FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PARENT PRINCIPAL FORUM
The first of our Parent Principal forums will take place this Thursday 23rd October at 2.00pm. It is hoped to have each class in our school represented and the classroom teachers have taken on the responsibility to ensure that their class has a representative at our forums. Should you be interested in attending this forum please speak with your classroom teacher as at the moment we are still looking for a number of class representatives.

A reminder that the objective of this parent teacher forum is to have a place where a group of parents can make informed comments about operations of the school. It is not a place to air personal concerns but rather to look at how we can progress the whole school operations.

TRAFFIC IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL
A reminder to abide by the road safety rules. Queensland Police have indicated that they will be patrolling in an endeavour to ensure that all drivers are behaving correctly.

PUPIL FREE DAY
Yesterday was a wonderful Profession Development opportunity for our school staff. The morning session let us look at current agendas facing us as well as undertake some preparations for 2015.

Schools from across our Toowoomba area then gathered where the Venerable Master Chin Kung shared with us some issues he saw facing the future of teaching and education as well as gave us some insight into the Pure Land Learning College’s Program. In the afternoon school staff were involved in discussions to ensure the content being taught and assessed in our many schools is the same.

Bus Travel To and From Swimming
A question was raised last week with regard to children travelling to and from swimming. I provide the following information to you regarding the practices we currently use.

As per the Transport Operations (Passenger Transport Standard 2010), current as to the 29 September 2014, the following applies

Local bus operators are able to transport children according to the following guidelines.

1. If a bus is one without seatbelts then primary age children are able to seat up to 3 to a seat.
2. If the bus has seatbelts then children seat 1 per seat and the bus is legally allowed to carry up to approximately 20 standing passengers. This is premised on the bus travel being no further than 20 kilometres and about town.

In our case when we book buses we seek to ensure a bus that will allow a seat for every child. Buses do vary in seating capacity as they will with some having seatbelts and some not. On occasions there are times when it may be required that 3 children sit in the double seat as it might be that children are required to stand with the staff.

This practise is within the guidelines of Queensland Transport.

In terms of safety, the risk associated with bus transport is a very low one. Recent conversations with Bus Queensland staff have established that they cannot recall an accident on a charter service within the Toowoomba area.

I wish to ensure parents that we seek to ensure a seat for every child and in the uncommon situation that this cannot happen then the arrangements adopted are within all legal parameters and guidelines and that our bus companies would not in any way operate outside of these.

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 know what time school starts and I get here on time”. It is very important that students come to school every day and that they are on time for the start of school day. Students who arrive at school late miss valuable class time and have an effect on the whole class. We recommend that all students arrive at school by 8:40am.

One of the most important things your child can do to achieve academic success is also one of the most basic: come to school every day. In fact, research has shown that your child’s attendance record may be the biggest factor influencing her academic success.

Benefits of Daily Attendance

**Achievement:** students who attend school regularly are more likely to pass assessments than students who don’t attend school regularly. If students miss school, they are missing out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

**Exposure to the English language:** Regular school attendance can also help students who are learning English by giving them the chance to master the skills and information they need more quickly and accurately - even in other subjects!

**Being part of the school community:** Just by being present at school, your child is learning how to be a good citizen by participating in the school community, learning valuable social skills, and developing a broader world view.

**The importance of education:** Your commitment to school attendance will also send a message to your child that education is a priority for your family, going to school every day is a critical part of educational success, and that it’s important to take your responsibilities seriously including going to school.

By making your child’s school attendance a priority, you will be taking an important step in supporting your child’s school success, and setting a good example. Remember every day counts!

If for any reason your child is frequently upset or reluctant to come to school, please feel free to schedule an appointment with the class teacher or contact Mr James Leach (Deputy Principal) on 46 368 333.

ENROLMENTS - 2015

Darling Heights SS is currently taking enrolments from Prep to Year 6 classes for the 2015 school year. Please contact the administration office for details and enrolment packages. In order to help us plan for next year, we would also like to know if all current students will be continuing in 2015. Please inform your child’s class teacher or contact the school office on 46 368 333.

PLANET RHYTHM PERFORMANCE

On Thursday the 30th October, Darling Heights will host Planet Rhythm – a workshop with a large collection of drums and percussion instruments sourced from around the world. Students will get to learn and appreciate the significance drumming has had on many cultures throughout the ages and even get to participate and have a “hands on” experience with the instruments during the workshop.

