REMEMBRANCE DAY 11th NOVEMBER

Our school will observe Remembrance Day on Friday 11th November. Remembrance Day is a memorial day observed by Commonwealth nations to remember members of their armed forces who died in the line of duty. It was originally called Armistice Day to commemorate when the Armistice (truce) was signed at the end of World War 1 in 1918 (at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). It was renamed Remembrance Day after World War 2 to acknowledge those who lost their lives in all wars, not just World War 1. It is not a public holiday in Australia and it is often over shadowed by ANZAC Day. In the United States, Veteran’s Day is observed on the 11th November.

LETTER BOX DROP

It has come to our attention that there has been a letterbox drop in our catchment area and that this has caused some concern to parents. It mentions “SAFE SCHOOLS”. I wish to advise that the program referred to is a Federal Government initiative and Queensland Schools have not adopted this programme. As such, parents need have no concerns about any part of that programme or its content at Darling Heights SS.

PRINCIPAL PARENT FORUM

The next Principal - Parent Forum will be Thursday 10th November, 2:30pm, in the Function Room. The topic will involve providing feedback on the recent School Opinion Surveys completed by staff, parents and students.

PREP INFORMATION EVENING

Our school hosted a Prep Information Evening on Monday, 7 November. The aim of this evening was to provide a tour of the school for those families who have not, as yet done so, then host an information session where we provided specific information regarding Prep for 2017. The evening was well attended and included a number of families new to Darling Heights.

Any parent who has yet to enrol their Prep Child for 2017 is encouraged to do so ASAP.

2017 ENROLMENTS - New and Leaving.

Planning is well underway for the 2017 school year. As we organise classes for next year, we ask that your intentions are very clear. We need advice if:

- You are leaving Darling Heights at the end of 2016 and not returning. (PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE)
- You are travelling overseas and will not return when school commences in January 2017 (PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE FORM AT THE OFFICE)
- You are aware of any new families who will attend Darling Heights in 2017 (HAVE THEM CONTACT THE SCHOOL AND OBTAIN THE NECESSARY ENROLMENT PACKAGE)

Mark Creedon
(Principal)
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

PBL MATTERS

In Term 4, Week 6 and towards the end of term, the PBL 'Rules of The Week' are deliberately left blank. This allows the school to ‘revise’ any ‘Rules of the Week’ that we deem necessary.

The 'revised' rule this week is, "I keep myself safe at school":

- Follow adult directions
- Keep hands and feet to myself
- Walk around the school
- Stay in school ground
- "Arrive on Time"

ATTENDANCE COUNTS!

EVERY DAY, ALL DAY, ALL THE WAY!

Week 8 – Revise rules,
♦ "I am the best student I can be."
♦ Use manners
♦ Be courteous, offer to help

Week 9 - Revise rule
♦ "I keep myself safe at school."
♦ Follow adult directions

Week 10 - Revise rules
♦ "I am a positive role model."
♦ Tell the truth
♦ Make good choices
♦ Solve problems with words

BICYCLES AT SCHOOL

We recently had a bike stolen from the bike racks near the Administration Block. We recommend that a locked chain be used at all times – especially if bikes are left at school after hours or over the weekend.

PARENTING IDEA NO.6

WHAT CAN YOU LEARN FROM THIS SO IT DOESN'T HAPPEN NEXT TIME?

- STRATEGY: POSITIVE REFRAMING

- GOOD FOR: kids who make mistakes, let others down or experience personal disappointment.

One of the common attributes of optimistic people is their ability to find a learning, or look for a message, in difficult or negative situations. Parents can help kids reframe events to help them see things differently. For instance, rather than regarding a public speaking opportunity as problematic and a chance to look foolish it's better to reframe it as a challenge and a chance to shine. It also helps when parents model reframing so kids see you changing how you view seemingly negative or worrying situations.
Senior News

On Friday morning, students, teachers and parents gathered in the hall to hear our leadership candidates make their cases as to why they should lead the school. Thanks to the efforts of those students, their parents, and the work of Mrs Johnson, the speeches were of exceptional quality, as were the sports captaincy speeches given later. The quality of the speeches was made evident by the behaviour of the other students, who sat spellbound by the eloquent words of those on stage. Well done one and all!

We’d like to provide a reminder to all going on camp to keep an eye on the camp list, and make sure everything, including medicine and money, is ready to go before next Saturday night.

Date Claimer: Please keep Friday night, December the 2nd (Week Nine) free. It’s our Carols by Glowstick, and the 5/6’s will be part of the performance, guaranteed even more spectacular than last year!

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TERM 4 SPORT

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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

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3A and 3G Visit the Japanese Gardens

3A and 3G visited the Japanese Gardens on Wednesday morning as part of their Geography and English units. The students enjoyed being out in the sun and feeding the ducks whilst drawing a field sketch of the gardens.

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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
Catholic Care Toowoomba is proud to offer the following Post Separation Parenting Courses for parents.

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.

How to Raise Resilient Children - also a free seminar designed to increase parenting skills and to teach you how to help your child be build resilience skills and overcome struggles. Please note, these programs do not contain any spiritual teachings.

If you would like more information please contact Catholic Care on 1300348248 or contact Ricky Adams, Parent Engagement Officer on 46368333.

YEAR 4 STARS
Prep and Year 1 Stars
PM Yvette Nyiramugisha
PN Kahari Prince
PT Jett Peters
PW Ofly Nuguse
1B Emma Thlang
1J Najeeb Muhammad Hussain
1M Jorjah Lomas
1S Zoeia Peterson

Year 2 Stars
2B Jasmin Lanzafame
2D Sameer Ahmad
2M Jorjah Lomas
2C Ryley Walker

Year 3 Stars
3A Ruby Hayes
3G Fatima Rodriguez

Merit Awards
3A Shaikha Alketbi
3G Evie Adams

3B Stars
100% Club: Joseph, Harrison, Samuel, Haozhen, Nehemiah
Quality Work Award: Lucas, Areej
Most Improved: Joseph Boland
Special Improvement Award: Nehemiah, Joseph, Mahmood, Elly-May, Frank, Shakan, Ryan
Star: Harrison Kelk

3H Stars
100% Spelling: Dominic, Ahmed, Isabel, Wendy, Luke, Ruqayah, Ken, Francis, Cooper
100% Maths: Cooper, Zakk, Francis, Eliza, Ken, Ruqayah, Luke, Shoaiib, Logan, Wendy, Ahmed, Pratyush
Most Improved Speller: Levi Crockett
Star Box: Ahmed Fernana
Star Student: Dominic Street

4S Dushime Miyomungeli
Merit Award
4S Lien Dekeyser

SEP AWARDS
SEPM STARS OF THE WEEK
Year 5/6 Awards
5/6A Maedy Castillo
5/6B Tayleah Broksch
5/6C Bethany Bryde
5/6D Celeste Boland-Hinch
5/6E Jasmine Boland
5/6F Shahad Albdair

MUSIC AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who used their singing voice for the first time this week:

Bashar Al-Nasih
Saud Alhowaidi