FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Week 1 of Term 4. This is a 10 week term but, as usual, things are going to be extremely busy as we conclude our program for 2016 and put in place the necessary preparations for the 2017 school year.

In welcoming everyone back, I hope you had a great holiday and that you are looking forward to working with us throughout this term as we all strive to ensure that your child/ren make/s the most of the educational opportunities that they will be provided.

As we begin the new term, I take the opportunity to remind all parents that school starts at 8.45am and children are expected to be here prior to that, so they are ready for the school day. School finishes at 3.00pm.

Any children at school before 8.00am are to report to CPA1 and be seated until they are dismissed. School staff will be on duty and ensure that early arriving students are doing what is required. Sincere thanks for your support and understanding.

PREP ENROLMENTS

We are attempting to establish how many children we can expect to enrol in Prep for 2017. To be eligible to enrol in Prep next year, a student must turn 5 between 1 July 2011 and 30th June 2012. If you have child who you wish to enrol at Darling Heights State School in 2017 or know of other families with Prep aged children for next year, please have them notify the school office so that we can make a place for them. When making enrolments, please make sure that you or they bring a birth certificate or some other documentation that displays a date of birth.

A Prep information evening will be held on Monday 7th November, 2016. This evening will commence with a school tour at 5.00pm and then continue in one of the Prep rooms. This evening is an ADULT ONLY meeting designed to inform parents about how the program operates.

If you wish to seek clarification about any of the above information or wish to find out more, please feel free to telephone the school administration on 46368333.

UNIFORM SCHOOL

Being the beginning of the new term, I remind all parents that our school requires all children to wear the appropriate school uniform. All children are required to wear the Darling Heights State School shirt which is available, as are all uniform requirements, from the Uniform Shop.

It has been decided that the families of those children not in uniform at school, will receive a note home outlining uniform requirements.

I do point out that a school uniform is a cost effective and convenient array of clothing that can be worn by children.

Please ensure you have adequate supplies of the uniform to ensure your child or children are able to attend every day dressed in their school uniform.

HOUSE DAY

Thank you to all the students who dressed in house colours on Wednesday, 14th September, 2016. $265 was raised.

PATH RENOVATIONS

Work has commenced on the new pathway at the front of the school. This involves no arrival/departure access to the front exit gate closest to the crossing for a couple of weeks. Please discuss any changes to your collection routines with your child so as to avoid any stress at the very congested adjacent exits.

Until Next Week

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PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING) MATTERS

The Value for this week is, “Acting Responsibly” with a focus on, “I come to school every day on time”. We are all very aware that “Everyday Counts” and it is also very important that students arrive on time each day (before 8:45am) and with the necessary equipment to ensure a successful day. This ensures that students’ learning is maximised and there are little to no interruptions for the class teacher.

Setting a regular pattern of events in the morning can impact on how smoothly and happily everyone gets ready for school. Here are a few ideas that other parents have found useful which can save a lot of last minute headaches and fuss:

The night before:

- Have adequate sleep – ensure your child goes to bed at a reasonable time
- Check that your child’s school clothes are clean and ready for the next day. Encourage them to place their shoes with their clothes in readiness.
- Are there any additional activities happening (eg. sport, library?) Have your child place the necessary items in their school bag.
- Lunches can also be prepared or semi prepared. Children can help with this.
- Bags can be packed (don’t forget hats!) by your child and placed in a regular spot ready for the next morning.

In the morning:

- Using an alarm will ensure everyone is out of bed with plenty of time to get ready.
- Be positive! Grumpy parents make for grumpy children. Encourage and give positive feedback.
- Provide a healthy breakfast eg. Cereal, milk, juice, water, toast, fresh fruit ect... Kids are like cars …they run (behave and learn) better on good fuel.
- Encourage children to get ready by themselves: cleaning teeth, brushing hair, packing school bag, making bed, helping them only where needed.
- Leave the house on time. Setting the kitchen timer can be a help here. Tell the children that when the alarm goes you will be leaving for school; make sure you are ready yourself!

Benefits of Daily Attendance

One of the most important things your child can do to achieve academic success is also one of the most basic: come to school every day. In fact, research has shown that your child’s attendance record may be the biggest factor influencing his/her academic success.

Achievement: Students who attend school regularly are more likely to pass assessments than students who don't attend school regularly. If students miss school, they are missing out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

Exposure to the English language: Regular school attendance can also help students who are learning English by giving them the chance to master the skills and information they need more quickly and accurately - even in other subjects!

Being part of the school community: Just by being present at school, your child is learning how to be a good citizen by participating in the school community, learning valuable social skills, and developing a broader world view.

The importance of education: Your commitment to school attendance will also send a message to your child that education is a priority for your family, going to school every day is a critical part of educational success, and that it’s important to take your responsibilities seriously including going to school.
By making your child’s school attendance a priority, you will be taking an important step in supporting your child’s school success, and setting a good example. Remember, every day counts!

If for any reason your child is frequently upset or reluctant to come to school, please feel free to schedule an appointment with the class teacher or contact Mr James Leach (Deputy Principal) on 46 368 333.

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 (A/Deputy Principal) on 46 368 333.

“Remember - every day counts, every minute counts”

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**5/6 CANBERRA TRIP**

The Year 5/6 Canberra Trip is edging closer. Please be aware that continued payments toward the total can be made so that the final sum is not such a daunting one.

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**MONEY TO THE OFFICE**

Please, when paying money to the office, have the correct amount in a sealed envelope with any forms. Change is not always available. Envelopes are available at the office free of charge.

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**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION?**

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**TRAMS INTERNATIONAL HOMEWORK CLUB**

There will be **NO** EAL/D Homework Club on Wednesday 5th October. Homework Club will recommence on Wednesday 12th October.

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**YMCA After School Care  46 356308**

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**Kiyua Performing Arts** held in the Darling Heights State School Hall - Sat from 9am - 11am. Payment is by gold coin donation.

For more details call Sheriden 0412135925
GRADUATION BEAR OR BALL
(YEAR 6 STUDENTS ONLY)

“Graduation…… a conclusion of one chapter, a beginning of another.”

Order mementos of your choice to treasure forever:

Bear $14.50  -  Soccer ball or football $13.50

Order forms will be distributed to the
YEAR 6 STUDENTS ONLY
the second week back from the Holidays.

NEW!! The tuckshop will be trialling homemade pizzas next week - Wednesday, 12th October. 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 2 Stars
2B  Elyse Rolellum
2D  Isabel Gream

3H  Stars
100% MATHS FACTS
Logan, Francis, Pratyush, Ruqayah, Eliza, Isabel, Farah and Ahmed

100% SPELLING
Ahmed, Isabel, Wendy, Pratyush And Francis

MOST IMPROVED SPELLERS
C2C WORDS: Ruqayah and Brice

MOST IMPROVED SPELLERS
THRASS WORDS:
Pratyush and Levi

STAR BOX: Eliza Ward
STAR STUDENT: Enock Mukeba

Stars of the Week
3A  Brock Hess

Merit Awards
3A  Hannah Dorman

MUSIC AWARDS
Congratulations to the Following students who used their singing voices for the first time this week:
Harriet Msabah
Rissah Kuruvila
Lillian Hodgkinson
Angel Uwineza