FROM THE PRINCIPAL
MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
With Mothers’ Day coming this Sunday it is always great for our P&C to be able to offer a stall where children can purchase something for their Mother. Full details of this are contained further into the Newsletter. I take the opportunity to wish all Mothers a great day on Sunday.

UNIFORM
Parents please ensure that your children have correct uniform to wear to school. In the cold weather we are currently experiencing, they still require to have bottle green and gold jumpers or coats. Beanies are not a part of school uniform and children wearing them at school will be asked to remove them. Beside the fact that a beanie provides no sun shade for children, they are at times more used as a fashion statement, one which can be distractive and disruptive in our school day.

ENROLMENT GROWTH
Our school has received an additional 1.5 teachers to cater for our growth of enrolment since the beginning of the year. We are currently discussing how best to use this additional staff especially across our areas of Prep and Year 3 which at the moment have experienced the most growth.

Parents in any areas where change will occur will be notified of what is being undertaken.

NAPLAN TESTING
On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.

Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3, 5 and 7 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing. Special circumstances do exist where some children are exempted and teachers would have talked about this with parents if their child met these criteria.

One way parents can assist is to ensure your child is at school, on time, on these days and ensure they have had a good night’s sleep and a hearty breakfast.

Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.

More information is available on the NAP website (http://www.nap.edu.au/).

If you have any concerns, please contact the school.

SWPBS (SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT) MATTERS
Welcome to Week 3, Term 2, and the Value for this week is “THINKING”, with the Focus being “I think before I speak or act). During discussion with the students, Teachers talk about:

- Think about my actions and how they affect myself and others.
- Think about my actions and how they affect others.
- Make good choices.
- Think about all choices and their consequences to myself and others.

As we continually say to the students, you are responsible for what you choose to do. Other people can’t make you. The choices that you make may not only affect you, but it may also affect other. As has been previously stated, our aim is to have 100% participation in the End Of Term SWPBS Treat Day. If a student is not able to participate, then it is due to the fact that they have made inappropriate choices which have resulted in three (3) or more Time Out Room or Responsible Thinking Room Referrals. Instead of siding with the child, talk to them about the fact that throughout life, we must accept consequences for our actions, learn from it and then move on. If the circumstances arise again, then hopefully the child makes the correct choice.

Sincere thanks to all those parents who each week assist by talking to their child/ren about the importance of using SWPBS Values in their everyday dealings with all members of the Darling Heights State School Community.

Please feel free to contact Mr Allan Bagley (Deputy Principal) on Telephone Number (07) 46368333 should you wish to discuss any of the aforementioned information.

Until Next Week
“HAPPY MOTHERS’ DAY” to all the Mothers. Hoping that you get a giggle or two out of the following “Words of Wisdom” and my apologies in advance if any of you don’t find it funny.

I owe My Mother
1. My Mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.
   “If you’re going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.”
2. My Mother taught me RELIGION.
   “You better pray that will come out of the carpet.”
3. My Mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL.
   “If you don’t straighten up, I’m going to knock you into the middle of next week!”
4. My Mother taught me LOGIC.
   “If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you’re not going to the shop with me.”
5. My Mother taught me MORE LOGIC.
   “If you eat all the biscuits in the barrel, there will be none left.”
6. My Mother taught me FORESIGHT.
   “Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you’re in an accident.”
7. My Mother taught me IRONY.
   “Keep crying, and I’ll give you something to cry about.”
8. My Mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS
   “Shut your mouth and eat your dinner.”
9. My Mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.
   “Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!”
10. My Mother taught me about STAMINA.
    “You’ll sit there until all that spinach is gone.”
11. My Mother taught me about WEATHER.
    “This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it.”
12. My Mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.
    “If I told you once, I’ve told you a million times. Don’t exaggerate!”
13. My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.
    “I brought you into this world, and I can take you out.”
14. My Mother taught me about BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION.
    “Stop acting like your father!”
15. My Mother taught me about ENVY.
    “There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don’t have wonderful parents like you do.
16. My Mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.
    “Just wait until we get home.”
17. My Mother taught me about RECEIVING.
    “You are going to get it when you get home!”
18. My Mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.
    “If you don’t stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way.”
19. My Mother taught me ESP.
    “Put your sweater on; don’t you think I know when you are cold?”
20. My Mother taught me HUMOUR.
    “When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don’t come running to me.”
21. My Mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.
    “If you don’t eat your vegetables, you’ll never grow up.”
22. My Mother taught me GENETICS.
    “You’re just like your father.”
23. My Mother taught me about my ROOTS.
    “Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a tent?”
24. My Mother taught me WISDOM.
    “One day you’ll have kids of your own, and I hope they turn out just like you.”
25. My Mother taught me about JUSTICE.
    “One day you’ll have kids of your own, and I hope they turn out just like you.”
TIMETABLE FOR MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
DATES: THURSDAY 08/05/14 AND FRIDAY 09/05/14

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VENUE: FUNCTION ROOM
Gifts range in price from $1.00 to $10.00. Please bring your own Shopping Bag.