The cost to participate in the sessions will be $4.50. Student notes were sent home last week – please return the permission slip and payment in an envelope to the office by Monday the 27th October.

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Student Name: _______________________________ Class: _______________

**DOES/ DOES NOT** have permission to attend Planet Rhythm workshop.

I have enclosed $4.50 to cover the cost of the performance.

Signed: ________________________________
SEP NEWS
Last Tuesday and Wednesday one of our students, Liam Binns, attended the State Track and Field Championships for students with disabilities held in Brisbane. The competition was tough but Liam managed to win 3 bronze medals for Long Jump, 800m and 4x100m relay. Additionally he came 5th for 200m and 6th for 100m. Of special note was his selection into the Queensland Team for competing at the National Championships to be held in Tasmania in November. Congratulations Liam and good luck.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN
TAG! Toowoomba is holding a free car wash from 8am until 12pm on 1st November at Harristown State School. The whole idea of TAG! is to do random acts of kindness, so we are going to team up with Harristown to help TAG! I need a group of awesome 5, 6 or 7 students willing to help with this car wash. Please let me know by Thursday 30th October if you are able to help out.

Staff v 6/7’s in Futsal Round 2: The 6/7’s seem to think their All Star team could beat the Staff in a rematch of Futsal. So, I would like challenge them to another game of Futsal on Monday November 24th during first lunch break.

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)

Term 4 2014 Interschool Sport Draw Week 3 – 24th October

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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
- **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.

### 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 Moccona 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.

### STAR STUDENTS

**Prep and Year 1**
- PT Luke Lodge
- PW Ken Hall
- PD Neel Mallick
- PN Julia Humphrey
- 1B Mahmood Al-Rashid
- 1S Sarah Lingard
- 1M Owen Hernon
- 1J Taleecyan Kemp

**Year 2 Stars**
- 2M Phakhin Lane-Gessiri
- 2LM Blake Williams
- 2D Alexander Van Klaveren
- 2V Emily Waters

**Year 3 Stars**
- 3S Stars of the Week
  - Johanna Beard, Jaina Fisher
- 3S Bookwork Star
  - Tayleah Broksch
- 3S Most Improved Spellers
  - Liam Crocker, Kira Foxe, Jamilaki Leslie, Braydon Squire-Eather, Dylan Widderick,

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**3S Number Facts Champs**
- Aanan Shaffiuddin, Braydon Ford, Shae Johnson

**3H Star Box**
- Tanika Lingard

**3H Star Student**
- Ellah Withers

**4/5 Stars**
- 4Y Natasha Musumba
- 4B Phimkae Nielsen
- 5V Ameerah Attiya

**4B Star Award on Assembly**
- Ammar Kadi

**4R** Ali Salim
**5S** Ghasaq Al-Azzawi

**4/5 Merit**
- 4Y Sofia Kacisolomone
- 4B Ali Yousefi
- 4R Sabaoth Freeleagus
- 5S Ky Richardson
- 5V Mia McEwan

**Student of the Week**
- 4Y Joshua Stagg
- 4B Mohannad Budair
- 4R Sabaoth Freeleagus
- 5S Maddie Brown
- 5V Mariam, Gorges

**4/5 Gottchas**
- 4Y Natasha Musumba
- 4R Sabaoth Freeleagus
- 5B Hammam Abousnina

**5V** Ahmed Dhahir
**5Pr** Ailin Vojdani
**5S** Jamie Nichols

**6/7 Stars of the Week**
- 6/7A Elizabeth Ardika
- 6/7B Daniel Byrnes
- 6/7C Isaac Beard
- 6/7D Mariana Tshonso

**Merit Awards**
- Jayden Lobwein
- Joshua Roberts
- Brandon Lanzafame
- Kayan Jalal
- Ethan Bouttell
- Tiba Hazim
- Ayuen Pach
- Gregory Simmons
- Rosie Callagher
- Cody Elliott
- Lukuach Pach
- Kiza Mwibusa
- Rifat Islam
- Jessica Bryde
- Nelissa Ramsay
- Amelia Twomey
- Ryan Barlow
- Liam Binns

**Swimming**
A reminder that swimming payment is due now for Years 2, 4 and 5.

The 2014 dates 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.