COMING EVENTS
Note the following dates in your Diary:

Prep Information Evening
7th November 5.30pm

Red Frogs “Boardriders”
9th November - 11am to 3pm

City Women’s Session
“Social Media”
9th November - 11am to 1.30pm

Year 5/6 Camp
19th - 26th November

Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 7th December

Last day of School
Thursday 8th December

Clean-up Day
Friday 9th December

TUCKSHOP
Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

UNIFORM SHOP
Open Tuesday from 8.30am - 9.30am and Thursday from 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

YMCA O.S.H.C
0455 088 401 Or 46356308

CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISERS
Cruisin’ Cappucino
Every Wednesday afternoon.
Thank you for your support.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

HONOUR BOARDS
The original DHSS Honour Board which dates to 1982 is now full and a second, more contemporary style Honour Board has been created. Both have been placed at the stage end of the hall for reflection by future generations. Even yesterday, it was memorable to be reminded of the names of leaders and duxes who have been in office since my arrival in 2006. Please take a minute to inspect the boards when next in the vicinity of The Hall.

FRONT ENTRY
Contractors expect to complete the work at the front of the school by the end of this week. I am sure that you will agree that this is a major improvement on the ‘old’ pathway and one that will allow easier arrival and departure. While mentioning the entry, I have been asked to pass on sincere thanks for the events of last Thursday morning. The final concrete pour was booked for 6.00 but when the first truck arrived at 8.00, morning access along the footpath was restricted. The Taddio Building Group were very thankful for the understanding and patience of everyone.

PREP INFORMATION EVENING
Our school will be hosting a Prep Information Evening on Monday, 7 November. The aim of this evening is to provide a tour of the school for those families who have not, as yet done so, then host an information session where we provide specific information regarding Prep for 2017. The school tour will commence at 5:00pm from in front of the staffroom. The information session will commence at 5.30pm in the Block 5 - Prep Building. The nature of this evening is designed to provide information for parents and not as an opportunity for children to see Prep. It would be best not to bring young ones. Should any parents have any questions concerning the upcoming Prep Year for their children, they are encouraged to make contact with the school.

YEAR 6 GIRLS SOCIAL MEDIA DISCUSSION
Parents with girls in Year 6 have been given details of a discussion on November 09 about issues associated with social media. Specifically, they will be discussing social media to promote realistic uses and exposing traps in preparation for high school. This inspirational session will be running during class time in the school’s library from 12pm-1.30pm.

In light of recent events, I urge you to support your daughter’s involvement. The letter actually asks for advice that your daughter is NOT to be involved. Non receipt of the return slip is an indication that you’d like your daughter to attend.
WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY

On behalf of all staff, I’d like to thank parents and carers for their well wishes and gifts on World Teachers’ Day last Friday. I saw many flowers, chocolates and heard many thanks from parents, carers and children. A fabulous cake donated by the Baha’i folk was cut by Ros Pickard, who has been at Darling Heights for longer than any other staff member. Various other food donations allowed for a great morning tea at which staff also received awards ranging from 5 – 40 years of service.

RULE OF THE WEEK - I STAY AND PLAY SAFELY IN THE CORRECT AREA

Kean Thompson
(Deputy Principal)

PARENTING IDEA NO.5

I KNOW IT LOOKS BAD NOW BUT YOU WILL GET THROUGH THIS

• STRATEGY: OFFERING HOPE
• GOOD FOR: kids who experience loss, bullying, change or extreme disappointment.

There are times when parents can do nothing else but keep their children’s chins up and encourage them when life doesn’t go their way. Being the ‘hope’ person can be hard work, that’s why parents need to be supported by resilient people and workplaces too. It helps to be mindful that a child or young person’s resilience is nurtured by

LIONS CHILDREN OF COURAGE AWARDS 2016

These awards are especially designed to recognise the courage and bravery shown by these children every day.

