FROM THE PRINCIPAL

P&C ANNUAL MEETING
A reminder that the next meeting of our schools’ P&C Association in 2014 will be held on Monday the 24th March. Items of importance on this agenda include, further details about the Great Results Guaranteed Program, details of the planned building programs within our school and the possibilities of ongoing P&C contributions to our schools’ operation.

On the agenda will also be the election of the new Committee and an overview of the 12 month report from 2013.

The meeting will commence at 7.00pm in the Staff Room. Looking forward to seeing the Staff Room overflowing with interested Parents. Your attendance and involvement is greatly appreciated. EVERYBODY has a part to play in this School, because by working together, we are all able to make a significant difference. Don’t be backward in coming forward, put your hands up and be prepared to play your part.

If you wish to find out more about what some of these P&C positions entail, please contact the School Administration and we will put you in contact with the relevant P&C Members.

GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE — NEW TEACHER AIDE POTIONS
The new GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEED PROGRAM will require us to employ and train staff to deliver initiatives.

As part of this program each school will commit to ensuring that every child will either

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

Our discussions highlighting the opportunity to provide programs about the following

- Sensory Motor Programs in our Prep/Year 1 area. This program assisted children with such things as, listening and concentration, speech and language delay, attention span, handwriting and organisational skills.
- Levelled Literacy Intervention Program. This is a small group, supplementary literacy intervention program designed to help teachers provide powerful daily small group instruction for those children requiring support with their reading.
- Support A Talker Program, a program designed to assist children with elements of spoken language.

We have been filling available casual positions and have welcomed the many expressions of interest we have received to date. We wish to advise that we are still filling positions and continue to welcome applications. We are keeping all applications on file as opportunities for casual employment continue to arise during the year and as further positions become available we will contact applicants.

Until Next Week

Mark
SWPBS (SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT) MATTERS
Welcome to Week 6, Term 1 and the Value for this week is “Acting Responsibly”. The focus is: “I take responsibility for my belongings and school property” and in discussions, Teachers talk about:
- Take care of own belongings;
- Take care of others’ property, and
- Put lunch box away.

What we are doing at School is no different to what you, as Parents and Guardians, do at home. That is, look after belongings and put things away after you have finished using them. As we have repeatedly said, there is a great partnership between School and Home, and that by working together, a great deal can be achieved. As a School Administration, we sincerely thank all of those Parents who each week, talk to their child/children about the weekly Value and Focus. Please continue with your great efforts as it is very beneficial for everybody who is a member of the wonderful Darling Heights State School Community.

If you have any queries or concerns about the aforementioned information then please feel free to contact Mr Allan Bagley (Deputy Principal) on Telephone Number (07) 46368333. We look forward to receiving feedback, of any type, be it Positive, Negative or Neutral.

Continuing on with our Theme from last week, this week we will focus on what the expectations are of the students.

Learner’s Pledge

I believe in myself and my ability to do my best at all times.

Because I am responsible for my life and for all of my actions:

I will listen,
I will see,
I will feel,
I will think,
I will reason,
I will read,
I will write,

I will do all these things with one purpose in mind:

To do my best and not to waste this day for this day will come no more.

Sincere thanks for taking the time to read the aforementioned and discussing these very pertinent points with your children. These are very valuable points that if followed to the best of their ability, will make a difference later on in life. They may not see its relevance now, but at some point of time in the future, they will look back and have an “Aha!!” moment. All we ask is that at all times, strive to do your best.

ROAD SAFETY MATTERS
As has been previously stated, lately we have been fortunate to have an increased presence of Queensland Police representatives during the morning drop-off and afternoon collection times. A number of drivers have been fined for parking illegally by disregarding the Parking Signs.

The following information comes from the Department of Transport and main Roads booklet, “Your keys to driving in Queensland: Edition No14, Published January, 2014.

PARKING:
Parking is regulated and enforced by local governments. Parking is also enforced by the Queensland Police Service. (QPS)

How to Park: You must obey an official sign or line marking telling you how to park. If there is no sign or line marking, park the left side of you vehicle parallel to and as close to the left side of the road as you can safely. This is called parallel parking.

You must park facing the same direction as traffic in the adjacent lane or line of traffic. If you are in a one-way street (not a divided road), you can park parallel to and as close to the left or right side of the road as you can safely.

Where parking spaces are marked on the road, you must not take up more than a single space, unless your vehicle is longer than the length of the space.

You must not park closer than 1m to any other vehicle in front of or behind your vehicle.

