FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MUSIC BLOCK SOON TO OPEN

Slowly but surely we are gaining access to the buildings nearing completion in our recent building program. We will soon move into our new Music Block with now only the new playground to be completed.

The surrounds of the Music Room and the Amphitheatre are being enjoyed by our children. They have been asked to ensure that as it is a large concrete area they are careful with their play and at no time run in this area. As is always the case children and adults are asked to remain on the paths about our school thus protecting our grass and garden areas.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Later in the Cooee will be the timetable for Parent Information Sessions for this term. These sessions provide an opportunity for parents to join with teachers who will pass on information about how the year will unfold for children.

HAPPY TO TALK WITH YOU BUT WE MIGHT NEED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.

Life in schools can be very hectic especially at the beginning of the school day. On occasions parents bringing children to school may wish to discuss matters with classroom teachers as they arrive. This may not necessarily be the best time for these discussions as teachers are preparing for their day and trying to manage the arrival of students and acknowledge numerous parents who pop through the classroom. Quality time to talk with parents is usually not available at these morning times.

To ensure quality time for discussions is available I would ask parents wishing to have lengthy conversations with teachers to arrange an appointment for the most suitable next available time.

Parents, please do not feel “put off” or “offended” if a teacher may suggest that you come back and talk about a matter at another time. Teachers are aware that such matters are important to parents but also are aware that some time may be required to deal with the matter effectively.

SMOKING BANS

From 1 January 2015, smoking is banned at all Queensland State and Non-State Schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries.

The law applies at all times—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. It includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes.

FIVE METRE BUFFER

The buffer is a 5 metre no-smoking area around the perimeter of the school, beyond the school land boundary; including all structures in this area, such as bus shelters and car parks. This area does not extend into residential or business premises that share a boundary with school land.

Until next week
SWPBS (SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT) MATTERS

The Value for this week is “Thinking” with a focus on “I think about doing my best”. The key to always doing your best is to think positively and to always have a positive attitude. A positive attitude is exceptionally important for children of all ages, and it can be taught as well as reinforced by teachers, parents, and other authority figures in the child’s life. A positive attitude enables you to develop the strength to deal with life’s challenges. When children develop positive attitudes early in life, positive thinking becomes a habit that can ease the pressures associated with growing up.

Having a positive attitude is a choice that you must make – people who think positively are focused on good things, successful outcomes and have happy thoughts.

With a **bad attitude** you can never have a **good day**.
With a **positive attitude** you can never have a **bad day**.

The benefits of a positive attitude:
- Helps you achieve your goals
- You are happier
- You have more Energy
- Greater inner power and strength (Resilience)
- The ability to motivate and inspire yourself and others
- Fewer difficulties along the way
- People respect you

Here are a few ways you can help to teach children to stay positive.
- Think positive thoughts – find the positive in every situation
- Always try your best
- Be thankful
- Smile
- Help others
- Surround yourself with positive people
- Challenge yourself – never give up and chase your goals

**Being Positive is contagious – is your attitude worth catching?**

A special thanks to all parents who take the time each week to sit down and talk to their child/ren about the week’s Value and Focus. 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.

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*Keep your thoughts positive because your thoughts become your words,*
*Keep your words positive because your words become your behaviour,*
*Keep your behaviour positive because your behaviour becomes your habits,*
*Keep your habits positive because your habits become your values,*
*Keep your values positive because your values become your destiny.*

*Mahatma Gandhi*
Letters went home today for families interested in attending the Cricket World Cup.

Darling Heights are inviting 45 students/parents to the Cricket World Cup. This International tournament is held every 4 years and Australia and New Zealand will be hosting this event.

When: 25th February  
Time: Leave Tmba 2:00pm with return approx 11:00pm  
Where: The Gabba, Brisbane  
Travel: By bus  
Cost: $25.00 pp which includes travel and entry to the game

Parents and other siblings are welcome although numbers are strictly limited to 45 single tickets.

Please bring your money and forms to the office.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Please see Noticeboard for information regarding the following:

- YMCA - Ph. 0455 088401 or 46 356308
- Kiyua Performing Arts - Dancing and Performing Arts every Saturday morning in the DHSS Hall from 9am. Recommencing Saturday 7th February. Call Sheridan on 0412135925
- AUSSIE HOOPS AT DARLING HEIGHTS STATE SCHOOL

Aussie Hoops is a national program which provides an environment where children of all abilities can achieve on the court and reap the rewards of skill development, enhanced self-esteem, social cooperation and grassroots sports participation.

$95 for new participants
$65 for Returning Participants
New Participants will receive the Aussie hoops carry bag, basketball, and singlet.
Program Details:
Thursday afternoons from 3:15pm-

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Each year Parents are invited to a session where teachers outline the year ahead. The following dates have been set.

All parents are welcomed to attend

Prep have already completed parent meetings in the first week of school.
Year 1 Tuesday 17th February 5 pm to 6pm
Year 2 Thursday 12th February 4 pm to 5pm
Year 3 Wednesday 11th February 5:30 to 6:30pm
Year 4 Thursday 19th February 5:15 to 6:15pm
Year 5/6 Monday 9th February 6:00pm
EALD Friday 27th February 2pm to 3 pm

STARS OF THE WEEK

Year Prep/ 1 Stars
Prep M Adela Feza
Prep N Levi Humphrey
Prep W Katelyn Strungaru
Prep T Carter Middleton
1B Firaas Touseef
1S Fatem Ezhra Ali
1M Taein Park
1J Willem Dekeyser

Year 2 Stars
2M Harlie-Jay Wolski
2V Kevin Kibai

Year 3 Stars

Year 3H Stars

Year 4 Stars

Student of the Week
4R Shafaq Attiya
4B Bethany Bryde
4P Kenneth Eckhoff

Merit

SEP AWARDS

Student of the Week
SEP M

Merit Awards

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Year Prep/ 1 Stars

Year 2 Stars

Year 3 Stars

Year 3H Stars

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STAR AWARD

Logan Plant 5/6A
Emily Beveridge 5/6B
Tayla Pearce 5/6C
Isaiah Tagituimu 5/6D
Marcos Fraile Linares 5/6E
Hadeer Al-Rashid 5/6F