It is not a competition as every child who is nominated receives the award. It is hoped that by receiving this award it will:

• Act as an encouragement for their future.
• Help them believe in themselves.
• Help increase their self-worth

The following students received this award

Kayla Dodd, William Thorley & Warren Till
Senior News

Leadership Speech
The most important news this week is that leadership speeches will be held in the hall on Friday morning from 9 am. Family and friends who wish to hear them are cordially invited to this event. The candidates have been working hard and we’re all looking forward to hearing them speak.

Our trip to Canberra is only three weeks away, so please keep an eye on the “what to take” list. Also, if you haven’t yet made an appointment to get medication complete with a doctor’s note, you might want to write yourself a reminder!

Finally, please make sure that your children are wearing the correct uniform everyday and have a sufficient supply of stationery, especially pencils. It’s assessment time so the students will be doing even more writing than usual!

Year 6 Families only - Reminder
Last week each Year 6 student should have received an order form for Graduation Bears or Balls. Please ensure you return your order form and monies no later than Monday 7th November 2016. If you haven’t received one, please see your home class teacher. Thank you!!

5/6 Homework Club
Wednesday afternoon from 3-4pm. Homework Club provides a quiet structured environment where students can work uninterrupted to complete homework or complete classwork. Homework Club is also an excellent opportunity for our students to obtain some one on one support around a particular concept they may be experiencing. Alternatively, Homework Club offers the space for students to revise classwork to prepare for assessment in various subject areas.

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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 have been distributed to the YEAR 6 STUDENTS ONLY

PREP 2017 INFORMATION EVENING
An information session will be held for Prospective Prep Parents on
Monday, November 7 at 5pm for a school tour and the meeting will commence at 5.30pm in the
Prep T Room in Block 5 at the end of the walkway.
We will have an Arabic Interpreter for those who may require one.

This session is for Parents only, please do not bring your children to this session.

YMCA After School Care  46 356308

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
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Price increase – Chairbags will increase to $20 @ 2017

Uniform Shop Extended Opening Times 2017
Tuesday 17.01.17: 9am – 1pm
Friday 20.01.17: 9am – 1pm
First day back at school, Monday 23.01.17: 8.30am – 10.30am
Tuesday 24.01.17: 8.30am – 10.30am
Normal opening hours apply thereafter:
Tuesday 8.30-9.30am & Thursday 2.30-3.30pm
Please note: The Uniform Shop is run by volunteers who need to settle their own children back into school too. Every endeavour is made to open on time. Please be patient.

Used Uniforms: If you have second hand uniforms you wish to sell (on consignment), please leave them in a bag at the office or drop them into the Uniform Shop with your name & contact details & someone from the Uniform Shop will contact you with further details.

YEAR 4 SWIMMING LESSONS
Unfortunately, swimming was cancelled 26.10.16, as Glennie had issues with their pool heaters. The session will be made up and it has been scheduled for 15th November, in the middle session. This will mean that Year 4 students will swim both Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th November.

WHITE RIBBON DAY FUNDRAISER
MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
Darling Heights State School will be holding a fundraiser in support of White Ribbon Day on Monday 21st November, 2016.

Students are encouraged to wear a white T-shirt and make a gold coin donation to this worthy cause to show the world that you oppose violence against all, (men, women and children).

CATHOLIC CARE PARENTING COURSES
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Partners in Parenting - This free course is designed to assist separated parents find alternative ways to parent after separation. It covers a range of topics including: What children may be feeling about your separation, How can you give yourself the best chance for a positive co-parenting relationship and how to keep those lines of communication open. It also covers what you need to do to take care of yourself, and looks at what has worked for other parents. The course runs three times a month and is available during the day or the evening.

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SEP AWARDS
Year 5/6 Awards
5/6A Henri Hall
5/6B Lily Davis
5/6C Mohamed Habibi
5/6D Emerence Kavualu
5/6E Soren King
5/6F Husain Mahdy

MUSIC AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who used their singing voice for the first time this week:
Finley Hemon
Thomas Pepena
Najeeb Muhammed Hussain
Hana Mohamed
Patrick Macanas
Musbah Awedat

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