FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PUBLIC HOLIDAY MONDAY
A reminder there is no school this coming Monday 9th June due to the Queen’s Birthday long weekend.

OUR GLOBAL VILLAGE -
If we could shrink the earth’s population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following.
There would be:
- 57 Asians; 21 Europeans; 14 from the Western Hemisphere, both north and south; 8 would be Africans; 52 would be female; 48 would be male, 70 would be non-white; 30 would be white
- 70 would be non-Christian; 30 would be Christian
- 6 people would possess 59% of the entire world’s wealth and all 6 would be from the United States.
- 80 would live in substandard housing; 70 would be unable to read, 50 would suffer from malnutrition
- ONE would be near death; ONE would be near birth, ONE would have a college education, ONE would own a computer.

And, therefore:
- If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who won’t survive the week.
- If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 20 million people around the world.
- If you attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than almost three billion people in the world.
- If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of the world’s wealthy.
- If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read anything at all.

EVERYDAY COUNTS
The weather is getting colder and holidays are fast approaching. While it may be tempting to let your child stay at home for a day or two as the term ends, our school would prefer to see every child attend on every day of every term. We strongly believe children need to attend school every day to receive the most benefit from their education.
Did you realise skipping one day of every term adds up to more than a whole term of schooling missed throughout a child’s education?
Skipping a week of school each term, your child will miss more than 15 months of their education!
For further information on the importance of regular school attendance, please visit www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/posters.html

HONESTY FROM OUR STUDENTS
We have had another example of honest behaviour from 2 of our intermediate boys. Caden Rayner and Thiery Rusangwa handed a large amount of money to the office on Monday of this week. Congratulations to these 2 boys who have been acknowledged by their teachers for making good choices, another example of our STAR program.
This money was collected by a student who required it for bus money for himself and his brother.
Well done Caden and Thiery.
Until Next Week
SWPBS (SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE SUPPORT) MATTERS

Welcome to Week 7, Term 2 and the Value for this week is “Be a Thinker” with a focus on “I think about caring for the school environment”. During discussions in class, teachers explain how important it is for students to care for their belongings and school equipment as well as showing pride in themselves and the school. It is important that students learn to think about the consequences of their actions. This is learning that there can be both positive and negative outcomes to the choices we make. Thinking about what could happen, will help students to make a more informed choice (and hopefully, the right one).

A special thanks to all parents who take the time each week to sit down and talk to their child/ren about the week’s Value and focus.

If any parents have any queries or concerns or wish to discuss anything, please feel free to contact Mr James Leach (A/Deputy Principal) on 46 368 333.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFIDENCE IN STUDENTS

Confidence is the full trust and belief in oneself, a self-reliance and assurance in one’s abilities. The ‘litmus test’ for the degree of confidence a student has can be tested by how they approach new challenges. Lack of confidence is one of the greatest barriers to successful learning. Children who lack confidence have yet to learn that:

- Making mistakes is an essential part of learning.
- Important people love us for who we are, not for what we can do.
- We all have many skills that we have not yet discovered.

Being successful means doing your best, not being better than other people.

Listed below are some ways in which you can help your child to become more confident, and therefore more successful as a learner:

- Be excited and interested in their achievements, no matter how small.
- Build on any special strengths with praise and new opportunities.
- Ensure that your children feel safe and supported in taking risks. Every child needs to learn that it is fine to make mistakes and that trying and not succeeding straight away is part of learning.
- Take a child’s interests and activities seriously. Let them see that their experiences are valuable.
- Ensure all challenges are realistic. Nothing succeeds like success and the more success children have the more confidence they bring to any new challenges.

Carefully consider the place of competition in the life of the child. Despite what some people think, an individual’s success in life, in the things that matter, does not depend on being faster, stronger or smarter than other people. Success is about doing your best and being proud of yourself.

“If you think you can or if you think you can’t, you’re right either way.” Henry Ford

PROJECT 600 – NUMERACY

Twelve Year 4 students have been selected to be involved in a regional online Numeracy Project (Project 600) over the next 10 weeks which aims at improving the numeracy skills of students, with a focus on problem solving strategies (using Polya’s process of See, Plan, Do, Check).

This project also aims at developing the students’ general capabilities as described in the Australian Curriculum including Numeracy, Critical and Creative Thinking and Information and Communication Technology Capability.

Project 600 is a targeted program for students aspiring to the Upper 2 Bands. Students will participate in one scheduled 60 minute learning session per week via web conference. Students are also provided with virtual classroom activities and these are completed independently at school or at home.

Parents of the students involved will receive access to the virtual classroom and further information on the project in the coming weeks.
SING OUT 2014
Sing Out is on next Tuesday 10th June. If you haven’t purchased tickets to watch your child perform they are still on sale at the Empire Box Office.
You don’t need to purchase a ticket for your child who is performing.

BOOK CLUB
Money and order forms for Book Club are due to the office no later than Wednesday 4th June.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN
Hey Y’all
This coming Wednesday we will be holding the finale of Darling Heights Has Got Talent during Assembly. We have had some very talented students compete in this competition and have worked our way down from 44 students. Now we only have three acts left that will compete to win Darling Heights Has Got Talent. Each act will get 1 minute to perform and then our special judges will get to choose the winner. The winner will get a very special prize Darling Heights Got Talent and the other two acts will win a prize as well for making it to the finale round. I would like to personally thank all the students who have performed because they all have been amazing, and a thank you to the students that have been helping me organize this talent show at Darling Heights.

