**COMING EVENTS**

Note the following dates in your Diary:

- **Life Education Van:**
  - Monday, 17th, March, 2014 to Friday, 28th March, 2014

- **Toowoomba Show Holiday:**
  - Thursday, 27th March, 2014

- **Class Photographs:**
  - Tuesday 20/05/14 and Wednesday, 21/05/14

- **Last Day Term 1:**
  - Friday 4th April

**TUCKSHOP**

Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Open Tuesday from 8.30am - 9.30am and Thursday from 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

**OSHC**

Phone: 0419 440812

**CHAPLAINCY FUND-RAISERS**

Cruisin' Cappucino every Wednesday afternoon.

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

A week back and we all feel like our feet have yet to touch the ground. Having said this our school has settled exceptionally well with both returning and new students quickly establishing a focus, with their new teachers, on their study for this year.

**POSSIBLE CLASS REORGANISATION**

As is always the case, at the beginning of each year, some reorganisation can occur as our enrolments settle. It looks as though we will achieve our predicted 596 children which will ensure we maintain our 24 classroom teachers.

Growth of students in our Prep and Year 3 area is seeing us hosting some discussions with teachers about how we can most effectively meet the needs of students in these areas. If there is to be any reorganisation of classes it will occur across the Prep/Year1 area or across the Year 2/3 area. All other areas of the school will remain as formulated at the end of last year. Should changes need to occur, Parents in each of these year levels will be notified within the week.

**GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE**

Last week the Minister for Education announced an additional 131 million dollars to be invested in Queensland State Schools this year.

Under this Great Results Guarantee Program our school will receive in excess of $200000 to put towards additional programs in the Prep to Year 3 area. As part of this program, our school, along with all schools in Queensland, will be committing to ensure that every student will either

- Achieve a national minimal standard for literacy and numeracy for their year level
- Have in place an evidence based plan, developed by the school, to address their specific learning needs.

This Great Results Guarantee will allow our school to decide how money will be best spent to deliver innovative, targeted and evidence based programs that will meet the needs of our students and our community.

Before the end of February our school will be developing an agreement which will outline how this funding will be used for intervention and support strategies for our students. School staff are currently hosting discussions about how this can be achieved and we are happily seeking any ideas or input from members of our school community. Should anybody have thoughts on how we can best deliver quality programs to our students in the Prep/2 area I would be happy to hear them.

**DON’T BE LATE FOR SCHOOL**

When a child is 30 minutes late each day they miss half a day per week of school, they miss 4 weeks school per year and nearly 1 and a half years schooling in their life.

Beside the fact that lateness is disruptive to individual children because they have to get organised and catch up to a class, it is also disruptive to the teacher and the class who have begun their day on time. For the sake of children’s education I ask that all children are at school on time ready to commence their day which is 8.45am.

Until Next Week

Mark
SWPBS (SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT) MATTERS:
Welcome to Week 2 Term 1 and the Value for this week is “Thinking”.
The Focus is “I am organised for the School Day,” and in discussions, Teachers talk about:
- Keeping desk area tidy
- Have bag and equipment ready, and
- Hand electronic devices in to office
Sincere thanks to those parents who are assisting us already by ensuring that their child/children are properly organized so that their learning opportunities are maximized.
To follow on from last weeks ‘Cooee’, another reminder that if students bring mobile telephones to school, these need to be turned off and handed in at the School Office.
They are able to be collected each afternoon.
Keep your eyes open and read this section each week.
By working together, we can make a real difference.
Any queries or concerns can be addressed to Mr Allan Bagley (Deputy Principal) by telephoning, (07) 46368333

ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITIES’ PROGRAM
On Monday and Wednesday afternoons this term from 3:30-4:30pm we will be running the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program. This Australian Government program is run by the Australian Sports Commission and provides opportunities for primary school children to participate in free sport and other structured physical activity after school.
Tomorrow, your child will receive a letter informing you of further details. Stay tuned!

QUEENSLAND LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT CLINIC OPENING 27th JANUARY 2014.
We welcome you to this new multidisciplinary practice of Psychology, Education & Speech located in Springwood. The Queensland Learning & Development Clinic (QLDC) consists of leaders in the areas of Working Memory, Trauma, Psychology, Autism, Reading, Learning, Speech, Language and Auditory Processing.
QLDC is our 2nd Clinic with our other office located in Newcastle NSW. Our values, to listen, to respect, to care and to assist allow our team of dedicated professionals to cater to each child with compassion and professionalism.
Referrals are welcome direct to QLDC from schools, teachers, parents, preschools, GPs and other professionals dedicated to assisting children with researched intervention strategies.

