FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NEW BUILDINGS COMMENCING
Those about our school will have noticed the construction sites for our new buildings have been fenced off. All children in our school have been instructed under no circumstances will they enter these construction sites as it is dangerous. Given that the only access to this construction site is through the Hall car park all children and parents are being asked to avoid pedestrian access through this area. As you would appreciate trucks and tradesmens’ vehicles will be constantly using this area and we wish to ensure maximum safety at all times. It is to be expected that our school will have significant disruption between now and the end of the year as this construction occurs. We know however that the end result will provide some wonderful new facilities for our school.

SOD TURNING AND TREE PLANTING DAY
This Friday our local member Doctor John McVeigh will be attending with dignitaries to commemorate the commencement of this project with a “sod turning”. Also on Friday we have planned a tree planting where every class will have the opportunity to plant a tree and shrub within our grounds. We have been hosting this event annually as our contribution to World Environment Day where we seek to share with our students the importance our environment has. Each of our school classes will plant a tree during the day and we know they will enjoy the experience.

SPORTS BREAKFAST
Our School’s Sports Leaders will attend the Darling Downs School Sport Board 35th Year Anniversary Breakfast on Wednesday. The breakfast is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of Darling Downs School Sport within our Region over the past 35 years. We thank our School’s Sports Leaders for the work that they have undertaken this year and trust that they enjoy the breakfast.

CENTRAL ZONE SPORTS
This Wednesday our school Athletics Team will participate in the Central Zone Athletics Carnival. We take the opportunity to wish them all the best and know that they too will enjoy their day of participation and competition.

THE TOOWOOMBA LANGUAGES AND CULTURES FESTIVAL
It was fantastic to see our children participate in this year’s Languages and Cultures Festival in Queens Park on Sunday. This Festival continues to grow into a premier event for Toowoomba and our children’s involvement we know reinforces our approach that the children are growing up in a wide world that features many cultures and many languages.

Until Next Week

Mark
FROM THE DEPUTY SWPBS (SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT) MATTERS

The Value for this week is “Acting Responsibly” with a focus on “I sit quietly and appropriately while I am waiting for my teacher after break”. After playtime, students have a few minutes in which to grab a drink, go to the toilet and return to the outside of their classrooms. It is here where our students are expected to line up in two lines and wait patiently for their classmates and to be invited inside class teacher. When students are lined up, they are expected to wait quietly and keep their hands and feet to themselves. Students then enter rooms calmly and ready to continue on with their learning. This again, is something that our students do extremely well and is a credit to our teachers and the routines that have been established and reinforced at Darling Heights SS.

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 (Deputy Principal) on 46 368 333.

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE
Just a quick reminder that if your child is absent or late to school – please contact our administration office (phone call) or speak to or provide a written explanation to the classroom teacher. You should also contact the school in advance if you know your child is going to be away. If your child has seen a medical practitioner (eg doctor or dentist) a certificate or appointment card will help explain the absence.

WHY IS STUDENT ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT?
Students who stay in education for longer have better educational, occupational and social outcomes. Being at school is one of the best investments young people can make for their future. Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve educational success and increase their career and life options.

It is not only students who benefit from regular attendance. Teachers, parents, caregivers and the wider community all benefit when students are attending school and achieving. These benefits include greater student safety, community well-being and a sense of connectedness for all.

Our school, families and community can work together to send a strong collective message about the importance of going to school; student attendance must be a priority.

It is important for all students to be at school every day. A child should be at school unless;
- The child is too sick to leave the house. Generally, if a child is not sick enough to need to see a doctor, then he or she should be at school.
- The child has an infectious disease like measles, chicken pox or mumps.
- The child has an injury preventing movement around school.
- The class teacher is provided with any genuine and acceptable reason preventing the child’s attendance.
- A medical or dental appointment could not be made out of school hours (wherever possible, appointments should be made out of school hours).