Just a reminder about PACTS (Parents As Career Transition Support) Information afternoon will be held next Tuesday the 10th of June at 2:30pm till 3pm in the Function Room. PACTS (Parents As Career Transition Support) is a great program that helps parents and carers support their children in secondary school and helps them pursue their career of choice. This information afternoon will be a chance for Judy Barkla from The Smith Family and myself to gather information to facilitate a better workshop specially targeted to Darling Heights State School. If you are unable to attend please sign the expression of interest sheet and write a time that would be better suited for you. If you have any questions please contact Judy Barkla on email judith.barkla@thesmithfamily.com.au or by phone on 07 4659 0614 or myself at the school.
Thanks
Matt

Special Education Program News

Learners who find Learning Hardest
On Thursday and Friday last week Mrs Stephens had the opportunity to attend a workshop on Intensive Interaction. This program focused on developing communication with students who are pre-verbal, difficult to reach or don’t have a formal communication system yet. Mrs Stephens has returned very excited about trialling this with some of our students.

DIY Projects
On Friday 23rd May the students in the SEP 2-4 class and SEP 5-7 class were lucky enough to have Steph visit. Steph is the Activities Organiser for Bunnings and she brought with her some DIY kits for all the students. Everyone had a fantastic morning and created carry boxes which sit proudly on their desks. Thank you to Steph and Bunnings for their support.

Cross Country
Congratulations to Liam Binns who competed in the Darling Downs Cross Country Championships on Tuesday 27 May. Liam ran in the 10-12 years boys 2km race and came first in his category. This means Liam will be heading to the State Championships on 18th and 19th July. Good luck Liam!

Finally I will leave you with this quote: “The best hope of solving all our problems lies in harnessing the diversity, the energy, and the creativity of all our people.” Rodger Wilkins

Chris Gilbert
Head of Special Education Services
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

RUN WILD RUNNING CLUB
Junior & Senior Squad Athletics / Running coaching
* Adult Running Squad also available at other times
Mon: 4pm-5.30pm Queens Park
Wed: 4pm-5.30pm O’Quinn St Oval
Saturday: 9am-10.30am O’Quinn St Oval.
For more information regarding programs and cost please contact:
Coach Kate McWha Ph. 0413 618 488
Level 4 Specialised Distance Coach
Email: coach-kate@hotmail.com

**FATHERS DAY STALL**
Our Crafty Ladies are in need of donations of Moccona coffee jars in the medium and small size.
Please leave the office or bring to the Function Room on Thursday mornings.

**UNIFORM SHOP VOLUNTEER**
The uniform shop is looking for a Volunteer on Tuesday mornings between 8.30am and 9.30am and on Thursday afternoons between 2.30pm and 3.30pm. If you are interested in helping please see Lee-Ann in the Tuckshop.

**SEP Awards**
Merit
Alex McDonald, Asher Peters
William Thorley, Briar Brown
Phillip Lane-Gessiri, Riley Barlow
Joshua Roberts, Ayuen Pach
Ethan Boutell, Jerrell Binge
Lena-May Smith, Levi McClelland
Madison Powell, Rosie Callagher
Tiba Hazim, Zulaikha Nowrozy
Lukuach Pach, Liam Binns

**STAR STUDENTS**

**Prep and Year One Stars**
**PN** Abdulla Abdelrahman, Jasmine Taylor
**PT** Jorjah Lomas, Georgine Nabasaka Wilondja
**PW** Akuooch Panrach, Reema Alahmari
**1B** Kurtis Jackson, Joseph Boland,
**1J** Tamara Sofio-Isla, Adrian Dabayon
**IS** Jakira Suey, Shane Lee
**1M** Ethan Jorgensen, Ebraheem Husseen
Year 2 Stars of the Week
**2D** Alexus Gill
**2LM** Merna Gorges
**2M** Ayla Smit
Year 3

**3S Stars of the Week**
Olivia Cain, Jaina Fisher
**3S Bookwork Star**
Maddison Callaghan
**3S Most Improved Speller**
Olivia Cain, Braydon Ford, Kira Foxe

**3H Star Box**
Mariam Nafie, Thiery Rusangwa
Year 4/5 Student of the Week
**4R** Mustafa Luaibi
**4Y** Zebediah O’Shea
**4B** Hafiz Mohamed Rosli
**5S** Ellie Wright
**5V** Pookie Lane-Gessiri
**5Pr** Ailin Vojdani
Merit
**4R** Sahar Shah Noor
**4Y** Exauce Muteba
**4B** Basam Askar
**5S** Anish Roy
**5V** Jackson Goulding

**5Pr** Chloe Johnson

**4GR’s Give Me 5 For Kids appeal.**
Dress up as a Zombie and meet at Frog’s Hollow, Queens Park for a night walk over to the Clive Berghofer Stadium to raise funds for Children’s Health at the Toowoomba Hospital. Friday 13th June from 5.00pm - 8.30pm
$5 to register @ Google Zombies coming to Toowoomba or find us on Facebook.

**ZOMBIE WALK**

**PARENTING BLOG**
Michael Grose’s Insight of the week: Bullying is an insidious behaviour that transgresses children’s natural right to feel safe and secure. It can adversely affect their learning, emotional well-being, further peer relations and their sense of self……..to read more