COMING EVENTS
Note the following dates in your Diary:

Music Tour
Thursday 27th November

Carols by Glo-stick
Friday 28th November

6/7 Graduation
Wednesday 10th December

Last day of School
Thursday 11th December

Clean-up Day
Friday 12th December

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 RAISERS
Cruisin’ Cappucino every Wednesday afternoon.
Thank you for your support.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
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 will be here next year. As always occurs at this time of year a number of families return overseas after completion of studies at USQ or may move due to family or work commitments. 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 return. This helps us with ensuring that adequate staffing is in place for the year.

As always we seek to meet the needs of parents with regards to placement of children for the following year. Should you have any wishes with regards to class allocation for your children please speak to your classroom teacher. Although we can never guarantee we will always seek to do what we can. Sincere thanks for you co-operation in these matters and please feel free to contact the school administration on telephone number 46 368333 should you have any queries or concerns.

YEAR 5/6 PROGRAM FOR 2015
With the movement of our Year 7’s into high school a decision has been taken to continue our most successful Year 6/7 program and reconfigure as a 5/6 program. Most compelling in our decision was the overwhelming student opinion that this program better caters for them than did the single year classroom. They appreciated the opportunity to specialise in teaching/learning areas of numeracy and literacy, work with like students and build a number of relationships across a greater number of children.

It will be a big year in that we will have no older students becoming role models as our 6 and 7’s now go to high school in 2015.

We had planned an information program for the end of the year and still hope to do so although time is not on our side at the moment.

QSCHOOLS UPDATE
Thanks to the 33 community members who have both downloaded and accepted notifications for the QSchools app in the past week. Currently on 49, we have more than tripled the number of people we can reach and this is an excellent start, but more are needed! It would be great to have 200 subscribed by the end of the year.

Please keep spreading the word about the QSchools app. It is available for Apple, Android and Windows 8.

One useful feature is that it has copies of the newsletter – invaluable if the newsletter does not make it out of the bottom of the schoolbag!!

Remember to enable push notifications and then search for Darling Heights State School and make us your favourite. Deputy Principal David Wilson is the guru on this app so do see him if you need any assistance.

BUY A BRICK
Our graduating students in Years 6 and 7 have been forwarded information from the P&C with regards to purchasing a plaque that will be attached to a brick in the Hall. Should you have not received those details they are available at the School Office. Requests for a plaque must be made by Monday the 1st December to allow time for them to be made and erected.

HEAD LICE
The following cartoon makes light the frustrations that parents and at times schools have with regards to the ever present scourge of Head Lice.

As the months are warming so to the conditions flourish for Head Lice.

Once an infestation of Head Lice occurs it can take some time for families to remove it.

It is our policy to notify parents when we establish a child has Head Lice and they are able to return to school once treatment has occurred.

Initial treatments will need to be followed up and all children in the family monitored to ensure they are not passing between siblings.

Information for treatment of Head Lice is readily available on The Net or from your local chemist.
FROM THE DEPUTY SWPBS (SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT) MATTERS
The Value for this week is “Acting Responsibly” with a focus on “I am responsible for my learning”. Students will be reminded this week that they can improve their learning by ensuring that they have a positive attitude towards school and others and by adhering to the following guidelines.

**Everyday Day Counts** – I understand that I must come to school every day and that I must also be on time. Every child, in every classroom, learns every day!

**Right Place, Right Time** - I am on time for my lessons. I line up outside my classroom before the second bell. I make sure I go to the toilet and have a drink during playtime so my class time is just for learning.

**Ready to Learn** - I have all of the equipment ready for learning before the lesson. I have sharp pencils, rubber and all of the correct books ready before the lesson.

**100% effort, 100% of the time** - I focus on the teacher and what they are teaching during the “I Do” phase of teaching. I do my best work and ask for help when needed during the “We Do” phase of teaching. I complete the activities with my best effort during the “You Do” sessions of learning.

