FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PRINCIPAL PARENT FORUM AND 2014 GRADUATION

Last Thursday we hosted the first of our Principal/Parent Forums. It was a great opportunity to meet with a group of our parents, outline the intent of the Forum and to host our first discussion, that being about “whether we should have a combined year 6/7 Graduation or a single year Graduation for this year.”

The first topic provided the Forum with a great opportunity to see how wide spread parental opinions can be & to test the protocols for the Forum. Opinions ranged from having separate Y6 & 7 Graduations through to that of hosting a combined Y6/7 Graduation.

As in the intention of this Forum, information is gathered by me, brought back and fed into our decision making processes. The Forum raised the suggestion to speak with children to gain their views which I have. In speaking with the 130 children in this area all but 5 sought a combined graduation.

Given all this information the decision has been taken to host a combined Year 6/7 Graduation program for this year ensuring that both Year 6 and 7 students are recognised for their achievements. Student opinion, opinions gathered at our Principal/Parent Forum and discussions with staff have ensured this decision to host this combined Y6/7 Graduation.

Our next Principal/Parent Forum is scheduled for Thursday 6th November 2:30pm. Some classes are still without a representative so if any parents would like to be part of our discussions on this day please see your classroom teacher.

The topic for this Forum will be “Would our Community benefit if we were to run Pre–Prep and/or Playgroup Programs?”

MELBOURNE CUP DAY

Tuesday of next week being Melbourne Cup Day some classes may undertake educational activities based around a Melbourne Cup Theme and even watch or listen to the running of the Cup. Any Parents who have concerns about the children participating in such activities need to speak directly to their Classroom Teacher.

PREP INFORMATION EVENING

Our school will be hosting a Prep Information evening on Monday 3rd November. The aim of this evening is to provide a tour of the school for those families who have not as yet toured our school then host an information session where we provide specific information regarding Prep for 2014. The school tour will commence at 5:00pm from in front of the Prep building in Wuth St. The information session will commence at 5.30pm in this room, closest to Wuth St.

The nature of this evening is designed to provide information for parents and not as an opportunity for children to see Prep. It would be best not to bring young ones along.

Should any parents have any questions concerning the upcoming Prep Year for their children, they are encouraged make contact with the school.

CONTINUING ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

Right now we are beginning the formulation of classes for next year. It is vitally important that we know if your child/ren will be here next year.

If you are returning but will not be here on the first day of 2015, could you also please advise us in writing of your anticipated date of commencement. This helps us with ensuring that adequate staffing is in place for the year.

In order to help plan for next year we would also like to know if current students will be continuing in 2015. Please inform your child’s class teacher or contact the school office.

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

The Value for this week is “Respect” with a focus on “I respect teachers and other students and their right to learn”. We believe that every student has the right to come to school in a safe, supportive environment. Each child has the right to learn just as the teacher has the right to be able to teach. In order for this to occur – there must be respect between all members of the school community.

Showing respect for others is one of the most important values in the world. It means showing care for another person or thing, like the environment. We show respect in many ways every day that you may not even realize! Respect occurs when we:

- Listen to others
- Play fair
- Use good manners
- Wait your turn
- Allow others to learn
- Compliment someone
- Pick up after ourselves
- How we treat others

Being respectful is one of the key ingredients to being the best person we can be and is something that we model and teach every day at Darling Heights State School.

Some notable quotes on Respect:
“Leave everything a bit better then you found it.” Unknown
“It’s not so much the journey that’s important; as is the way that we treat those we encounter and those around us, along the way.” – Jeremy Aldana
“We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.” Martin Luther King, Jr.
“Nothing of real worth can ever be bought. Love, friendship, honour, valour, respect. All these things have to be earned.”
“I speak to everyone in the same way, whether he is the garbage man or the president of the university.” – Albert Einstein
“Respect is a two-way street, if you want to get it, you’ve got to give it.” – R.G. Risch

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

This Thursday, 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 is $4.50. If you haven’t already done so – please complete the permission form and pay at the office by Wednesday.

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Student Name: _______________________________ Class: _______________________________

☐ DOES/ DOES NOT have permission to attend Planet Rhythm
STUDENT WITH DISABILITIES PARENT SUPPORT MEETING
The next Student with Disabilities Parent Support Meeting is being held on Wednesday 29th October at 2pm in the library.
Our guest speaker is Lisa Holt, Guidance Officer.

TUCKSHOP
Please encourage the children to write out their tuck-shop paper bag orders at home.
Paper bags and menus are available at the Tuckshop, please ask Lee-Ann for them.
There is not enough time in the morning for the Tuckshop helpers to help write out Tuckshop orders. Orders must be in before 8.45am.

Term 4 2014 Interschool Sport Draw Week 4 – 31st 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.

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CHRISTMAS CRAFT STALL
Our Christmas Stall will be held on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th of December. The craft ladies are still looking for donations of small Maconna jars packets of lollies etc.

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SWIMMING
The 2014 dates that are remaining on WEDNESDAY mornings are:
- October 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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- 4B Nick Gollan
- 4R Isaiah Tagituimua
- 5S Tusar Paudel
- 5V Kathleen Boland
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- 5V Kathleen Boland
- 5Pr Amelia Ballard
- 5S Logan Plant

MERIT AWARDS
Joshua Roberts
Ayuen Pach Garang
Ethan Bourtell
Gregory Simmons
Kayla Dodd
Levi McClelland
Madison Powell
Rosie Callagher
Tiba Hazim
Jayden Lobwein
Asher Peters
William Thorley
Rifat Islam
Lukuach Pach
Sarah Hayes