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/ren will be here next year. As always occurs at this time of year, a number of our 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 commencement. This helps us with ensuring that adequate staffing is in place for the year. Sincere thanks for your co-operation in this matter and please feel free to contact the School Administration on telephone number (07) 46 368333 should you have any queries or concerns.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES
At this time of year, classes traditionally will undertake Christmas activities leading up to the Vacation. Many of these activities are based around traditions of Christmas, including making of cards, bestowing best wishes and discussing the traditions of Christmas. In a school such as ours, we acknowledge the need to provide different perspectives about religious and cultural backgrounds and that some parents may choose not to have their children involved in activities of such nature. Should this be the case for you, please let your classroom teacher know and they will make other arrangements for your child during these times.

PARENT PRINCIPAL FORUM
A great discussion occurred last week at our Parent/Principal Forum where we looked at ideas and possible options for Pre-prep or Play Group Programs at our school. These ideas will be further investigated with 2015 providing us with an opportunity to firm up and hopefully implement some of the suggestions. Our next Parent/Principal Forum will occur in 2015.

CAROLS
My best wishes for a successful Carols Program this coming Friday night. It is a great opportunity for our school community to gather and enjoy some celebration together. Unfortunately due to prior commitments, I am unable to be part of our carols this year.

AT STATE CRICKET
Early Saturday morning I travel with the Darling Downs 14 Years cricket side to the State Championships Carnival on the Sunshine Coast. This is certainly a great opportunity for me to indulge in one of my passions, school sport and especially cricket. This years carnival runs until the 4th December. During my 4 days absence Mr James Leach will act as Principal should you require anything please do not hesitate to contact him.

Until Next Week

Mark
FROM THE DEPUTY

SWPBS (SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT) MATTERS

The last few weeks of the year will involve revising our four school STAR values of Safety, Thinking, Acting Responsibly and Respect. During this time we will also be recognising that all our students are “Stars” and each student will be working towards being involved in this term’s treat day. Students will be invited to participate in a school disco if they have successfully followed and demonstrated our four school values consistently throughout the term.

FRIENDSHIP

Friendships are a very important part of life. Making friends and keeping friends can be a very difficult ‘job’ for many people. Children especially, may find the issue of friendship difficult and it is in fact one of the major issues that teachers deal with in your child’s social education – and for some students - this can be on a daily basis. Some children, like adults, just have the ‘knack’ for easily making and developing strong friendships. However, for other children it can be a nightmare and they need to be taught the skills of making and keeping friends. Often children will tell me that they have no friends. My experience tells me that in most cases, this is not the fact, but more often it is a case of a particular social situation that has resulted in them ‘falling out’ of a particular friendship grouping. Children are extremely sensitive to the dynamics of friendships and often struggle to understand how, in some cases, their actions or the actions of others, have contributed to a temporary ‘falling out’ with friends.

While there is no ‘magic recipe’ for making and keeping friends, the following are some helpful points:

- Friendships are like planting flower seeds. You need to nurture and care for them in order that they blossom.
- Sometimes, despite all your best efforts, a friend might just remain as someone you know.
- Finding and becoming best friends takes time, don’t be in a hurry to move from someone you know to regular friend and then best friend.
- What makes a good friend? Talk to someone about this and list all the things that other people do to become good friends.
- Look for groups who seem to have interests which you share or know something about.
- Helping others is a good way to make friends, but remember to be kind, not bossy.
- Be a good listener so others can tell that you are really interested in what they are saying.

Be a positive person. Talk about other people in a positive way.

Special thanks to all parents and carers who take the time to discuss and reinforce our STAR value each week with your child/children. If you ever have any queries or concerns or wish to discuss anything, please feel free to contact Mr James Leach (Deputy Principal) on 46 368 333.

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!

TOOWOOMBA LANGUAGES AND CULTURES FESTIVAL

The certificates from the Mayor of Toowoomba Regional Council for those children who participated in the Toowoomba Languages and Cultures Festival representing our school will be given out on assembly tomorrow afternoon.

CONGRATULATIONS for putting in the time and effort to show Toowoomba what we do at Darling Heights!
MUSIC TOUR 2014
Music Tour for Concert Band and Year 5/6/7 Choir students is this Thursday. We will have our usual Concert Band rehearsal at 8am that morning, so if your child is in band they are required to be there. If your child is in Choir only they won’t be required for a rehearsal until the start of our normal school day (8.45am). Remember on the day your child will need to be in school uniform. They will also need to bring a hat, water bottle, morning tea and either money for lunch or a packed lunch and of course their instrument and music if they are in the Band.

