FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PREP INFORMATION EVENING
A very successful information evening was held last night to look at our 2015 Prep Program. Our school still has vacancies for Prep in 2015 and we would encourage parents who have yet to complete enrolment forms to do so as soon as possible. This helps with our planning for 2015.

MASTER TEACHERS
300 Master Teachers are being allocated to larger schools across Queensland. Master Teacher is an additional classified teacher position provided to selected Queensland State Schools that fall within the measures determined by the department. The measures used were
A. The comparison of NAPLAN means scales score for similar Queensland State Schools across years 3, 5 and 7 and 9 Reading and Numeracy.
B. A comparison on NAPLAN relative gain thresholds for Queensland State Schools of Year 3 and 5 combined across Numeracy and Literacy.
Simply put, schools in Queensland who are seen not to be traveling well compared with other Queensland schools or schools with children who were not showing good relative gain on their NAPLAN scores were allocated Master Teachers.
It is with mixed feelings that I can report that we did not receive a Master Teacher.
On one hand we can be very proud that school staff have lifted our results beyond that of like schools and that our children are showing great relative gain compared to other schools in Queensland. It is unfortunate however that we do miss out on a resource that would allow us to continue the unrelenting focus we currently have on improving the learning of children in this school.
Darling Heights, Highfields, Gabbinbar and Glenvale are the only large schools in Toowoomba not to receive a Master Teacher. As part of our ongoing learning, staff from these schools plan to meet to discuss what they are currently doing that has allowed their schools to be considered progressing well and not receive a Master Teacher. We believe there is great learning in this as we look at and share successful practice.
Parents can be assured that our school staff will continue to seek all ways of ensuring what we are doing is the best we can for the children of Darling Heights.

PRINCIPAL PARENT FORUM AND 2014 GRADUATION
Our next Principal/Parent Forum is this Thursday 2:30pm in the Library. Our first Forum 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 topic for this Forum will be
“Would our Community benefit if we were to run Pre–Prep and/or Playgroup Programs?”

WIN NEWS
Win News visited our school today to do a news item on the “Better Buddies” program we are implementing at Darling Heights.
We are excited to be one of the 20 schools in Queensland to be selected as part of this program which is designed to create friendly and caring communities where bullying is reduced. We have a school where children have good relationships and feel connected, valued and supported and this program will allow us to extend what we do and make our school even better.
Watch Win News at 7pm tonight for a chance to see more about what we are doing.
FROM THE DEPUTY SWPBS (SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT) MATTERS

The Value for this week is “Acting Responsibly” with a focus on “I use the Tuckshop in an appropriate manner”.

Tuckshop days at Darling Heights SS are each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On a Tuckshop Day, students must put their orders into the tuckshop by 8:45am. We strongly encourage all students to come to school with their paper lunch bag orders already completed at home – this way our Tuckshop helpers can collect the orders quickly (The Tuckshop helpers do not have time in the mornings to be writing out the student orders).

Students are also reminded when going to the Tuckshop they must:

- Walk to and from the Tuckshop area
- Line up and wait your turn
- Use your manners (speak politely – please/thank you)

Paper lunch bags and Tuckshop menus are available from the Tuckshop – please ask Lee-Ann or one of the other helpers as they are more than happy to help you out.

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.

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

Last Thursday, Darling Heights students had the opportunity to participate in a performance with John from Planet Rhythm. Our students were able to learn about and demonstrate their rhythmic abilities on a variety of drums and percussion instruments originating from different cultures from around the world.

There was a great atmosphere in the hall, as all students were highly engaged and participated fully in this exciting, interactive show.

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHOIR

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- Exciting performances and opportunities to build confidence and independence.
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SPORTING NEWS
The Senior A Cricket team have completed 2 games this term, with the team going down to Rangeville by 19 runs in their last hard fought match.
All players have shown a deal of improvement over the 2 games and are looking forward to playing Fairview Heights SS over the next 2 weeks.

