FROM THE PRINCIPAL

LONG WEEKEND
I do hope that everyone enjoyed the extra day the Queen’s Birthday Holiday allowed last weekend. It is most definitely timely for teachers as they wrap up their assessment reporting programs for Semester 1.

STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS
School staff are working to allow our Student Progress Reports to be sent home on Thursday the 26th of June, the last Thursday of this term. Introduction of the Australian Curriculum being implemented in Queensland through Education Queensland's “C2Cs” has seen changes to what children are taught especially in terms of providing higher expectations of what we require of them. As this is the third year of our school teaching from “C2Cs” we expect that most parents will have an understanding of how their children are travelling and that the assessment that we will provide will be reflective of how they are going. I do remind all parents that an A is very difficult to achieve with Bs and Cs being excepted as the norm for children to achieve.

All parents are welcome to a Parent Teacher interview which will be conducted at the beginning of next term. Individual teachers will liaise with parents regarding the best time for these interviews to occur.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
When you are reviewing your child’s report card, take a moment to consider your child’s attendance rate. Research shows that students who have good attendance are more likely to achieve high results at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons which will help them to achieve to their full potential.


SICKNESS
In wanting children to be here "everyday" there are times when sickness will prevent this. At this time of the year we have seen an increase in the number of influenza cases and sickness within our school community. I would ask parents that you ensure that you have emergency contact details that are correct on our school records. Should children become ill at school parents will contacted in order for you to provide appropriate medical attention. I also ask that parents would not consider sending your children to school if they are ill. On many occasions it will take longer to recover from the illness and your child may also infect others.

UNIFORMS
As a Uniform School, it is our expectation that children attend in school uniform. James has provided additional information regarding uniform in the following pages, information parents need consider. Any parents having difficulties in convincing their children to wear school uniform need do no more than contact me. You’ll get my full support in ensuring that your child wears the uniform as it is our expectation and requirement that they do so.

Until next Week

Mark
FROM THE DEPUTY

SWPBS (SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT) MATTERS

This week’s Value of the week is “Respect” and the focus is on wearing the school uniform every day – something that is already being done extremely well at Darling Heights State School. Our uniform looks fantastic and we have received many positive comments about it. It is great that nearly all our students are able to wear their full uniform each and every day. There are also enormous benefits for ensuring all students wear our full school uniform. These include:

Defining our school identity.
- To promote pride, unity and sense of belonging to the Darling Heights School community.
- Provides an opportunity to build and enhance ‘school spirit’.
- Promotes a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity.
- Enhances the health and safety of students when involved in school activities and excursions.
- To ensure quick and consistent identification of Darling Heights students.
- Complies with our obligations under Occupational Health and Safety Legislation. eg. SunSmart and broad-brimmed hats (NO hat, NO play)
- Promotes positive community perceptions of our school.
- Makes school clothing more affordable by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear current fashions and expensive clothes. To minimise the pressure on families to provide the financial resources to meet the latest fashion trends.

If for any reason a child is not able to wear a uniform, please provide a written explanation or call the administration office. This requirement is also reflected in our current Uniform and Dress Standards Policy. If you require new or second-hand uniforms please contact the school’s Uniform Shop.

SWPBS MEETINGS

Each fortnight, there is a SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support) meeting held at 8:00am in the school Library. Parents and community members are invited to attend these meetings. Currently the parent representative is Andrea Williams and she would welcome other parents to become involved. If you would be interested in becoming a member of this group please contact Andrea or Deputy Principal James Leach. The next meeting will be on the 24th June. Hope to see you there!

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

The partnership between you and the school, especially your child’s teachers, is essential to ensuring that your child has the best opportunities to enjoy the school experience and to learn effectively. Research has proven that when parents and teachers work together, everyone benefits: students tend to earn higher grades, perform better on tests, attend school more regularly, have better behaviour, and show more positive attitudes toward themselves and toward school.

The following poem clearly illustrates the importance of schools, parents and community working together to help nurture and teach a child. Your support is crucial and valued by all staff here at Darling Heights State School. Please feel free to contact the school or one of the teachers if you ever have any questions or if you would like opportunities to be further involved in your child’s education.

Regards
James
UNITY
I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there,
The clay they used was a young child’s mind
And they fashioned it with care.

One was the teacher and the tools she used
Were books and music and art;
One was a parent with guiding hand
And a gentle, loving heart.

Day after day, the teacher toiled
With touch that was deft and sure,
While the parent laboured by her side
And polished and smoothed it o’er.

And when at last their tasks were done
They were proud of what they had wrought,
For things they had moulded into a child
Could neither be sold nor bought.

And each agreed they would have failed
If they had worked alone,
For behind the parents stood the school
And behind the teacher, the home.

by Ray A. Lingenfelter

NEW OPTIONS FOR COMMUNICATING WITH POLICE
2014 is an exciting time with the launch of the myPolice Darling Downs blog site and the new Neighbourhood Watch model, including the new NHW blogs.

The myPolice blog gives Police the opportunity to inform the community about a range of policing issues, good news stories and in some instances seek their assistance to solve crime.

You can find the blog at http://mypolice.qld.gov.au/darlingdowns/ feel free to get on and have a swim around to get a feel for the information we are sharing and types of blogs that will be posted.

You can subscribe to receive the posts using the tab in the right hand top corner and get the information as soon as it’s published.

The new Neighbourhood Watch model, including the new NHW blogs is an evolution of an old friend, still one of the best community – police connections we have. For further information about the new model and the blogs go to nhwq@police.qld.gov.au.

The Blogs, our State wide Facebook page, the Queensland Police Internet site; http://www.police.qld.gov.au/ and the more traditional contact methods by phone of:

Emergency 000
For non – urgent police attendance 131444 &
Crimestoppers 1800 333 000

give the Queensland community a broad suite of options to communicate with police that encompasses most demographics in a very 21st Century way.

These innovations will give you timely and current information on what is happening in your area, things to be aware of and strategies for preventing crime. It is also part of our ‘closing the loop’ communication where we can share information with you and provide more pathways to communicate back to us from the comfort of your home. So come and join us in the pursuit of crime prevention and keeping our community safe.
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

FATHERS DAY STALL
Our Crafty Ladies are in need of donations of Moccona coffee jars in the medium and small size. Please leave at 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 out please see Lee-Ann in the Tuckshop.

SPORTING CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulation to Ky Richardson who has been chosen in the South-West Queensland Thunder Under/10s side.

PARENTING BLOG
Michael Grose’s Insight of the week: Understanding the Birth Order. If you are confused about why your children can be the same gender; experience the same parenting and…. …..to read more
We will share more of this with you from week to week.

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