FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ADMIN TEAM VISITING SCHOOLS IN MACKAY
Leaving this coming Sunday and returning Tuesday evening, our Administration Team will be visiting schools in the Mackay area. It is part of our ongoing investigations into how we can continue to improve our school practices. Some highly performing schools in the Mackay area have been identified for us to visit. It is hoped that the insights gained from our visit will assist us in establishing even greater effective practices within our Darling Heights State School operation. In our absence, Mr Kean Thompson will act as Principal, should you require any contact with our school Administration.

INFORMATION DAY
The annual Information Day will be held next Thursday, 15th September commencing at 9.15am in the hall. Information Day is an opportunity for people who currently do not have ties with the school, to find out more about the many learning opportunities that are available at Darling Heights. For those parents with Prep children, we will visit our Prep facilities. However, a more detailed Prep information session has been scheduled for Monday 7th November at 5.30pm. Accompanying today’s newsletter is a flyer containing details of our Information Day. Once you have read the flyer, you may consider passing it on to someone who may be interested in finding out more about our great school.

PRINCIPAL/PARENT FORUM
The next Principal/Parent Forum is set down for Thursday afternoon, the 8th September at 2.00pm. All year level representatives and other interested parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL SONG LAUNCH
A special assembly was held last Thursday to launch the new school song, “Together from around the world”. The Josh Arnold and student inspired production is best described by the following comments from Josh’s Facebook page.

“What a great inspiration these children are. Love, love, love it. Should be shown Australia wide then global.”

“Love it! Sometimes I forget what an amazing school I have the privilege to work at! Well done students!”

“So wonderful! Congratulations to all involved!”

“That is just beautiful! What a great choir!!! Fantastic sound guys. Loved it.”

“So refreshing, culture coming together in song! Very pleasing to the heart.”

Until Next Time

Mark
FATHER’S DAY STALL
A huge thank you to members of our Craft Club and P&C who provided such a wonderful array of gifts for our children to purchase at the 2016 Father’s Day Stall. We do hope that all fathers enjoyed the gifts purchased for them by their children.

SWIMMING PROGRAM
I remind all parents that swimming is an important part, not only of our school curriculum program, but of everyone’s life. Annually, our school offers children a learn to swim and swim correction program which at the least should allow them to save themselves if they fall into water. There is some cost involved with the program. I ask all parents to consider the cost of their child’s life, should they be placed in a position of needing to swim.

CHILD PROTECTION PANTOMIME
Today in Child Protection Week, our Year 2 children attended a Pantomime put on by the Queensland Police Force at the Empire Theatre. This has become an annual event for our Year 2 students with the performance highlighting the importance and aspects of child protection, it also ensures that our young students have some indication of how to keep themselves safe in potential harm situations and how to recognise times when things around them may not be happening in a safe manner.
We do hope that if your child is in Year 2 that they enjoyed the performance this week.

WEEK 6: Rule of the Week Colouring Competition
Rule: “I keep myself safe at school – Walk in the school grounds”
Congratulations to the following children who were year level winners. The children were recognised on parade last week and will receive an ice block.

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Other students who entered will receive an ice-block. They need to see Kylie at the office.

Of special note was the second part of the competition involving children stating the important reasons for ‘walking’ around the school. These included “falling over, getting hurt, getting into trouble, ensuring everyone is safe around the school, bumping into others, hard concrete, it is a school rule, I am a good student”. Many thanks to all who entered the competition and gave much thought to the reasons behind the Rule of the Week.

MAGPIE SEASON
Please be aware that it is magpie nesting season. As such it can expected that they will react to what they perceive, is a threat. Please remind children not to tease or antagonise them.