Our team consists of:
Amanda Tocci (PhD Psychology Candidate): Working Memory, Literacy & Learning Specialist
Debra Mainwaring: Psychologist, Educational Psychologist
Shae Rodgers: Speech & Language Therapist

If you would like our assistance then please feel free to contact our office on 1300 651 704.

2014 MUSIC PROGRAM
Welcome back to another year of exciting music making and learning. Instrumental Music lessons will begin in Week 3 of this term. Concert Band and Stage Band, who rehearse on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8.00am will begin in Week 5. If you have any queries regarding the program please don’t hesitate to contact Miss Rackemann.
FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Dear Parents' and School Community

My name is Matthew George and I am excited to be the new Chaplain at Darling Heights State School. I have been a Chaplain for almost 2 years at three small country schools (Greenmount S.S., Nobby S.S., and Pilton S.S.). I am originally from Mobile, Alabama in the States, and lived there until I was 19 years old. At the age of 19 I followed my high school sweetheart half-way around the world, and got married. My wife Kim and I have a 4 year old boy named Caleb, and we are expecting another boy in June. I live close to the Darling Heights State School, and I am excited to be here three days a week. I am here on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. The days I am not at Darling Heights I will still be working at Nobby State School. I am not your normal Chappy I have a very interesting hobby that will catch many of y'all by surprise. I travel around Australia fighting MMA (mixed martial arts) professionally in my free time. Most people know the sport as UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship) but basically it is Boxing, Kickboxing, Muay Thai, Wrestling, and Brazilian Jujitsu all combined and normally we fight in a cage. My fighting name is Matt “The Alabama Assassin” George, and often I get told I smile too much in fights. So if you see me coming to school with bruises and black eyes it is from my hobby.

I am excited about getting to know everyone at the school, and will be helping out in any way I can. I love being a Chaplain and supporting the whole school community. Since I have a passion for all kinds of sports I love playing different games with the students during the lunch hours. I think the role of a Chaplain is highly relational so I love getting to know people, and becoming a part of the school community. I am always here for a chat, and thanks to training from my wife I have developed the great skill of just listening. If you have any questions for me please contact me at the school on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. I am excited about being a part of this amazing school community.

Sincerely,
Chappy Matt
YEAR 6/7 SHIRTS
Notes regarding the Year 6/7 T-Shirts will be handed out this week. If you do not receive a note, please call into the Uniform Shop to get one.

RECORDERS FOR 2014
If you have a child in Year 4, 5, 6 or 7 in 2014 they will need a YAMAHA recorder to participate fully in their music lessons. These recorders are on sale at the School Office for $7.60 which is quite cheap considering they retail for about $15.00 in most music shops. When purchasing a recorder for your child, please beware of cheap imitations. For example, those purchased from places like Sam’s Warehouse, Crazy Clarke’s, Kmart and most Newsagencies are NOT musical instruments. They are toys and have a very unpleasant sound which creates problems in music lessons.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Please see Noticeboard for information regarding the following:-
- Outside School Hours Care - Ph. 0419 440812
- Hockey Expo 2014 - Saturday, 8th February 2pm - 4pm at Toowoomba Hockey Centre Clyde Park 564 Boundary St. Information available at www.toowoombahockey.com.au
- St Anthony’s Catholic Parish is offering families the opportunity participate in our 2014 Sacramental Program covering Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist over the first 3 Terms of this year. Suitable for children aged from 9 years. For information and further details please contact the Parish Office St Anthony’s 3 Memory Street Toowoomba. 9am-4pm By telephone 0746 361737 or by email.admin@stanthonysparish.com.au
- Kiyua Performing Arts - Hey Kiyua Kids…. Sign up day for 2014 is on Saturday the 8th February 9am - 11am at the Wilsonton Primary School Hall Beryl Street and the Darling Heights Primary School Hall Wuth Street. Come along and sign up for the classes you want to join this year and get your 2014 timetable. New children wanting to join are most welcome. We have four levels of dance and drama. Entry cost is a gold coin donation.

Prep and Year 1 Stars
Bianca Russ PW
Ruby Hayes 1S
Briar Brown 1B
Teresa Zhao 1M
Haozhen Tu 1J

3H Student of the Week
Nosieba Abousnina

3H Star Box
Domanic Taylor

3S Stars of the Week
Ahmed Mohamed, Tyler Cora

3S Bookwork Star
Amni Muhamad

3B Student of the Week
Week 1
Kenneth Eckhoff