FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Condolences to the Herjok Family
Our thoughts and best wishes are with the Herjok family as they struggle with the sudden death of their father Mathiang Apech Herjok who passed away suddenly on Thursday. Our hearts and thoughts are with the family during this time of their grieving. We would like them to know that they are not alone in remembering a truly wonderful person that has done so much for his family and friends.

Planet Ark School Tree Day
This year we will once again participate in Planet Ark National Tree Day, Australia’s largest community tree planting and nature care event. Last year we were able to plant a series of trees and shrubs around our school which not only highlights the importance of plants to our natural environment but also offers an opportunity to provide beautification projects about our school. Each class will have the opportunity to plant a tree or two at a time which will best suit the school program.

EID AL FITR (EID)
The celebration of EID Al Fitr occurs this week. This is the celebration held within the Islamic community as Ramadan finishes. We provide our best wishes in their celebration that is a very important tradition and time within their religious calendars.

New Staff Member
We welcome Mrs Rosie Woodcock to our English as a Second Language (EALD) team.
Our school has received entitlement of an additional teacher for this team and Rosie has accepted the position for the remainder of the year. Currently within our school, in excess of 320 of our students are born overseas with as many as 60 having arrived without any English just this year. It is amazing to see the progress of children with the learning of English within our school. This is a credit to the teaching staff in our EALD team and those classroom teachers who continue the learning in their classes.

Building Program
It is great to report that work on our new music facility, new EALD rooms and the extension to two classrooms to provide two new Prep rooms should begin in mid-August. A start-up meeting will be held here next Tuesday with the contractor who will work with the school and Education Queensland staff to map out a program of construction.
As always much disruption will occur as construction of the new facilities gets underway. Further news with regards to this disruption will be provided as necessary.

New Playground
Work will soon commence on a new Senior Playground which will be constructed adjacent to our new Senior Classrooms. This $100,000.00 facility has been provided by Education Queensland with some support from our P & C Association. We thank our P & C greatly for their contribution to this project which we hope will be completed within the next fortnight.

Until next week

Mark
FROM THE DEPUTY
SWPBS (SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT) MATTERS
Welcome to Week 3 of Term 3, and the Value for this week is “Thinking” with a focus on “I think about using my time efficiently”. During discussions with teachers this week, students will be reminded about the importance of being organised and being in the right place at the right time. We are all very aware that “Everyday Counts” and it is also very important that students arrive on time each day (before 8:45am) and with the necessary equipment to ensure a successful day. This ensures that students’ learning is maximised and there are little to no interruptions for the class teacher.
Setting a regular pattern of events in the morning can impact on how smoothly and happily everyone gets ready for school. Here are a few ideas that other parents have found useful which can save a lot of last minute headaches and fuss:

The night before:
• Have adequate sleep – ensure your child goes to bed at a reasonable time
• Check that your child’s school clothes are clean and ready for the next day. Encourage them to place their shoes with their clothes in readiness.
• Are there any additional activities happening (eg. sport, library?) Have your child place the necessary items in their school bag.
• Lunches can also be prepared or semi prepared. Children can help with this.

Bags can be packed (don’t forget sunhats!) by your child and placed in a regular spot ready for the next morning.

In the morning:
• Using an alarm will ensure everyone is out of bed with plenty of time to get ready.
• Be positive! Grumpy parents make for grumpy children. Encourage and give positive feedback.
• Provide a healthy breakfast eg. Cereal, milk, juice, water, toast, fresh fruit ect... Kids are like cars … they run (behave and learn) better on good fuel.
• Encourage children to get ready by themselves: cleaning teeth, brushing hair, packing school bag, making bed, helping them only where needed.

Leave the house on time. Setting the kitchen timer can be a help here. Tell the children that when the alarm goes you will be leaving for school; make sure you are ready yourself!

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.

School Opinion Surveys
The annual School Opinion Survey began last week and will close at the end of this week. All families (previously a sample of families), school staff, and a representative sample of students will be invited to take part and share their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey have been sent home with students—these are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school. School computers are available each morning this week in the Library Computer Lab. Our EAL/D aides will be able to assist parents with the survey by providing translation services. Please ask office staff is you require help to complete the survey. It is important that as many families as possible complete the survey. Staff available to help are as follows:
• Yihdego Ghirmay: Tigre, Tigrinya, Arabic, English
• Shiva Nehrir: Farsi (Persian), Dari, English
• Daniel Abot: (Thursday only) Dinka, Arabic, English
• Ron Betros: Arabic, English
If you haven’t received any survey access details, please contact our administration office on telephone 4636 8333.
TOOWOOMBA LANGUAGES AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The Music and Indonesian language departments of Darling Heights State School are gearing up their preparations for performances at the Toowoomba Languages and Cultures Festival.

WHERE: Queens Park  
WHEN: Sunday 10th August, 9:30am til 4pm  
WHY: To celebrate the diversity of cultures in Toowoomba, and languages and music learnt in our schools, universities and the wider community.  
ENTRY: Adults $5, children free

This is the ninth year of the festival and we are expecting a huge crowd after last year having had in excess of fifteen thousand people attending. This is a great turnout for our region’s small population. Let’s make this one even better!

Festival features include
- 3 stages filled with entertainment including cultural and language performances from professionals, community groups and our school students.
- Art, crafts, cultural artefacts and multicultural items for sale and display
- Delectable food from around the world.
- Activities, workshops and demonstrations including kids hosting language workshops, Bollywood dance and Indonesian orchestra performances, Tai Chi, Kendo and Karate demonstrations.
- Roving cultural Fashion Parade
- Children’s Activities including games, face painting, story telling and origami and other workshops.
- And much, much more...........

Our school will be performing some unique songs and dances from 9:45am on the Harmony Stage. We would love to see a large contingent of Darling Heights families come along and support our children performing. Please keep Sunday 10th August free.

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FROM THE CHAPLAIN
I hope everyone is having a great week so far. I just wanted to let you all know on August 11th we will be holding a Staff V Students game during first break. I would like to challenge the 6/7’s to a game of Futsal in the School Hall. Students are welcomed to come and watch and cheer on the 6/7’s.

Just a reminder that the ‘joke of the week’ competition has now started. The winning joke will be put in the Cooee!

There is a ‘joke box’ in the office that any student can write down their best joke and put it in the box. I will pick a winner each week and put the joke in the newsletter. Have a great week.

Chappy Mat

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
- **Vera Lacaze Kindergarten and Preschool** Taking registrations now. For more information 46 352421
- **Devils Softball Club Sign On Days** Sunday 17 August Highfields Sports Grounds 10am - 12 noon. Sunday 31st August 2014 Kearneys Spring 12 noon - 2pm

THE MAKING THE GRADE supplement
A memento of the Prep and Year One classes across the Darling Downs was featured in Monday’s Toowoomba Chronicle. We would like to thank Keith and Anne Beer from McDonalds Family Restaurant Toowoomba who supplied our school with complimentary copies.

Joke of the Week
By Charlotte Gillian Jones - 2LM

Q: How do you make a tissue dance?
A: Put a little Boogey in it!

PARENTING BLOG
Michael Grose’s Insight of the week: Teach children to persist......to read more
Link to the website as follows: http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Home
We will share more of this with you from week to week.

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