**The Right to Learn** - I respect the rights of others to learn by not distracting them in their lessons.

**The Right to Teach** - I respect the right of teachers to teach the lessons they have prepared by not disrupting the class during teaching and learning time.

At Darling Heights State School, we want students to be hardworking and to always strive for their best in everything that they do. When students take responsibility for their own learning and remain committed, then they can expect to succeed – and *grow with knowledge*.

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.

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**
Congratulations to the 108,000 Queensland Prep to Year 7 school students who participated in this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge. Over 100 of our students who completed the challenge received a certificate signed by the Premier. Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the challenge. Well done students!

**CHAPLAINCY NEWS – CHRISTMAS CAROLS**
Hey Y’all - The *Darling Heights SS Christmas Carols* is fast approaching!

**When:** Friday, November 28th from 6pm till 8pm.

**Where:** Main Oval (Darling Heights SS)

**What to Bring:** Chair/blanket to sit on (picnic theme)

**Entertainment:** On the night we will be having some year levels perform Carols, and the school concert band and choir will be performing. A local Church band will also be coming to perform 5 carols to cap off the night. The student performances will start at 6:30pm.

**Food:** Drinks/Lollies/glow sticks and a BBQ will be available on the night. BBQ will just be a gold coin donation and will be open from 6pm till 7:30pm. I would also encourage families to bring a dessert from their culture to share with others on the night.

**Amazing MC:** Our amazing ‘MC’ for this event is from America and works as a Chaplain. If you haven’t got the hint - I will be the ‘MC’ on the night!

Please mark this date in your calendar because it will be a great night! Look forward to seeing y’all there!

**UNO CLUB**
Starting next week, there will be a UNO club for students during first breaks. On Thursdays, students in Years 1,2,3,4 can come and play UNO in the Library, and then Year 5, 6, 7 students can come Tuesday during first break.

Sincerely,
Chappy Matt

**BOOKS LISTS**
Book lists for 2015 were sent home last week.
If you did not receive yours please see the staff in the School Office.
All books can be bought in person or on line at Browns Office Choice.

**PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR LISTS TO THE SCHOOL.**
SEP SWIM STARS
On Thursday 6th November the SEP students attended the Swimming Carnival at Glennie. Some of the older students competed in the 25m events of Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly. The rest of the students participated in Movement through Water Activities where they had noodles, kickboards and floating mats. At the end of the day we were lucky to have a free swim and enjoy the water. All the students had a fantastic day and were exceptionally well behaved following our school STAR values and have received an award for this. Well done!

SPORTING NEWS
Senior A Cricket Report

The Senior A cricket team finished their season with a win over Fairview Heights SS last Friday. Defending the 112 runs they scored the previous week, the Darling Heights players restricted Fairview to 58 through a combination of accurate bowling and great fielding.

The first innings score of 112 came about through some solid batting from Frank (13), Jahrem (15), Brady (15) and Logan (17) (all retired or not out). A feature of the batting was excellent running between the wickets with students calling runs, backing up well and looking for overthrow. Some strong shots through the legside brought about a number of boundaries.

In the field the Darling Heights students showed a high level of skill in both ground fielding and catching, with 5 wickets falling to catches. Special mention needs to be made of Lochlan who took a great caught and bowled and also of Marwan who took a fantastic catch when the batsman smashed a ball straight to him at midwicket. The team thanked their ‘super sub’ Ibra who joined the team from the B Team and fitted right in, covering a key position in the field with great skill and enthusiasm.

Zain opened the bowling with great pace and accuracy, finishing with figures of 2-5. The top wicket taker was Mehran who took 5 for 8 and was on a hat-trick ball, but couldn’t get the wicket. All bowlers showed improvement through the season and their accuracy prevented the Fairview batsmen from getting close to our total. A maiden over (0 runs scored) of very accurate bowling by Malachi at a key point in the game helped to slow their momentum.

The final wicket of the game was a stumping by our keeper Rudolph, which meant the students finished the game on a high. Rudolph did a fantastic job as keeper all season and was safe behind the wicket and was always positive and supportive for the team.