Special Education Program News

CAR WASH
Over the weekend, a small band of students and their parents braved the wind and low temperatures to wash cars. Although the weather was unfortunate, the amount the group raised was fantastic. All-in-all, the fundraiser totalled $565. A big thank you to Kirra and Jamie Hayes, Jocelyn Nichols, Juanita Bryde, Andrea Williams, Ruampoun and Michael Lane-Gessiri and Kathy Stajkowski along with all the student helpers for making the event possible. Thank you also to our Darling Heights Community for supporting the event.

BAKE SALE
With Mother’s Day just around the corner, it’s perfect timing to stock up on cakes, biscuits and slices. These delicious items will be available from the school tuckshop this Thursday and Friday (8th and 9th May) from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. What a fantastic way to make Mum’s day! Get in quick as these goodies will sell fast. Finally I will leave you with this quote: “We are all different, which is great because we are all unique. Without diversity, life would be very boring.” Catherine Pulsifer

Chris Gilbert
Head of Special Education Services
Hey Y’all

I am just writing a little Chappy Up-date in the Cooee! for y’all about a couple things going on at Darling Heights. Firstly I hope all the students in Years 4 to 7 enjoyed TAG! yesterday Monday and learnt something from Az Hamilton’s presentation.

We will no longer be doing “Ice Cream Monday’s”, instead we will have “Milo Monday’s”. Students will be able to buy a nice Milo with marshmallows and a cookie for $1. If students just want some marshmallows and a cookie, they can buy that for $1. Any parents who would like to get involved, please contact me as soon as possible. If you would like to help by bringing in a donation, that would be much appreciated. Thanks to those individuals who have brought in donations recently!

During the NAPLAN testing, we will be having a NAPLAN breakfast for students in Years 3, 5, and 7. The breakfast will take place May 13th, 14th, and 15th from 8am till 8:30am, and will be served from the Tuckshop. The breakfast is being provided for Darling Heights thanks to Woolworths at the Ridge Shopping Centre, Harristown Christian Assembly. This is also possible thanks to some amazing volunteers from the school, Harristown Christian Assembly, and Hume Ridge Church of Christ. If anyone would like to volunteer their time, please contact me by this coming Thursday.

Thanks for everything and I hope everyone has a great week, and if you see me with any bruises on my face this week, it is because I had a MMA fight last Saturday.

Sincerely,
Chappy Matt

Darling Heights State School
Year 3 to 5 Family Workshop

Automata Models

When: 15th May
Where: School Hall
Time: 3.30pm til 5.00pm
Cost: $5 per Student

Limited numbers only 25 places

PARENTING BLOG

Michael Grose’s Insight of the week: Want to build your skills to bring out kids’ best behaviour and get more cooperation? …….
Link to the website as follows: http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Home
We will share more of this with you from week to week.

STAR STUDENTS

Prep Year 1
Prep T
Georgine Wilondja
Prep W
Lamyaa Alharbi
Prep N
Mukhlis Muhammad Nur
1B
Ghanem Alotaibi
1S
Maddison Dorman
1M
Teresa Zhao
1J
Ibrahim Maryol

Year 2
2D
Sienna Carr
2V
Kuol Panrach
2LM
David Odeoye
2M

YEAR 3
3H Star Box
Nosieba Abousnina
3H Star Student
Aiman Mohamed
3B Star of the Week
Mamer Herjok, Jamilaki Leslie, Aanan
3S Stars of the Week
Shafluddin, Dylan Widdack
3S Bookwork Star
Lyrene Miguel
3S Most Improved Speller
Olivia Cain

Year 4/5 Stars of the Week
Student of the Week
4B Ali Yousefi
4R Mayar Elamir
4Y Blake Plant
5S Aisah Amalia
5Pr Hamish Ward
5V Adhieu Deng
Merit

SEP Awards
Merit
Brandon Lanzafame, Izayah Brown, Patrick Vatancharad, Ethan Boutell, Ayuen Pach, Tafara Chimhundu, Saad Alajmi, Lukuch Pach

6/7 Stars of the Week
Lochlan Whant, Dima Al-Nuaimi