COMING EVENTS
Note the following dates in your Diary:

- **Prep Open Day**
  - 3rd November

- **TUCKSHOP**
  - Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

- **UNIFORM SHOP**
  - Open Tuesday from 8.30am - 9.30am and Thursday from 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

- **YMCA O.S.H.C**
  - 0455 088 401 Or 46356308

- **CHAPLAINCY FUND-RAISERS**
  - Cruisin' Cappucino every Wednesday afternoon.

  Thank you for your support.

- **Water Ice blocks**
  - At the Tuck Shop After School On Monday 3.00 - 3.20pm
  - 50 Cents

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME BACK
Welcome back to week 1 of Term 4 this is a 10 week term but as per usual things are going to be extremely busy as we conclude our program for 2014 and put in place necessary preparations for the 2015 school year. Of greater significance for us this term will be farewelling both our year 6 and 7 students at a combined graduation at the end of this year.

In welcoming everyone back I do hope you had a great holiday and that you are looking forward to working with us throughout this term as we all strive to ensure that your child/ren make/s the most of the educational opportunities that they are being provided with.

As we begin the new term I take the opportunity to remind all Parents that school starts at 8.45am and children are expected to be here prior to that so they are ready for the school day. School finishes at 3.00pm.

Any children at school before 8.00am are to report to CPA1 and be seated until they are dismissed. School staff will be on duty and ensure that early arriving students are doing what they are meant to. Sincere thanks for your support and understanding.

BUILDING PROGRESSES
If you had the opportunity to enter the school today you would have noticed the rapid progress being made with our building program over the past 2 weeks. The frame is up for the music building and new playground and the extension to the prep rooms has been enclosed. We expect this progress to continue rapidly over the coming weeks.

I remind all parents and students of the importance of safety when in our school grounds while our building program continues. At no time should any parent or student enter any of the building areas and at all times should be on the lookout for work occurring outside of their specific confines.

PREP ENROLMENTS
We are attempting to establish how many children we can expect to enrol in Prep for 2015. To be eligible to enrol in Prep next year a student must turn 5 between 1 July 2009 and 30th June 2010.

If you have a child who you wish to enrol at Darling Heights State School in 2015 or know of other families with Prep age children for next year please have them notify the school office so that we can make a place for them. When making enrolments please make sure that you or they bring a birth certificate or some other documentation that displays a date of birth.

A Prep information evening will be held on Monday 3rd November. This evening will commence with a school tour at 5.00pm and then continue in one of the Prep rooms. This evening is an adult only meeting designed to inform parents about how the program operates.

If you wish to seek clarification about any of the above mentioned information or wish to find out more please feel free to telephone the school administration on 46368333.

THE PARENT PRINCIPAL FORUM
As mentioned in the last Cooee of term 3 I will be initiating the first of our Parent/Principal Forums. I have set Thursday 23rd October as our first.

The objective of this Parent/Principal Forum is to have a place where a group of parents can make informed comments about operations of the school. Information discussed will be then used to assist in the efficient operation of the school and enhance the educational opportunities for students.

It is hoped that we can have one representative from every class in the school who would meet on a fortnightly basis and discuss topics pertinent to the current and future operations of the school.

Teachers have been asked to seek out and then nominate a parent from their class to be a part of this Forum. Should you be interested in being a part of this Forum please speak with your children’s teacher ASAP.
FROM THE DEPUTY

SWPBS (SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT) MATTERS

Welcome back everybody – I hope you all managed some time with your families over the break as we now look forward to an exciting and busy final term of the year.

The Values for this week are “Safety” and “Acting Responsibly” with a focus on “I sit and behave in a safe manner in the eating area”. Students are very familiar with our eating time expectations as these have been explicitly taught in class and reinforced on a daily basis.

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Eating Time Expectations

**STUDENTS**
- Walk quietly to and from the eating area
- Remain seated
- Talk **quietly**
- Keep area tidy

**TEACHERS**
- Teacher raises their hand to gain silence
- Dismiss students only when areas are free from rubbish

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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.

**END OF TERM 3 – TREAT DAY**

The last day of Term 3 saw students involved in a range of different sporting activities throughout the day. This included lawn bowls, futsal, touch football, golf, soccer, TBall, hockey and games with Chappy Matt. Thankyou to all the staff and students for your enthusiasm and participation on the day and especially to some of our regional sports officers who facilitated many of the events.
MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR
YMCA EDUCATOR – Melissa Coutts
Position: Educational Leader
Qualifications:
Associate Degree in General Education Studies, Cert 3 in Business Administration
Working in OSHC since: 2010
General information about Melissa:
I have loved working with children over the past 4 years.
I have been married almost 3 years.
I love spending time in the garden and with my family and pets.
I enjoy crafts and cooking.
I am always happy to stop and chat to families old and new.

PUPIL FREE DAY- MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
YMCA is requiring a minimal number of children to be able to open on the upcoming Pupil Free Day. At this point we would like to know if you would require care for this day and the number of child/ren you require care for. Please find the Expression of Interest form available on the Family information table at the service, (please ask staff for assistance). To be able to assess the requirements and make a decision we require you to complete the form by close of business Friday 10th October 2014. All Darling Heights families will be notified of outcome in the following week’s Cooee. The outcome will also be displayed at service for your convenience. Thank you for understanding.

POLICY 22 - HEALTHY EATING
‘YMCA OSHC recognises and acknowledges the importance of providing food that is both nutritious, culturally diverse and appropriate to the needs of the children attending OSHC. YMCA OSHC encourages and promotes the health and wellbeing of children through providing positive learning experiences during meal/snack times where good nutritional food habits are developed in a happy, social environment. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to participate in this approach to nutrition for their children.’ (Policy No. 22, YMCA Policy and Procedures Manual, 2014).

Also with this lovely Spring weather warming up, we encourage that children remember to pack a drink bottle to stay hydrated during the day.

Quote for the week: Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile. – Albert Einstein

Languages and Careers Forum - MLTAQ
(Modern Language Teachers Association QLD)

Interested in languages?
Want to travel the world?
Keen to learn about other cultures?

Come along to hear guest speakers talk about their experiences with different languages and employment prospects
- October 31 Friday 7pm-9pm
  USQ Alison Dickson Lecture Theatre
  Toowoomba
All welcome!
For more information, please contact Majella Costello (ccost46@eq.edu.au)
(Highfields SS 46 996222)
PARENTING BLOG

Michael Grose’s Insight of the week: Most parents ask me questions revolved around how they should respond when their children over-reacted either to parental advice or when relating to what may have happened at school. Listening to these parents it’s evident that sometimes children were clearly over-stating problems and sometimes, well……...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.

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
- Toowoomba Blue Light Disco - Highfields Rec Centre Friday 31st October 6.30pm - 9.30pm. $10.00 entry. This is an event for all primary school children. Enquires 46 316733.
- Harristown State High Junior Secondary Parent Information Evening - Tuesday 14th October HSHS Lecture Theatre South street Toowoomba (07)4636 8700

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

THE CRAFT CREW
We are already thinking ahead to Christmas and what lovely inexpensive things we will be selling on our Christmas Stall. We are looking for donations of face washers, empty 100g Macconia coffee jars, wrapped lollies, chocolates, tea cups (can be second hand), new coffee cups, wooden coat hangers and empty Jarrah coffee containers.
Thank you for your support.

SWIMMING
A reminder that swimming payment is due now for Year 2,4,5. The 2014 dates for that this will occur on WEDNESDAY mornings are:
October 15, 22, 29
November 5, 12, 19, 26
December 10
Please note, no swimming cap necessary as they will be provided by the Glennie Aquatic Centre.

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