ENJOY THE COMING VACATION

I wish all children, families and staff the best for the forthcoming vacation. Holiday times are a great opportunity for everyone to relax and refresh, ready for the following term. Please note: School resumes on Tuesday, 4th October, as Monday is a public holiday.

WATCH OUR SCHOOL OVER THE HOLIDAYS

With school holidays imminent, it would be most beneficial if everyone was vigilant with regard to DHSS security. If you see anything suspicious, please do not attempt to intervene, but phone School Watch on 131 788.

INFORMATION DAY

Our 2016 Information Day will be held this Thursday, 15th September commencing at 9.15 am in the School Hall. The DHSS Information Day is an opportunity for people who presently do not have ties with the school to come and find out more about the many learning opportunities that are available here. Some information regarding Prep for 2017 will be addressed with prospective parents, but a more detailed Prep Information Session will be conducted on Monday 7th November at 5.30pm."

T.Y.M.E.

Good luck to those 5/6 Singers, Year 4 Choir and Concert Band members who are involved with the TYME Festival at USQ this Thursday. This is a great opportunity to perform and be part of the day. Many thanks to Miss Rackemann, Camillo Lanzafame and supervising staff for all the hard work associated with having the students so well-prepared. Feel free to attend at the times and locations indicated later in the Cooee.

TREAT DAY

Treat Day will be held this Friday. Various activities, both on and off campus have been organised for those students who have displayed exemplary attitude and behaviour this term. Treat Day also provides the opportunity for those not invited to reflect and consider what they might do to receive an invitation in Term Four.

COME IN YOUR HOUSE COLOURS

Tomorrow, all students have the opportunity to come dressed in their house colours. A gold coin donation is required. This initiative has been discussed at recent PBL and P&C meetings with the aim of developing house spirit. Well done to our student council who have organised the day.

ATTENDANCE

You would be aware that attendance is something taken very seriously by all schools and the Education Department. Data supports the notion that attendance at school and achievement are clearly linked. New guidelines introduced from July 01 specify a range of very specific procedures for schools to address unexplained or unsatisfactory absences or patterns of absenteeism. This is not associated with "genuine cases". It does, however, require that all schools follow defined: "Processes for enforcing parental obligation that a child of compulsory school age attends on every day for the educational programme for which the child is enrolled."

Essentially, our One School data system will generate Failure to Attend letters to families of students with unexplained or unsatisfactory absences or patterns of absenteeism and to the Education Department for staged follow up.

Kean Thompson
PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING) MATTERS

The Value for this week is, “Acting Responsibly” with a focus on, “I use the toilets in a responsible manner”. This week, students will be reminded about which toilet block to use and the importance of using the toilets correctly and hygienically. Students are also encouraged to use the amenities during break times to ensure that their learning time is maximised. The toilets are not a place to play and students are expected to keep the area clean and tidy and to always flush the toilet. As always, we encourage students to report any problems or issues directly to a staff member.

Be Safe
- Students will take a partner when visiting the toilets during class time (younger year levels).
- Students will walk to and from the toilets.

Thinking
- Students will flush after using the toilet.
- Students will remember to wash their hands after using the toilet.

Acting Responsibly
- Students will only visit the toilet block to use the facilities or when accompanying another child needing to use the facilities.
- Students will use toilet paper appropriately
- Students will not run, scream or shout in or near the toilet block.
- Students will keep the toilets and bubblers clean and tidy.
- Students will report unclean toilets to the teacher on playground duty.

Be Respectful
- Students will respect the privacy of other children using the toilets.
- Students will shut the door when using the toilet.

At Darling Heights State School, students who follow our four school values of Safety, Thinking, Act Responsibly and Respect are recognised and acknowledged on a daily basis. Each classroom has positive reward charts and often includes students being awarded “Gotcha’s” (for following our STAR values). These are generally drawn for class prizes and certificates on ‘area’ parades or Student of the Week certificates on whole school assemblies.

This Friday for Treat Day, students who have consistently followed our four school STAR Values will be invited to participate in some Sports activities conducted by some of our regional sports officers. This includes rugby league, cricket, touch football, softball, golf, cricket and AFL. It should be a great day and it is our way of thanking all of our fantastic students for all the effort they have shown over the term.

I would also like to thank all the parents and students for a great term and I wish you all a safe and enjoyable break. We look forward to seeing you all after the holidays for an even more exciting and final term of the year.