Once again, thanking you all in anticipation of your valued support and co-operation in ensuring that all members of the Darling Heights State School Community remain safe at all times. Please don’t put your child/ren in unsafe situations.
TAKE THE TIME TO REFLECT
The following quotation ties in nicely with Week 3 SWPBS Value of “Thinking” with the Focus of “I think about doing my best.”
# “Don’t bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessor. Try to be better than yourself”

GOLD COIN FUNDRAISER TO ASSIST DROUGHT AFFECTED FARMERS
As most people would be aware, approximately 70% of the State of Queensland has been declared drought affected. Many farmers and their families are really struggling. To show our care for and support of these people, with the permission and support of YOUR P&C, we have decided to conduct a Casual Dress Day. If students wear appropriate casual dress on this day, then they are asked to donate a Gold Coin. All moneys raised will be forwarded to the organization that is co-ordinating this appeal. The Casual Dress Day will be conducted next Thursday, 13th March, 2014. Thanking you in anticipation for supporting this most worthwhile cause. Any queries or concerns can be directed to Mr Allan Bagley (Deputy Principal) on Telephone Number (07) 46368333.

CO-OPERATIVE RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION PROGRAM
A Co-Operative Religious Instruction Program operates at this school. Final arrangements are under way and it is anticipated that it will commence within the next couple of weeks. Each family will receive a Notice and attached Form. In the meantime, if you have any queries or concerns or wish to seek clarification about any matter please feel free to contact Mr Allan Bagley (Deputy Principal) on Telephone Number (07) 46368333.

YEAR 4 and 5 AUTHOR VISIT
A reminder to parents of students in Year 4 and 5 that the author Mark Greenwood will be at school on Friday 7 March. Payment of $4.50 is due to the Office by Wed 5 March.

BOOK CLUB
Brochures with order forms were given to the students this week. If you would like to make purchases please return the order form with the correct money in an envelope to the School Office by Wednesday 12 March. Credit card payment details are included. If paying by this method you ring the free call number given or pay online then write the receipt number on the form which is returned to school.

YEAR 2 INFORMATION SESSION
Year 2 parents are invited to an information session this Thursday, 6th March starting at 3.20pm. The information session will take about an hour. Teachers are looking forward to meeting and talking with parents at this time. Parents should go to their own child’s classroom for the information session.

YEAR 1 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
Year 1 Information night is on Wednesday 5th March at 6pm in the Year 1M classroom.

YEAR 4/5 PARENT TEACHER AFTERNOON
Year 4/5 information afternoon is on Wednesday 5th March at 3.15pm in the 4B Classroom.

Term 1 2014 Interschool Sport Draw Week 4

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COMMUNITY NEWS
Please see Noticeboard for information regarding the following:
- Outside School Hours Care - Ph. 0419 440812
- Kiyua Performing Arts - Dancing and Performing Arts every Saturday morning in the DHSS Hall from 9am. Call Sheridan on 0412135925

DONATIONS NEEDED
The Thursday morning craft group are looking for donations of glass coffee jar lids (like Moccona) and baby food jars with lids, face washers and hand towels...any donations can be left at the office. Thankyou

WIN IPADS FOR OUR SCHOOL
A reminder to bring in your tokens from the Chronicle. A token will be published in The Chronicle every day until Monday 31st March. The school with the most tokens at the end of the 5 week promotion wins the 10 ipads.

CONGRATULATIONS ZAIN
Last weekend Zain Carr competed at the Queensland Junior championships. Zain came 2nd in shot-put and 3rd in discus. He will now will be traveling with the Queensland Heat Team to compete in the National Junior championships in March being held in Sydney. All the best Zain.

BOOK LIST EXTRA ITEMS
Have you paid for the items that were listed on the bottom of your Book List? eg Life Education $8.00, Thrass Chart ($7.00), Recorders ($7.60), Photocopying/Class Book Sets. (Prep - $30; Yr 1 & 2 - $40; Yr 3 - $30; Yr 4 ~ 7 - $60) Payment is due now and can be made at the School Office. There are school envelopes available at the Office for your payments. All payments made to the Office should be placed in an envelope with your child’s name, class, payment reason and amount on the front of the envelope. This assists greatly with the receipting process. Should you have forgotten to pay your 2013 invoices it is not too late to pay. Please place money in envelope and hand in at School Office.

| Prep and Year 1 Star Students | Year 1 | Year 2 Stars of the Week | Year 3 | 5S Erin Cain | 5P Amy Alexander | 5V Eduardo Da Silva | Merit Award | 4B Abdulrahman Alhhwaydi | 4R Tiarna Hess | 4Y Summer Wilkie | 5S Joshua Moyle | 5P Hanah Shafain | 5V Ameerah Attiya | Student of the Week | 4B Nicholas Ardika | 4R Isaiah Tagituimua | 4Y Oskar Thompson | 5S Brianna Volp | 5P Harry Shelton | 5V Ahmed Dhahir |
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