The students have all shown improvement in their cricket skills over the 3 games they have played and are to be commended for their behaviour and sportsmanship during the season. Well done Darling Heights!!

David Wilson

COOKIE DOUGH COLLECTION
The cookie dough will be ready for pick-up on Friday 21 November from 2pm in the Function Room.
Prep and Year 1
PT Hana Mohamed
PW Ken Hall
PD Hunter Goodacre
PN Francisca Oakee
1B Wendy Poni
1S Ruby Hayes
1M Teresa Zhao
1J Arvin Rahimi

Year 2 Stars
2M Marwa Ibrahim
2LM Jelena Jackson, Omer Dafny
2D
2V

Year 3 Stars
3S Stars of the Week
Tayleah Broksch, Aanan Shaffiudin
3S Bookwork Star
Braydon Squire, Aether
3S Most Improved Spellers
Kira Foxe, Maedy Castillo, Olivia Cain, Dylan Widderick
3S Number Facts Champs
Liam Crocker, Bridgette Englebert, Jamilaki

Leslie
3H Star Box
Mariam Nafie
3H Star Student
Altayyeb Mahmood
3B Most Improved Student
Farah Al-Rubaay
3B Student of the Week
Fitsum Abay Weldenugus
3B Most Improved Speller
Fitsum Abay Weldenugus
3B 100% C2C Spelling
Fitsum Abay Weldenugus, Mahmood Al-Nuaimi, Xavier Brown, Bethany Bryde, Sarah Kosse Abwayi, Dario Mikulic, Agnes Mwaini, Harmony Taylor, Elizabeth Turner, Anastacia Unwin, Kyeesha Williams,

4R Amir Ibrahim
4B Mohammad Budair

5S Anish Roy
4/5 Merit
4Y Amir Uzbeck
4B Maddison Borey
4R Ancus Tay
5S Jeanne Shukurani
5V Wade Palmer

Student of the Week
4Y Lisa Williams
4B Zoe Brown
4R Tiarna Hess
5S Ghasaq Al-Azzawi
5V Harrison Lee

4/5 Gottchas
4R Tylah Bill
4Y Linda Mai

5Pr
5S Katiebell Nichols
5V SEP Awards
Amelia Twomey
Kiza Mwibusa
Sarah Hayes
Rosie Callagher
Riley Barlow

Tuckshop News
Tuckshop will be closed for the last week of school. Last Tuckshop day will be Friday 05.12.14. Tuckshop reopens on Wednesday 4th February, 2015. The YELLOw 2014 menu will stay current until the new menu is issued (on a different colour paper) in the first few weeks of Term 1, 2015. Thank you to all who have supported the Tuckshop during 2014.

A BIG THANKYOU to my volunteers. Without you this service would not be available to our children.

STAR STUDENTS

UNIFORM SHOP SHOE SALE
**ONE DAY ONLY**
Thursday, 27th November, 2014
2.30-3.30pm
Good quality, black leather lace up & velcro joggers
All sizes, limited stock
$30 each (RRP $60-$70)
CASH or CHEQUE ONLY
NO LAYBY, NO RETURNS

YMCA SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB – BOOK EARLY
Once again the time has flown by and before you know it the school holiday period will be here again. With places filling up quickly I would encourage families to avoid delay in return the booking forms after receiving them. Holiday Club Flyer will be forwarded electronically to all Enrolled YMCA Families. Flyers will also be available in the school office for your convenience.

If you have any queries, please contact the service on 4635 6308.

YMCA 2015 ENROLMENT PACKS NOW AVAILABLE
Places are filling quite quickly for 2015 Before and after School Care. Enrolment forms are available at both YMCA and school offices. I would encourage all families to return 2015 enrolment forms at your earliest convenience. Families can either drop them in at the YMCA services office or at the school office. Please note all 2014 enrolments expire on 31st December 2014. To find out more please contact the service on 4635 6308.