FROM THE PRINCIPAL
LEVELLED LITERACY INTERVENTION (LLI) PROGRAM
Our school is soon to commence a program called The Levelled Literacy Intervention System (LLI).
This is a small-group, supplementary literacy intervention designed to help teachers provide powerful, daily, small-group (3-4 students) instruction for students who need some additional Literacy support at their Year level. Through systematically designed lessons and original, engaging levelled books, LLI supports learning in both reading, comprehension, phonics, sight-words, oral language and writing. LLI helps students expand their knowledge of language and words and how they work. The goal of LLI is to bring students to year level achievement in reading.
Initially we are identifying 70 students in Years 3, 5 and 7 who will benefit from participation in this program. Parents of those children selected will be notified of their child's involvement and the expectations we have of students and families once they become involved in the program.
We are excited by the possibilities this LLI program offers our children and look forward to seeing the progress of those children involved.

HARMONY DAY
On Wednesday 19 March our school will celebrate International Harmony Day. In the past our focus has been on the celebration of cultures other than Australia, however this year we will be shifting our focus to the celebration of all cultures and how we can all live in harmony. Harmony celebrations for our school allow us to celebrate the cultural diversity that we enjoy and value so highly here at Darling Heights State School. A flyer containing full details of our Harmony Day celebrations will be sent home in the coming days. Do come along and be part of the celebration of this special mix of cultures here at Darling Heights State School.

When: Wednesday 19 March at 2.00pm
Where: Darling Heights State school Hall
What to Bring: Yourself in National/Regional Dress if you would like to.
Children are encouraged to attend in Cultural and National dress.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN VISIT
As has been previously stated, the Life Education Van will be here from Monday, 17th March, 2014 to Friday, 28th March, 2014. The cost is $8.00 per child to attend. This can be paid at the School Office. Life Education is an invaluable component of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum that is offered at this school. It is vitally important that ALL CHILDREN ATTEND AND TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAM.

MAYORAL MORNING TEA
This coming Thursday our School Leaders will attend a morning tea with the Mayor and Councillors of the Toowoomba Regional Council. This event is a great opportunity for our Leaders to mix with leaders from all primary schools in the Toowoomba regional area. Hosted by the Mayor, he and other Councillors welcome the opportunity to talk with those with student leadership positions within our schools.

FURNITURE GIVEAWAY
The school is disposing of surplus. Giveaway furniture will be stacked beside the container which is positioned by the rubbish bin on the internal circular drive. Parents are welcome to take any of the surplus furniture so please have a look. If you are driving into the school grounds to pick up any furniture I ask that you either do so out of school hours and be very vigilant of pedestrian traffic if during school hours.

Until Next Week

Mark
SWPBS (SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT) MATTERS
Welcome to Week 7, Term 1 and the Value for this week is “I play safely”, and in discussions, Teachers talk about:
- Use play equipment safely.

In addition to talking about using play equipment safely and properly, Teachers stress the importance of playing fairly and safely, and then agreeing to follow the rules of the game. It is great to see the children out playing, but occasionally disagreements arise. These can be solved easily enough if all students involved ensure that they listen to what the others are saying. Practising this skill ties in with the Week 5 Value of “I put up my hand and wait my turn to speak”. Discussions this week centre around:
- Put hands up and wait, and, use one speaker rule. If the games become too competitive (and they occasionally do!!), students are reminded that the games are being played for enjoyment, NOT the World Cup or something of equivalence. Enjoy it and demonstrate sportsmanship.

If you have any queries or concerns about the aforementioned information, then please feel free to contact Mr Allan Bagley (Deputy Principal) or Telephone Number (07) 46 368333. We look forward to receiving feedback of any type, be it Positive, Negative or Neutral.

CONTINUING on with the theme from last week, this week we will focus on what the expectations are of you, the Parents.

PARENTS’ PLEDGE
I will support my child and his/her teacher with class work and homework. I will review the homework and initial/sign it.
I will ask my child about school every day.
I will encourage my child to complete monthly reading goals.
I will see that my child comes to school regularly, promptly, and in good health.
I will promote a positive attitude about school and learning.
I will keep an open line of communication with written notes, conferences and phone calls.
I will actively participate in my child’s educational journey.

