FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CONGRATULATIONS MR LEACH

One of our Deputy Principals, Mr James Leach will be taking up the position of acting Principal at Kingsthorpe State School for the remainder of this year. We congratulate James on this exciting appointment and thank him sincerely for the work that he has undertaken at our school over the past three years. Although the position he will occupy is only through to the end of this year, it could extend into 2017.

WALK TOGETHER TOOWOOMBA

Our school has been involved in a project, “Walk Together Toowoomba”. This project has seen 17 schools in Toowoomba develop songs and film productions around the concept of Cultural diversity and acceptance.

As part of this project we were able to develop our school song, “Together from Around the World”. This Saturday will be a celebration where all schools have the opportunity to present their songs. Choirs will perform between 11.50am and 1.00pm at the Toowoomba City Library.

For those who wish to be involved, a City walk will commence at 11.00am through inner city streets finishing at the Library at 155 Herries street in time for the schools to present their songs.

We would certainly love the children who have been involved in this project at our school level to be available to sing in our choir on Saturday. Notes have been forwarded home and we would hope that most of our children would be available for this presentation.

I look forward to seeing our children present our wonderful school song to the public of Toowoomba.

MAYORAL AWARD

Congratulations to Kainat Rezaie who is one of our Year 6 students who this year will receive the Toowoomba Mayoral Achievement Award. Kainat will receive her medal at a special awards ceremony this Thursday at 6.00pm at the Assembly Hall at Toowoomba Grammar School.

CONTINUING ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

As always, at the end of year, a number of families return overseas after the completion of USQ studies, move due to family or work commitments or just have a vacation. Therefore, it is really important that we know if your child will be here next year.

If you are returning in 2017, after an overseas trip, and will not be here on the first school day of 2017, please advise the school in writing of your anticipated date of return. This helps us to ensure that adequate staffing is in place for next year. Or, if you are leaving to attend another school, please inform our Admin staff.

Sincere thanks for your cooperation in these matters and please feel free to contact the school administration on telephone number 4636 8333 should you have any queries or concerns.

OFFICE AND CLASSROOM OPENING HOURS

Please note that the School Office opening hours are from 8.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

The Classrooms are open from 8.30am, if you need to see your child’s teacher.

Until next week

Mark Creedon
(Principal)
FROM OUR PARENT LIAISON OFFICER
PARENTING IDEA NO.4

WHO HAVE YOU SPOKEN TO ABOUT THIS?

- STRATEGY: Seeking help
- GOOD FOR: Kids who experience bullying and social problems; handling all types of personal worries.

Resilient people seek solace in the company of others when they experience difficulty. That's why social connection is such a strong preventative strategy for young people. The promotion of help-seeking behaviours is one of the best coping strategies of all. Even if kids don't overtly talk about what's bothering them, it can be immensely reassuring to spend time around others who are empathetic, understanding and willing to listen and help.

PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING) MATTERS

The Value for this week is, “Safety” with a focus on, “I use the toilets in a safe, appropriate manner”. This week, students will be reminded again 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 in the classroom. As always, we encourage students to report any problems or issues directly to a staff member.

SOCIALISATION

Schools provide an important opportunity for your children to practise and refine their skills in ‘getting along with others’ while achieving their education. We are all part of the Darling Heights school community and we all have a vested interest in ensuring our school community is happy and healthy. We are a community of people all working towards the same goal; the education and socialisation of our children.

Research clearly indicates the importance of the development of a partnership approach between parents and schools to learning and school attendance, to ensure children achieve to their ability. The playground environment and the classroom are areas which both provide their own socialisation challenges and it is important for parents to feel confident in approaching the school to discuss issues of concern.

Some tips for problem solving in partnership with schools:

- Listen clearly to your child's concerns.
- Encourage them to think of things they can do to remedy the situation.
- Avoid absenteeism as a solution – this teaches that running away from problems is a valid solution.
- Make a time to see your child's teacher to discuss the issue. If necessary, also make an appointment with the Principal.
- Avoid blaming – state your concerns clearly.

