FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL REVIEW VISIT LAST WEEK
Last week had the opportunity to be part of a school improvement review team who undertook a three day review of a school. The Department of Education and Training (DET) undertakes a review, at least once every 4 years, in each of its schools. This review assesses how the school is travelling according to the directions set down by the Department.
Participating as part of this review team allowed me the opportunity to further understand the “National Tool for School Improvement” that is used to assess how a school is going.
I’m very pleased to report that as I reflected upon the progress of our school, based on each of the nine domains of this tool, I felt very satisfied that what we are doing at Darling Heights State School is most definitely heading in the right direction.
From an Explicit Improvement Agenda to a culture that promotes learning through to effective pedagogical practice, our school continues to move in what could only be described as exemplary practice.
We expect that in 2017 our school will receive a School Improvement Unit Review, which we look forward to, as it will reinforce the great things that we are doing within our school.

NAPLAN REPORTS
Our school will be sending home NAPLAN reports later this week for those children in Years 3 and 5 who undertook this year’s NAPLAN assessments. The reports will show an individual child’s achievement in each of the areas of the assessment. The information contained in the report can be considered together with all other school-based assessments and reports as they are just one piece of information that indicates how a child is travelling at a particular time.
An initial look at our children’s overall results is exceptionally pleasing. We have a number of children significantly off the scale in particular areas of the testing. This indicates that the teaching programs we are providing are ensuring not only we can support a whole range of students, but our higher achieving students can and do achieve at the highest levels.
Once you have received a copy of your child’s report, should you require any further discussion about it please don’t hesitate to speak with your child’s classroom teacher.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR PERMISSION FORMS
This Thursday children within our school will be involved in filming as part of our contribution to the Toowoomba Walks Together Harmony Project. Only children with signed consent forms are eligible to participate in this filming.
Please ensure that your child has returned their signed permission form to their classroom teacher.

BEST WISHES TO LIZ CAREY
Our school Speech Language Pathologist, Mrs Liz Carey will commence a period of Maternity Leave on Friday. We take the opportunity to provide our best wishes to her at a time of the birth of her first child.
In farewelling Liz, we welcome Patti Castillo to our school as she joins us for the next year to replace Liz.

STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS
Accompanying the Cooee today is a form to update information about your child/children. This will include telephone numbers, emails, emergency contacts and medical information.
Please return these forms to the main office.

Until Next Week

Mark
PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING) MATTERS

The Values for this week are, “Safety” and “Acting Responsibly” with a focus on, “I sit and behave in a safe manner in the eating area”. Students are very familiar with our eating time expectations as these have been explicitly taught in class and reinforced on a daily basis.

Darling Heights State School Eating Time Expectations are as follows:

**Eating Time Expectations**

**STUDENTS**
- Walk quietly to and from the eating area
- Remain seated
- Talk quietly
- Keep area tidy

**TEACHERS**
- Teacher raises their hand to gain silence
- Dismiss students only when areas are free from rubbish

At both break times during the day, there is an eating time and a play time. Eating times include 15 minutes at first break and 10 minutes at second break. Students are still supervised in eating areas for 25 mins to allow for slow eaters whilst students that have eaten have more time to be physically active in the playground. Darling Heights State School recognises the importance of regular physical activity in enhancing student learning and the benefits to the health and well-being of all students.

**Australia’s Physical Activity & Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines for Children (5-12 years)**

**Physical Activity**
For health benefits, children aged 5–12 years should accumulate at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity every day. Children’s physical activity should include a variety of aerobic activities, including some vigorous intensity activity.
On at least three days per week, children should engage in activities that strengthen muscle and bone.
To achieve additional health benefits, children should engage in more activity – up to several hours per day.

**Sedentary Behaviour**
To reduce health risks, children aged 5-12 years should minimise the time they spend being sedentary every day. To achieve this:
- Limit use of electronic media for entertainment (e.g. television, seated electronic games and computer use) to no more than two hours a day – lower levels are associated with reduced health risks.
- Break up long periods of sitting as often as possible.