ESSILOR VISION FOUNDATION SCREENING
Unfortunately Years 4-6 may not have the opportunity to be screened this year. The QUT Optometry students are nearing the end of the University year and need to study for exams. We will let you know if this changes.
PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING) MATTERS
The Value for this week is, “Acting Responsibly”, with a focus on, “I act responsibly on school excursions”. An excursion is an activity organised by a school (not including work experience) during which students leave the school grounds to engage in educational activities (including camps and sport). School excursions are well-planned curriculum-related activities that provide fantastic opportunities for students to maximise their learning experiences. Whilst on excursions, it is also important for students (at all times) to follow teacher instructions and stay together as a class/group.

Students are taught and reminded that “Acting Responsibly” is about ownership – for your behaviour and your actions. When you are acting responsibly you are willing to be accountable for your actions. When things go wrong and you make a mistake you make amends instead of making excuses. When you are responsible you keep your agreements and you give your best to any task or activity.

Some examples of being responsible at school include:
- helping others
- picking up rubbish
- following class routines without being told
- getting your homework done
- remembering your belongings
- playing in the correct area at break times
- putting your lunchbox back in your bag at the end of the day and coming to school each day on time.

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.

PARENTING INSIGHTS NO.3 from Michael Grose
Lets take a break.
STRATEGY: distraction
GOOD FOR: kids experiencing stressful situations; kids who think too much; kids with busy lives.
When kids are troubled by events or spend too much time brooding, it helps to do something to get their minds off things for a time. Playing games, spending time together, watching some TV, going out - are all good distracters for worried, anxious or stressed kids.

Self-distraction is healthy, providing some welcome perspective. It also prevents kids from replaying awful experiences in their heads, blowing them out of proportion.

INFLUENZA A
At present Influenza A is quite prevalent in the Darling Downs region, and more specifically, in many of our schools. The Public Health Unit has suggested that if a child has been diagnosed with Influenza A, that schools provide the following information to all school Parents/Care givers. This information comes from the Qld Health Influenza A fact sheet. You should also ensure that the information listed below is practised in your school during this flue season.

Prevention:
- Good hygiene is essential to protect yourself and others
- stay home when you are sick
- wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use an alcohol based hand gel
- wash your hands prior to touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- use a tissue, or the inside of your arm, when you cough and sneeze
- throw tissues away immediately and wash hands
- don’t share items such as cigarettes, cups, lipstick, toys or anything which has come in contact with the mouth or nose
- stay at least 1 metre away from people who have flu-like symptoms
- clean frequently touched surfaces regularly, such as doorknobs, taps, tables, benches and fridge doors.

Influenza (The Flu) - Queensland Health Fact Sheet

Kiyua Performing Arts held in the Darling Heights State School Hall from 9am - 11am.
Payment is by gold coin donation.
For more details call Sheriden 0412135925
TERM 3 SPORTS DRAW

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ATTENTION ALL PARENTS/CARERS
As the year is quickly coming to an end, now is the time to settle all outstanding accounts. On the booklist, each year level has a levy for reprographics. This amount covers the cost to produce booklets, work sheets and other photocopying that your class teacher requires to run their classroom efficiently.

Prep - $30; Year 1, 2 and 3 - $20; Year 4, 5 and 6 - $30
Years 4, 5 and 6 also have a MakerSpace levy of $3.
If your student is attached to the Special Education Program each student is required to pay $20 Art Levy to cover the cost of items used in the extra craft that they do.
These amounts are now overdue and can be paid at the School Office.
Thank you for your prompt attention to this.

