FROM THE PRINCIPAL
This week space is provided so we can welcome staff and talk about programs that our new provider is running for our Darling Heights State School Outside of School Hours Care. Accompanying this week’s newsletter is a brochure detailing the upcoming Vacation Care Program which may interest many of our families.

MESSAGE FROM THE COOORDINATOR
I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to YMCA Darling Heights OSHC. YMCA is extremely excited about getting to know each of our precious children, families and the Darling Heights State School extended community.

YMCA COORDINATOR – Helen Mann
Position: Nominated Supervisor
Qualifications: Diploma in Children's Services
Working in OSHC since: 1991
General information about Helen:
I have been working with children for over 23 years in Outside School Hours Care.
I have held positions over these years as an Assistant, Assistant Coordinator, Regional Administration Office and Coordinator.
I am married and have 5 children and 6 grandchildren.
I love spending time with my family and meeting new people.
I enjoy camping, watching a good movie and eating traditional foods from other countries.
When you see me out and about come and say Hi, I would love to meet you.

SPRING HOLIDAY CLUB – BOOK EARLY
Once again the time has flown by and before you know it the holidays will be here again. With limited places available I would encourage families to return the booking form as soon as possible after receiving them. Holiday Club Flyers have been forwarded electronically to Enrolled YMCA Families. Flyers will be forwarded home with the youngest child of each Darling Heights State School Family and some will also be available in the school’s office. Some of the days inspiration are based around Flavours - Let’s get those taste buds ready, Boot Camp - Who is ready to get active??, Discovery - What will we be discovering. Included is our excursion to Garden City Lanes Bowling on Monday 22nd and Roushini will be having major fun with the children presenting Bollywood on the 1st October. Come along and enjoy as you engage in some wonderful new experiences.

Word for the week: You don’t have to be great to start, but you need to start to be GREAT.

INFORMATION DAY
Our 2014 Information Day will be held next Thursday 18th September commencing at 9.15am. Information Day is an opportunity for people who presently do not have ties with the school to come along and find out more about the many learning opportunities that are available here. Some information will be addressed with prospective parents. Please be aware that a more detailed Prep Information Session will be conducted in Term 4. Accompanying today's Newsletter is a flyer containing details of Information Day. Once you have read the flyer you may consider passing it on to someone you know who may be interested in finding out more about our great School.

FATHER’S DAY STALL
A huge thankyou to the members of our Craft Club and P&C who provided such a wonderful array of gifts for our children to purchase at this year’s Father’s Day Stall. We do hope that all fathers enjoyed the gifts purchased by their children.

SWIMMING PROGRAM
I remind all parents that swimming is an important part not only of our school curriculum program but of everyone’s life. Annually our school offers children a learn to swim and swimming correction program which at the least should allow them to save themselves if they fall into water. There is some cost involved with this program. I would ask all parents to consider what the cost of their child’s life is should in the future they be placed in a position of needing to swim.
FROM THE DEPUTY
SWPBS (SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT) MATTERS

The Value for this week is “Respect” with a focus on “I am a good listener. I know how to be a good audience”. Listening skills are essential to learning. Children who listen well not only develop strong language abilities, they find gaining knowledge in any subject easier and less stressful.

Children also need to have strong listening skills in order to succeed in all areas of their life – at home, in school and in all social situations. At home, children need to follow parent requests to tidy up their room or put their toys away for example. In school, students need to follow a teacher’s directions for how to complete a task or assignment, or what to do in a fire drill, to name a few instances. When playing with friends, children need to listen to their peers, cooperate with others, and understand the rules established for a particular game. Fortunately, children can be taught to be great listeners and practice is the key to success.

Here a couple of Tips on How to be a Good Listener

Look at the person that is talking.
Listen – do not interrupt.
Ask questions to find out more.
Nod, or say something to show you understand.
Repeat what you heard in your own words.

Here are a couple of tips you can use to help your child learn to be a good listener.

Be a good listener too – children who are listened to often become good listeners themselves.
Give clear, simple directions – Make eye contact and give a clear simple instruction. Older children can cope with multi-step instructions (“Please put the milk back in the fridge, grab your lunch off the bench and meet me in the garage.”)
Ask your child to repeat what is being asked of them – this way you know if they have listened to you or not!
Praise good listening – saying “Thanks for being a good listener” reinforces a child’s desire to listen.
Be consistent with consequences – children are more inclined to follow instructions when they understand that their actions have clear, enforceable consequences

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.

T.Y.M.E. 2014

T.Y.M.E. is finally here and we are excited. It is this Thursday 18th September at USQ.
Both the Year 4 Choir and combined Year 5 Choir and 6/7 Singers along with our Concert Band are performing and we have been looking forward to this event all term. This is a free event with no admission charge so it would be fantastic if we had some of our parents there to support and encourage us. Our schools performance times and stages are:

10.30am – 5/6/7 SINGERS – Q Block (Stage 3 – Concert Hall)
1.30pm – CONCERT BAND – Refectory (Stage 7)
1.45pm – 4 CHOIR – R Block (Stage 6)

If you have a student who is performing, remember that they do need to be in their choir/band uniform (long black pants, long sleeved white shirt) that day. As the 4/5 Choir are performing later in the day they may come to school in their school uniform and change during the day. Don’t forget that as we are walking to and from USQ your child does require a water bottle and a hat.

