagg, Kailah Martin Maguire

- **3W Bookwork Prize**
  - Salina Binns

- **3S Bookwork Star**
  - Bianca Bland

- **3S Stars of the Week**
  - Jacinta Frizzo and Jasmine Palmer

- **3S 100% Spelling Club**
  - Maddison Borey, Nick Gollan, Jasmine Palmer, Kaytlyn Kemp

- **3S Most Improved Speller**
  - Kaytlyn Kemp, Jack Byrne, Dwayne Xavier

- **3S 100% Number Facts**
  - Chrispine Wilondja Eussa, Nicholas Ardika, Maddison Borey, Dwayne Xavier

YEAR 4/5 STARS OF THE WEEK

- **4B** Brianna Volp
- **4R** Wade Palmer
- **4G** Madelyn Sinnamon
- **5P** Dima Al-Nuaimi
- **5V** Callum Cain

MERIT AWARDS

- **4B** Chloe Johnson
- **4R** Ameerah Attiya
- **4G** Ali Damarda
- **5P** Munira Mohammed
- **5V** Tennille Taylor

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- **4B** Brianna Volp
- **4R** Sarah Philips
- **4G** Alisha Gui
- **5P** Jessica Tangalayuk
- **5V** Kiza Muimbusa

SEP AWARDS

- **Merit Awards**
  - Liam Binns
  - Cadel Duffill