YMCA NEWS
YMCA 2015 Enrolment packs are now available from the service or the school office. Please note, in line with the YMCA Enrolment and Orientation process (Family Handbook on pages 9-10), parents/Guardians are required to complete an Enrolment Form and a Booking Form before any child is able to attend the YMCA OSHC services and then annually thereafter. A meeting with service staff is available to you upon the enrolment of your child. This is an excellent opportunity for you to discuss with us what will help make his/her time with us enjoyable, particularly during the initial few weeks. You will be shown around the service and given a rundown on basic operations such as staffing and programming. Parents/Guardians are asked to ensure that the information on existing forms is kept current. Correct contact phone numbers are vital in the case of an emergency. The Coordinator or service staff must be advised of change of address or contact numbers so records can be updated and maintained.

YMCA HOLIDAY CLUB FLYER COMPETITION
All YMCA OSHC services invite children to participate in drawing a picture to enter into the Holiday Club Flyer competition where children submit masterpieces for the possibility that their picture will be chosen for the cover of the Summer Holidays Flyer.
It is with great enthusiasm that I share that the winner is an entry from YMCA Darling Heights OSHC. We would like to congratulate Caitlin C from Grade 6 for her winning entry.
We look forward to seeing her picture on the cover of the Summer Holiday Club Flyer.

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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
- SUPERCAMP - two well known and highly respected Toowoomba sporting identities, Pop Dickerson (Basketball) and Mr Magic Mitchell (Soccer) have teamed up to run SUPERCAMP during the January 2015 school holiday period - Sunday 11th to 15th January 2015 at Harristown State High School. Should you have any questions regarding SUPERCAMP, please call 0417 196151.
- CRICKET CAMP for all boys aged 10-13 years. 11-13 January 2015 Toowoomba Grammar School inquiries 07 46872529 or w.brown@twgs.qld.edu.au

JOKE OF THE WEEK
Just a reminder that the ‘joke of the week’ competition is still running. The winning joke will be put in the Cooee!

There is a ‘joke box’ in the office that any student can write down their best joke and put it in the box. I will pick a winner each week and put the joke in the newsletter. Have a great week.
Chappy Matt

STAR STUDENTS

Prep and Year 1
PT  Elyse Rollelel
PW  Asghar Hussain
PD  Eligh McGrady
PN  Tyler Withers
1B  Philip Lane-Gessiri
1S  Ammar Al-Taie
1M  Asayel Almubarak
1J  Valeria Udachina

Year 2 Stars
2M  Alfonsin Fatima Wilondja
2LM  Lucas Ardika
2D  Dushime Niyomungeli
2V  Sitav Faraj

Year 3 Stars of the Week
Lyrene Miguel, Soren King

3S Bookwork Star
Shae Johnson

3S Most Improved Spellers
Bridgey Englebert

3S Number Facts Champs
Lyrene Miguel, Mamer Herjok, Braydon Ford, Leyland Palmer

3H Star Box
Tanika Lingard

3H Star Student
Precious Dalayon

3B Most Improved Student
Fitsum Abay Weldenugus, Thryfene Muteba

3B Student of the Week
Angel Hudson

3B Most Improved Speller

4Y Henri Hall
4R Dylan Moore
4B Helen Jukudu
5V Michelle Buuts
5S Kiranjot Kaur

3B 100% C2C Spelling
Mahmood Al-Nuaimi, Xavier Brown, Bethany Bryde, Angel Hudson, Sarah Kosse Abwayi, Dario Mikuilic, Rachael Mutoni, Agnes Mwamini, Elizabeth Turner, Anastacia Unwin

Star Award on Assembly
4B Maddison Borey

4/5 Stars
4Y Patience Angco
4B Helen Jukudu
4R Husain Mahdy
5S Indianna Byrne
5V Eduardo Da Silva

Student of the Week
4Y Zeb O’Shea
4B Safaa Ibrahim
4R Seth Hansell
5S Jeanne Shukurani

4/5 Gottchas
4R Tylah Bill
5V Kathleen Boland
5S Faida Musindi

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