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“When you talk you are only repeating what you know; but when you listen you may learn something new” Dalai Lama
NEWS FROM THE DENTAL VAN

Change of Hours of Operation.

As of the 7th October our Dental Van will now be open Monday, Thursday and Friday only. You should have received “Consent for Dental Treatment” forms Please fill out the form and have it returned as soon as possible to enable your child to be eligible for this service. If this form is not returned, your child will not be able to attend.

Contact us as soon as possible if your child is going off to high school next year so that they do not miss out on their check up.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any queries or concerns.

Details of contact are below.

Ph: 0438 114 903

Regards Maree & Leanne (Monday Thursday & Friday)
Brenda & Mel. (Tuesday & Wednesday)

The EAL/D students from the Intensive English classes have recently visited the School Dental Van to see what happens in there. The School Dentist, Mrs Maree, first visited the classes to talk to them about how to brush their teeth. She also told the students that eating healthy food and drinking water is much better for your teeth than eating sweet food and drinking softdrinks or juice. Some parents of the students also visited the Dental Van. THANK YOU, Mrs Maree. You did a great job! We remember what you told us… “Don't rush the brush!”

Reza (5V) lying back in the Dental Van’s special Chair, some of the EAL/D parents with Maree, the School Dentist and Mahmood (1B) and Ghadeer (1M) dress up as Dentists.

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COMMUNITY NEWS
Please see Noticeboard for information regarding the following:
- YMCA - Outside School Hours Care Ph. 0455 088401 or 46356308
- Kiyua Performing Arts - Dancing and Performing Arts every Saturday morning in the DHSS Hall from 9am. Call Sheridan on 0412135925
- WHODUNIT? Captain Curly Cobb and the Case of the Lost Treasure. At Cobb and Co Museum. 18th September - 6th October 2014. 10am—4pm $5 per child phone 4659594900

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Darling Heights State School
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www.australianfutsal.com
Or Phone: 0408 012 921

PARENTS OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY SUPPORT MEETING
FOR WHOM: all parents of DHSS students
GUEST SPEAKER: Lisa Holt - School Guidance Officer
TOPICS:
- Why children behave the way they do;
- Positive behaviour support strategies with practical ideas for parents to implement at home;
- Changing inappropriate behaviours;
- Visual resources for parents to use at home.
WHEN: Wednesday, 17th September 2014, from 2 to 3pm
WHERE: Darling Heights State School Library
RSVP: to school office by Monday, 15th September

BREAKFAST CLUB
At the tuckshop Wednesday mornings from 8.00 at no cost to our students.

THE CRAFT CREW
We had another successful ‘Fathers’ Day Stall’ last Thursday and Friday. I hope all the Dads liked their gifts and had a great day. I would like to say a huge thank you to those Mums who come in every Thursday to do craft and help to put the stall together. And also a big thank you to everyone who came and helped run the stall. You’re all awesome.
Craft is every Thursday morning in the ‘Function Room’ beside the tuckshop. So if you are a Mum or Dad who wants to meet new people, maybe learn or teach a new craft and help the school, please come along. Under school age children are welcome and morning tea is provided.
Shelley

PARENTING BLOG
Michael Grose’s Insight of the week: Here are 10 common and easily avoided mistakes parents make when disciplining their children. Replace these mistakes with better techniques and you’ll be on your way to parenting easy street. .......... to read more
We will share more of this with you from week to week.

STAR STUDENTS
Prep and Year 1
PT Jorjah Lomas
PW Rayan Askar
PD Mukhlis Nur
1B Kurtis Jackson
1S Shane Lee
1M Abbie Smith
1J Ryan Taylor
Year 2 Stars
2M Chrisytina Byrnes
2D Alexus Gill, Alexander Woodbridge
2LM Lewis Lack
2V Omar Dafny
Year 3 Stars
3S Stars of the Week
Ahmed Mohamed, Skye Dorman
3S Most Improved Spellers
Mohammed Almalki, Bridgette Engelbert, Jamilaki Leslie, Dylan Widderick, Ahmed Mohamed, Soren King, Emmy Kavuala, Liam Crocker
3S Bookwork Stars
Lucie Umulisa
3B Student of the Week
Elizabeth Turner
3B Most Improved in Spelling
Mahmood Al-Nuaimi, Rachel Mutoni, Agnes Mwamini
3H Star Box
Tanika Lingard
3H Star Student
Elijah Withers
Year 4/5 Stars
Student of the Week
4Y Natasha Musumba
4B Kaytlyn Kemp
5V Michelle Butts
5S
Merit
4Y Linda Mai
4B Jack Byrnes
5V Joe Jones
Stars
4B Nicholas Ardiaka
6/7 Stars
6/7A Jim-Martin Rodriguez
6/7B Aytron Mengel
6/7C Joyceuse Nyinawumuntu
6/7D Sabrine Mamudu
Sep Merit Awards
Riley Barlow, Ryan Barlow, Liam Binns, Ethan Bouttell, Jessica Bryde, Tafara Chinhundu, Kayla Dodd, Sarah Hayes, Rifat Islam, Kayan Jalal, Brandon Lanzafame, Levi McClelland, Kiza Mwibusa, Lukuach Pach, Madison Powell