Work in partnership with the teacher to decide how best to support the situation, looking at the problem from all sides, considering all options and making a time for review.

Remember, the school is a dynamic people community with thousands of social interactions occurring daily. It is only natural that there will be occasions when there are socialisation issues. Schools are about ensuring the safety and happiness of every child and are only too happy to work with parents to quickly resolve an issue or concern.

This Thursday, I take up an Acting Principal position for the remainder of Term 4 at Kingsthorpe State School. I would like to wish you all the best for the term and take this opportunity to thank the wonderful students, staff and community for making Darling Heights such a great place to work and learn.

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 the school on 46 368 333.

ENROLMENTS - 2017

Darling Heights SS is currently taking enrolments from Prep to Year 6 classes for the 2017 school year. Please contact the administration office for details and enrolment packages. To help us to plan for next year, we would also like to know if all current students will be continuing in 2017. Please inform your child’s class teacher or contact the school office on 4636 8333.
Senior News

The meeting for Canberra held last Wednesday night in the hall was a great success. We’d like to thank all those who attended.

Some of our students are going to intermediate band camp this week, and we look forward to hearing what they’ve learned when they return.

Interschool sport continues with our Cricket team dominating Fairview last week. Our boys scored 84 runs and Braydon Squire-Eather scored a hat trick with the help of his keeper, Braydon Ford.

A baby Frogmouth has made its home here at the school. It is fortunate to have a great troop of 5/6 students to help keep it safe.

Don’t forget that Homework Club is every Wednesday from 3-4. It’s a great place to get help with your work and ensure that it’s finished. We want everyone coming to Treat Day at the end of Term.

Finally, full payment of all money for Canberra is Friday, 28th of October. That’s only 10 days away, so keep those little payments coming in.

BOOK CLUB:

Book Club forms have been given out. Please return your child’s order and money in an envelope to the Office by Wednesday, 19 October. If you would like to make use of the internet, go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. You might like to select, “Purchase as a Gift” and we will keep the orders aside for you to collect instead of sending them home with the students when they arrive.
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PT Kaylee Frater
PN Happy Mwibusa
PM India Macqueen
1B Rana Alzanbaqi
1S Sadeel Hazim
1J Bella Gamble
1M Mariam Vumiliya

Year 2 Stars
2B Rayan Askar
2D
2M Lucas Garcia
2C Emily Tagituimua

3H Stars
Star Box - Eliza Ward
Star Student - Luke Amery
Most Improved Speller - Ruqayah Dhahir

100% Maths - Wendy, Francis, Isabel, Zakk, Ruqayah, Ken, Pratyush
100% Spelling - Dominic, Patrick, Francis, Ahmed, Farah, Luke, Ruqayah, Ken
3B 100% Club: Areej, Lucas, Tansie, Harrison, James, Samuel, Hoazhen, Nehemiah

Year 3/4 Awards
Stars of the Week
3A Shaikha Alketbi
3G Kurtis Jackson

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4S Marcellus McCarthy

Student of the Week
4S Adnan Ali

Merit Awards
3A Mohamed Mohamed
3G Teresa Zhao
4S Chrystina Byrnes

SEPM STARS OF THE WEEK
Riley Barlow
Lars Ferrari
Philip Lane-Gessiri

Year 5/6 Awards
Mohammed Aldekhan
Harmony Taylor
Altayeb Mahmood
Alyssa McLeod
Amir Uzbek
Julekha Hossain

MIRAMBEENA FETE
30 BAKER STREET, DARLING HEIGHTS
OCTOBER 22ND, 2016 FROM 9AM TO 2PM
Over 50 stalls - Lots of prizes to be won
FREE entertainment all day including Darling Heights SS Hip Hop Dancers
Jumping Castle, Face painting, Petting Zoo
Find our event on Facebook!

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