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.
TOOWOOMBA LANGUAGES AND CULTURES FESTIVAL
The Toowoomba Languages and Cultures Festival 2016 will be held on Sunday 14th August from 10:30am in Queen’s Park.
Darling Heights will perform at the festival this year. The choir, with Zandra Rackemann and Indonesian singing and instrumental groups, with Cecily Bisshop, will proudly show their skills on stage. You will have received a letter asking you to indicate your child’s availability on the day. Please return the note as soon as possible to help with numbers and a large Darling Heights State School presence at the festival.

Kiyua Performing Arts
held in the Darling Heights State School Hall from 9am - 11am.
Payment is by gold coin donation.
For more details call Sheriden 0412135925

PASIFIKA TOOWOOMBA
FREE PUBLIC DANCE WORKSHOPS
FOR TOOWOOMBA LANGUAGES AND CULTURES FESTIVAL 2016

SAMOAN AND TONGAN DANCES
Samoan Dances - Mondays 4-6 pm
DATES: 11 JULY, 18 JULY, 25 JULY AND 1 AUGUST
Tongan Dances - Fridays 3 - 5 pm
DATES: 15 JULY, 22 JULY, 29 JULY, 5 AUGUST AND 12 AUGUST

LOCATION; ST SAVIOUR CALLAGHAN HALL,
CNR NEIL AND PERTH STREET
FOR ENQUIRIES CALL
FRANCIS ON 0498 576 103
OR
KILA ON 0450 699 482

SPONSORED BY TOOWOOMBA REGIONAL COUNCIL CULTURAL ARTS SCHEME

NAIDOC ART
At parade on Wednesday afternoon, the school was presented with a deadly painting, painted by Mr Darryl McCarthy and all the Indigenous students in the school to celebrate NAIDOC week. What a wonderful opportunity to learn first hand about indigenous art! Congratulations to Lilly Tanner who explained the meanings within the painting. Well done Lilly and thank you also to the Indigenous elders who joined us for the afternoon. We were honoured by their presence. A big thank you to Darryl and Trish who spent several days doing this art work. The school appreciates their time.
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TEAM GARDEN NEEDS YOUR HELP!!
The newly formed Team Garden needs plants. At present we are in a clearing mode, fixing up some very sad looking garden beds by cutting out the dead wood and turning the soil. Soon we will be ready to plant, but sadly we don't have any plants 😞. If you happen to have any unwanted Toowoomba Regional Council Plant Vouchers, we would love you to donate them. Also, if you have a free Friday afternoon, come along and spend some time with the children. We can always use a little help. If you wish to donate your vouchers, please ask your students to take the vouchers to Mrs Adams.
Happy Gardening!

CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS
It won't be long now before our Garden City starts blooming. This year, there is going to be a very special display at the Cobb and Co museum. Yates Australia is running a competition for the best floral basket, so watch out for it because one of our school’s best gardeners, Jack Hayes, is going to be entering the competition. Make sure you look out for it. Jack will be working on the display over the next 7 weeks and it is going to look particularly sunny and happy. Good Luck, Jack.

SENIOR NEWS
Year 5/6 Homework Club is held each Wednesday afternoon between 3.00pm and 4.00 pm. This operates in the 5/6 classrooms every week. Teachers from the 5/6 area are available to support children with homework.

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Inter-school sport had its second week, with students showing great determination, skill and sportsmanship. The last was especially evident in the girl’s soccer, when a visiting teacher from Gabbinbar praised the Year Sixes for cheering on and complimenting the Year Five Gabbinbar girls from the sidelines.

In other news, our students are eagerly anticipating the return of Josh Arnold, who’ll be bringing his guitar and cameras to create a film clip that matches the quality of the school song that he and the Year Five and Sixes composed. Thursday’s going to be a busy day!

Finally, we’d just like to remind you to keep assisting your children with their reading. Not only should you make sure they’re reading every day, but pencil a few minutes into your busy schedules to ask your child to read aloud to you, probe their understanding with some questions about their books, and maybe even read a little to them yourself to set an excellent example!
POLICE VISIT
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Have you had your 715 Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander Health Check in the last Year?

Bring the family down and have a free Health Check to qualify for your free Deadly Choices Shirt, $20 Coles voucher or inflatable world pass (17 and under) Make sure you bring your Medicare and Concession Cards on the day.

Please contact Goolburri on 46 320 338 or 0401699673 to book your 715......