SEP Stars
SEP M Stars of the Week are Ayuen Pach and Nicholas Ditch

Prep Stars
PN
PM
PT
PW
Year 1 Stars:
1B
1J
1M
1S
Year 2 Stars
2C Eligh McGrady
2B Ezekiel Kavuala
2D Fauzia Atiya
2M Matthew Middleton

Year 3/4 Stars
3A Mohamed Mohamed & Yaqdhan Mahmood
3G Emma-Sue Ingui, Charlie Booth

3H Stars
100% Number Facts Logan, Ahmed, Ken, Francis, Dominic
100% Spelling Dominic, Cooper, Francis, Ken, Ruqayah, Luke, Isabel
Star Box Luke Amery
Star Student Eliza Ward
Most improved Speller Isabel Briggs
3B Stars
Student of the Week Haozhen
Most Improved Mahmood
100% Club Joseph, Areej, Lucas, Tanzie, Harrison, James, Samuel, Haozhen, Nehemiah
Quality Work Phoenix, Ryan, Maddison

Stars of the Week
4S Lani Washington

Merit Awards
3A Abrar Yousif
3G Evie Adams
4S Tanahya Esler
Student of the Week
4S Elisabeth Briggs

5/6 Stars
5/6A Care’n Rodriguez
5/6B Kainat Rezaie
5/6C Mariam Nafie
5/6D Mustafa Luabi
5/6E Summer Weribone
5/6F Hawraa Alhasnawi
SENIOR NEWS
Week Nine is upon us and that means students will be busy completing various assessment tasks for their subjects. Students may be taking an assessment home, so please encourage your child to work independently, using what has been taught in class, and remind them that their work “lives in their bags” when they’re not writing in their books and work sheets at home. This will ensure nobody gets an RTR because they have forgotten to bring work to school. On the subject of behaviour, Treat Day invitations have been issued to those students who have displayed very good or excellent behaviour, attitude and work ethics. We look forward to seeing these invitations, plus the $9.30 for the excursion to Skate City next Friday, being returned well before the due date to ensure that everything runs smoothly. The process next Friday will be as follows: Students who have received an invitation may come in free dress with sneakers or running shoes (no thongs or sandals, especially as there will be sports on offer in the morning, and they will need socks to go skating.) Those students who did not receive an invitation must come in full school uniform. The senior teachers are also planning to take the entire 5/6 cohort to the TYME music festival to see the talent our students and the other schools have to offer.

A reminder that 5/6 camp can be paid off at any time, any amount is fine, you might prefer to pay a small amount each week.

5/6 HOMEWORK CLUB
Senior Homework Club is held every Wednesday afternoon in the 5/6 block. This is a quiet place for students to complete homework and receive help from teachers.

BAHASA INDONESIA
The following information provides more reasons for our children to study Bahasa Indonesia here at Darling Heights, and leading to increased job opportunities, bettering their inter-cultural competence and helping to keep our region peaceful in the long run.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is negotiating an Economic Partnership agreement, bringing South-east Asia’s two largest economies closer together.


Trade in goods and services was valued at $14.8 billion in the 2014-15 financial year, making Indonesia our 12th largest trading partner and 11th largest export market. (an increase of approx 5 Billion - more than 30% since 2014) Austrade estimates that there are approximately 250 Australian companies operating in Indonesia, in sectors including resources and energy, agriculture, infrastructure, finance, IT, education, health care, tourism, food and beverages, advanced manufacturing and logistics. 

SEP NEWS
This term, students in SEP S have been working hard at creating a special presentation for their subjects, Art and Drama. The students worked collaboratively to come up with the dance moves and create the special masks for the song, “I wanna be like you” by Louis Prima. After the equivalent of 6hrs rehearsal, the students were very excited and proud of their efforts when they performed live to the other SEP classes. This special event was filmed and shown to the whole school on assembly and is available to view on the DHSS
JUNIOR LANDCARE

Darling Heights would like to thank Mr Greg Grimes from Junior Landcare who came to our school last Wednesday and helped students build three raised vegetable garden beds. The beds have been planted and are being well looked after by "Team Garden". It has been wonderful to watch the children become so engrossed in their daily care for the plants, we are going to produce the most loved vegetables in town. The funding for the beds was made available by a NAIDOC grant, which we are very grateful for. A special thankyou also goes out to Miss Drayton and 4P for all their hard work on the day. Landcare will continue to support us with seedlings each term, so look out for some great produce.