Important Messages from the Coordinator:

YMCA Staff and Management would like to wish all Darling Heights State School Staff and Families a very HAPPY and SAFE Festive Season.

What Are Your Children Doing over The Summer School Holidays?

YMCA ACTIVE KIDS Will be having days full of exciting activities inspired by:

Book Day, come dressed as you favourite book character! Beach Bonanza, water fun, beach games! Amazing Race, learn about grand landmarks around the world! Wild Life Day, how we would live in the wild if we had to! Sports Mania, Children will experience new and exciting sports skills and games! Our Sunburnt Country, collaborate with the children on Australia’s history!

Excursions:
Wed, 7th Jan 2015, Toowoomba Cinemas & Sizzlers for lunch Thurs 15th Jan, Bunnings Activity – Private Lesson where children will be making their very own wooden pencil and will be checking out the garden section for new ideas for YMCA sustainability project.
Wed 21st Jan 2015, Ipswich Cinemas and Art Centre

Incursions:
Tues 16th Dec 2014, Santastic, sand art – new inspiring experiences for children in using sand as an art form.
Thurs 18th Dec 2014, Bunnings Garden Project – Bunnings will be helping the children to learn about environmental sustainability.

Peter Mays Christmas science/magic – enjoyment for all ages as they are treated to one of the best in the business. And loads more!!!!!

2015 Enrolment Pack

REMINDER - Places are filling quite quickly for 2015 Before and After School Care. I would encourage all families to return their 2015 enrolment forms at your earliest convenience. Families can email them directly to service, or drop them in at the YMCA services or school office. Please note all 2014 enrolments expire on 31st December 2014.
To find out more please contact service on 4635 6308.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Uniform Shop Information

Last day for 2014 Tuesday 09.12.14

2015 extra opening days:
Tuesday 20.01.15, 9am to 1pm
Friday 23.01.14, 9am to 1pm

First day back at school, Tuesday 27.01.15, will open from 8.45-10.45am (please note later opening time, as the Uniform Shop is run by volunteers who need to settle their own children back into school too).
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

BREAKFAST CLUB
At the Tuckshop Wednesday mornings from 8.00am at no cost to our students.
Retirement of Dr Don Adsett Paediatrician
We have been advised that Dr Adsett will retire at the end of January 2015.

CHRISTMAS STALL
The Christmas Stall will be next week on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th December in the Function Room.
If you are able to help out on the stall, we would really appreciate your help. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.
For more details you can leave your name and number at the office.

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.
There will be no meal deal on Friday 5th December all other menu items will be available.

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

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER FOR CHAPLAINCY
We are currently looking for a co-ordinator for a fundraising Sausage Sizzle.
This would be held on 21st December at Masters Hardware.
If you are interested in helping Chappy Matt
Please leave your name at the office.

STAR STUDENTS

Prep and Year 1
PT Abdurrahman Amar 3S Most Improved Spellers
PW Xander Truong Lucie Umulisa, Kira Foxe
PD Mukhlis Muhammed Nur 3S Number Facts Champs
PN Matthew Middleton Mamer Herjok, Lyrene Miguel, Brigette
1B Brock Hess Englebert, Liam Crocker
1S Mohamed Aldraho 3B Student of the Week
1M Janna Al Sarmi Luke Byrnes
1J Chindia Azemikhah 3B Most Improved Speller

Year 2 Stars
2M Mohamed Maryol Fitsum Abay Weldenegus
2LM Ayan Aldosari 3B 100% C2C Spelling
2V Shannon Unwin Anastacia Unwin

Year 3 Stars
3S Stars of the Week
Emmy Kavuala, Mohamed Habibi

3S Most Improved Spellers
Lucie Umulisa, Kira Foxe
3S Number Facts Champs
Mamer Herjok, Lyrene Miguel, Brigette
Englebert, Liam Crocker
3B Student of the Week
Luke Byrnes
3B Most Improved Speller
Fitsum Abay Weldenegus
3B 100% C2C Spelling
Anastacia Unwin
3B Number Fact Champions
Anastacia Unwin, Fitsum Abay Weldenegus
Star Award on Assembly
Lily Wise

4/5 Merit
4B Ali Yousefi
4R Care’N Rodriguez
Student of the Week
4B Chrispine Wilondja Eussa
4R Care’N Rodriguez
4/5 Gottchas
4R Care’N Rodriguez
SEP Awards
Merit
Joshua Roberts
Star Student
Levi McClelland