TAKE THE TIME TO REFLECT
As has been mentioned in detail over the past couple of weeks, we are about to enter the testing phase of imple-menting our “GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE” initiative. Our involvement in this programme demonstrates our commitment to ensuring that every child will either:
- Achieve a National Minimum Standard for Literacy and Numeracy for their respective Year Level, or
- Have in place an evidence-based plan developed by the school, to address their specific learning needs.

The following quotation is very appropriate and ties in nicely with our GRG initiative.
"Good, Better, Best, never let it rest, 'til your good is better and your better best."

ROAD SAFETY MATTERS
You’re probably sick and tired of being constantly reminded about road safety issues, but one of our responsibilities is ensuring the safety of all members of the Darling Heights State School Community. Please take the time to carefully read the following information about “Prohibited parking places”. We are still observing incidents of Double Parking and this is a grave concern as it endangers the lives of students who are either alighting from or hopping into the parked vehicle. As has been previously stated, Queensland Police Officers are increasing their presence around the school, and if necessary, they will fine drivers who are observed doing the wrong thing.

Thanks again for obeying the Road Rules so that everybody is safe.

Prohibited parking places
You must not park or stop:
- on a road with a yellow edge line
- On a painted island
- Within 1m of another parked car
- Where you would have less than 3m of road between your car and the other side of the road, or any continu-ous marked centre line or double lines
- Where you would have less than 3m of road between your car and a vehicle parked on the other side of the road
- In a mail zone
- In a special purpose lane other than a bicycle lane
- Between the centre of the road and another vehicle already parked (known as double parking), except
when centre parking.

- Within 1m of a fire hydrant or fire plug indicator
- In an emergency lane on a motorway, unless this is necessary for safety
- On a safety ramp or arrester bed, unless necessary for safety
- In a loading zone, unless you are permitted to do so.
- In between signs that mark a bus zone.

Unless there is an official sign saying you can, you must not park or stop:

- Less than 10m from an intersection without traffic lights
- Less than 20m from an intersection with traffic lights
- Less than 20m before and 10m after a children’s crossing (when CHILDREN CROSSING flags are displayed)
- Less than 20m before and 10m after a pedestrian crossing, unless a parking sign applies
- Less than 20m before and 10m after a bus stop
- Less than 20m from a level crossing
- On the crest of a hill or curve outside a built–up area unless the rear of the vehicle is visible for at least 100m

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

It is just Chappy Matt here with a little Chappy-Update for y'all. I hope everyone is having a great week so far. I know my week has been interesting with my 4 year old son breaking his leg while riding down a slide. I have loved my time at Darling Heights so far this year, and I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who has been so welcoming. Every Monday we will have our ‘Ice Cream Mondays’ but when winter time hits they will become ‘Milo Mondays’. I will now be selling ice blocks as well for students that can’t have ice cream.

I would like to say a big THANK YOU TO MASTERS HARDWARE STORE. They have donated some supplies and are partnering with the ‘Something to be Proud of Gardening Club’ at Darling Heights S.S. If there are any Dad’s or Grandfather’s who are handy and would like to get involved please contact me for more details. The Local Chaplaincy Committee at Darling Heights SS had its first meeting couple of weeks ago. Our next meeting will be the 17 March. If any parent from the school would like to get involved and help chaplaincy grow at Darling Heights SS please contact me at matthew.george@chappy.org.au.

Thanks for everything!

Sincerely,

Chappy Matt

Term 1 2014 Interschool Sport Draw Week 5

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COMMUNITY NEWS
Please see the 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
Thank you for the donations we have so far received. We are still in need of glass baby food jars with lids and wrapped chocolates. A special thank you to the ladies who donated the white towels and wool, they will be put to great use for the stall.

**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.

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) 46388333.

PARENTING BLOG
We have now subscribed (free) to the Michael Grose parenting blog which will be used as part of our ‘communication with our community’ requirement in SWPBS. Link to the website as follows: http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Home. We will share more of this with you from week to week. **WATCH THIS SPACE EACH WEEK.**

FUN RUN
Fun Run forms have gone home this week.

The Fun Run is a great event, with lots of great prizes to be won.

We are aiming to raise much needed funds for new playground equipment.

The Fun Run will be held on 31 March 2014.

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