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.

HOLIDAY WORKS
Work will commence during the vacation on major renovations to the ‘original’ front entrance of the school. Currently, the path features trip hazards and cracking to the concrete. The work will include removal of pavers, a new path all the way to the western end of the SEP building with ‘patterned’ edges, a re-install of seating and new adjacent turf.
It’s Week Ten, people, and that means the school is filled with the sounds of little fingers tapping on keyboards, typing up assessment pieces for English and other subjects. On Wednesday, the Student Council is running, “Dress in Your House Colours Day” and for a gold coin donation, (preferably the smaller of our two gold coins!) the students have the chance to wear their sports shirts, or come in their house colours.

We are also looking forward to marvelling at musical maestros at TYME on Thursday and then skating up a storm on Friday, so for those who are yet to pay for Treat Day, get those permission forms and money back!

T.Y.M.E. is on Thursday, 15th September at USQ. There are about 200 students who are excited and ready for their performances. It is a free event, and it would be fantastic if some of our parents were there to support and encourage the children. Children who are performing on the day, need to be wear the official school uniform which is the school shirt with stripe and logo, green pants/skirt.

Our performance times and stages are:

- 10.30am – 5/6 SINGERS – H Block (Stage 5 – Alison Dickson Theatre)
- 12.45pm – 4 CHOIR – H Block (Stage 5 – Alison Dickson Theatre)
- 1.30pm – CONCERT BAND – R Block (Stage 7 - Refectory)

Payment is by gold coin donation.

For more details call Sheriden 0412135925

There will be NO EAL/D Homework Club on Wednesday 14th September or Wednesday 5th October.

Homework Club will recommence on Wednesday 12th October.
TITAN’S SHIRT
The winner of the Titan’s shirt was Mrs Fay Baker. Many thanks to the organisers of this great raffle.

TENNIS COACHING
Robert Williams ~ TCA-TCAQ-TQ-TA-ACC Advanced (Level 2) updated.
11am - 11.30am Monday (Years 4-5-6) Wednesday (Prep) 11am - 11.30am
Thursday (Years 1-2-3) 11am - 11.30am
6-8 pupils - 30mins - $65.00 per term (family discount) - minimum 8 week term.
Term 4 commences Tuesday 4th October, 2016.
For further information, phone Robert on Mobile 0413488303 or Home 4635 5655.

TUCKSHOP
NEW!! The tuckshop will be trialling homemade pizzas tomorrow - Wednesday, September 14th. There will be two varieties and both will cost $4 per pizza slice. The two varieties will be: chicken, cheese and BBQ sauce or ham, cheese and tomato sauce.

YEAR 3 CITY HALL VISIT
3A and 3G went for a visit to the Toowoomba City Hall and Queens Park on Wednesday. We had a fantastic Day!

SEP Stars
SEP J - Asher Peters
SEP M - Jayson, Jack

Prep Stars
PN Lucinda Steinhardt, Yassine Al-Hnashe
PM Leelas Shaeeef, Liam Dowe
PT Johnathon Briggs, Rita McGee
PW Angelique Uwineze, Lillian Hodgkinson

Year 1 Stars:
1B Elijah Nkindashame, Mikah England
1J River Lawler, Carter Middleton
1M Amelia Smith, Adva Dafny
1S Drew Peterson, Rida Touseef

Year 2 Stars
2C Lawrence McCarthy
2B Razieh Ghavamjoo
2D Farah Attiya
2M Emily O’Sullivan

Year 3/4 Stars
3A Aaryan Dhakal

3H Stars
Star Box - Ruqayyah Dhahir
Star Student - Isabel Briggs
Most Improved Speller - Eliza Ward
100% Maths Facts - Zakk, Eliza, Luke
100% Spelling – Farah, Isabel, Francis, Ahmed, Ken

3B
100% Club: Lucas, Harrison, James, Sam
Quality Work Award: Joseph, Areej, Nehemiah
Special Improvement Award: Joseph,

3G
Stars of the Week
3G Darryl McCarthy
4S Acacia Jones

Merit Awards
3A Cash Pearce
3G Evie Adams
4S Marcellus McCarthy

Student of the Week
4S Durikai Kelk

MUSIC AWARDS – Congratulations to the following students who used their singing voice for the first time this week:
Kiara Kaprangi, Chloe Mann, Mohammed Dhahir, Bryson Bradley, Maitha Alketbi