Points to Consider:
- If students miss the basic skills in the early years of schooling they often experience learning difficulties later on.
- There is a direct link between attendance and achievement.
- It has been shown that poor patterns of attendance in the early years can lead to poor patterns of attendance throughout the school years.
- Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive friendships with their peers.

Regards
James
The Year 4 Choir, Year 5 Choir, 6/7 Singers and Concert Band are all involved in T.Y.M.E. this year. For T.Y.M.E. they will need to have a choir/band uniform. This consists of:
- Long black pants (or skirt)
- Long sleeved white shirt
- Black shoes

On the day they will also be given a choir/band vest. If you have any problems with getting your child a choir/band uniform please speak to Miss Rackemann as soon as possible.

YELLOW DAY IS ALMOST HERE!
Tuesday 19th August will be an out-of-uniform day for the whole school, where students are encouraged to wear yellow from HEAD-TO-TOE. The yellow theme is to represent and celebrate Daffodil Day, which is a fundraiser that the Cancer Council holds annually to raise much needed funds for Cancer research and patients. Students will need to bring a gold coin donation if they wish to dress in yellow on the day. There will be prizes for the best dressed students, and icy cups available to buy.

All money raised will be going to the Cancer Council.

In conjunction with Yellow Day, one of our teachers, Miss Styles, will be shaving her head to also raise money for this wonderful organisation. If you would like to donate to this cause please see her regarding payment methods and receipts.

Remember to dress in YELLOW!
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

SPORTING NEWS
Congratulations to Dylan Glossop and Jahrem Richarson who made the Toowoomba U/12 Soccer Rep side. They hosted the Takatsuki side from Japan for 5 days of play. Well done boys.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS
If your child has a medical condition eg Asthma we require a Medical Plan from your Doctor. If you have any questions regarding this please see the Admin office.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN
JOKE OF THE WEEK
BY WILLIAM COOKE 5V
Two cows are standing in a field, one cow asks the other, “Are you worried about this Mad Cow Disease?”
The other cow answers, “Nar, us penguins can’t catch it.”

Hey Y’all
I hope everyone is having a great week so far. This term is going by really fast at Darling Heights. Yesterday the Staff V 6/7’s in a game of Futsal. It was a lot of fun and the School Hall had a great atmosphere. A lot of students came to watch and cheer the teachers or students on. The Staff won the game 4 to 1 but I believe the 6/7’s are already talking about a rematch.
Also y’all remember to put your joke in the joke of the week box and my panel of expert judges will help me decide the winning joke.
Sincerely,
Matt

PARENTING BLOG
Michael Grose’s Insight of the week: Eight is often seen as the ideal age by many parents. Eight year olds are capable, chatty and will sometimes challenge your authority. It’s an important year as children are open to enormous learning and are strongly influenced by their parents. To read more
Link to the website as follows: http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Home

STAR STUDENTS

Prep and Year 1
PT Hana Mohamed
PW Lahtoya
PD Isabel Gream
1B Hine Tutapu
1S Isabel Briggs
1M Mohamed Mohamed
1J Kelsea Davidson

Year 2 Stars
2M Abot Deng
2V Najaima Ulin Nuha
2D Alexander Van Klaveren, Paige Rennick
2LM Christina Giddy

Year 3 Stars
3S Stars of the Week
Bridgette Engelbert, Jack Hayes
3S Most Improved Spellers
Tayleah Broksch, Kira Foxe
3B Student of the Week
Danielle McClelland
Year 4/5 Stars
Student of the Week
4Y Patience Angeo
4R Anjelika Waters
4B Abdulrahman Alhuwaydi
5V Andrew Byrnes
5S Cameron Hayes

5S Jeanne Shukurani

Stars
4B Maddison Borey
5V William Cooke
5S Nuwr Zarook

6/7 Stars
6/7A Janao Philip
6/7B Rudolph Gabuogi
6/7C Nyengela Mwajuma
6/7D Mariana Tshonso