FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FILMING OF OUR SCHOOL SONG
FIlming for our contribution of Toowoomba Walks Together Harmony Project was completed last Thursday. Congratulations to all children involved and to those staff who organised and participated in the day. We look forward to the launch of our school song which has been set down for the 1st September at 2.00pm in our school hall. A few previews have occurred on our Facebook page and we look forward to sharing with you our school song about “coming together from all around the world”.

NAPLAN REPORTS
Children in years 3 and 5 should have received their 2016 NAPLAN report. These reports were sent home last week.

P&C NEEDING HELP FOR MASTERS BBQ
This Saturday our P&C is hosting a fundraiser at Masters Hardware. They will be putting on a BBQ and selling drinks throughout the day. They are always looking for help please make contact through the office or call into the tuckshop with offers of support.
We truly appreciate all the efforts of our P&C fundraising as at the moment they are going towards the air-conditioning of our classrooms which is ensuring far greater opportunities for learning for our children.

LOCAL MEMBER VISIT
Our new member for Toowoomba South Mr David Janetzki made a visit to our school today. He was most impressed with what students are undertaking and the facilities our school has to offer. Although mainly a council issue I did take the opportunity to discuss with him parking issues about our school. As a new member for Toowoomba South he looks forward to continuing with further and closer involvement with our school community.

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK - ROBOTS, DROIDS AND DRONES
Next week is National Science Week. At Darling Heights each class will participate in an hour session with a group of volunteers to learn about robotics. More information will be in next week’s Cooee and we look forward to seeing how events unfold.

TOOWOOMBA LANGUAGES AND CULTURES FESTIVAL
The Toowoomba Languages and Cultural Festival is being held this Sunday 14th August. My best wishes go the staff and students attending this year’s event. This is a great event every year and more information is printed within this Cooee.

Until Next Week

Mark
PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING) MATTERS

The Value for this week is, “Acting Responsibly” with a focus on, “I use the tuck-shop in an appropriate manner”.

Tuckshop days at Darling Heights SS are each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On a tuckshop day, students must put their orders into the tuckshop by 8:45am. We strongly encourage all students to come to school with their paper lunch bag orders already completed at home – this way our Tuckshop helpers can collect the orders quickly (The Tuckshop helpers do not have time in the mornings to be writing out the student orders).

Students are also reminded when going to the Tuckshop they must:
- Walk to and from the Tuckshop area
- Line up and wait your turn
- Use your manners (speak politely – please/thank you)

Paper lunch bags and Tuckshop menus are available from the tuckshop – please ask Mrs Sheffield or one of the other helpers as they are more than happy to help you out.

MANNERS

‘Good manners cost nothing’ is an old adage, but one that still rings true today. Words such as ‘please’, ‘thank you’ and ‘excuse me’ might be simple but their power and effect on others is immeasurable. We constantly reinforce and teach students to always use their manners. In fact, it is one of the main comments that we receive from visitors to our school; the impeccable manners of our students.

When we stand aside to allow others to pass, or give up our seat on the bus to someone who needs it more than we do, we are saying, in a symbolic way, that we respect others enough to give them precedence in this situation. If we neglect our manners, we are in fact giving up our respect for others. If we can’t be bothered to show respect for each other in little ways that cost us nothing, what does that show about our commitment to the health and well-being of society?

So why bother with ‘please’ ‘thank you’ and ‘excuse me’? Manners are like the ‘check and balance’ of our moral health; they are the little signals that reveal the strength of our commitment to respecting others. Acknowledging that other peoples’ rights, needs and well-being must be taken into account is the beginning of our understanding of what is required of us as members of any community. They show that we respect people, all people, people we know and don’t know, people who don’t like us or are utterly different from us. We are simply acknowledging that they, like us, are part of a community that depends on our mutual respect for its peaceful and harmonious survival. Thank you for reading this article!

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 Miss Rackemann and Indonesian singing and instrumental groups, with Bu 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.

Here is some more information:

FESTIVAL – QUEENS PARK SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST – ADULTS (over 18) $5 ALL CHILDREN FREE

Performance times are approximate:

- 10:45 – Indonesian performances with Bu Bisshop
- 10:50 – Choir performance with Miss Rackemann

After this please enjoy all the festival has to offer in the way of bouncing play rides ($5 all-day entry), international food stalls, market stalls, information stalls, three stages of performers.

WELL DONE KEN
Last term, Hardie Grant Egmont Publishing donated children’s books in different languages to the EALD department. Ken Chen in 3H wrote a thank you letter to the company. This week he received a personal letter and a new book from one of the authors, Johnathan Bentley. Ken is looking forward to showing his new book to his friends when he goes back to China later in the year.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS – ARE YOU INTERESTED?
Reading is a life skill so many of us take for granted – we can easily read the paper each day, respond to the reading demands of our careers or everyday routines and we can finish the day by reading for enjoyment – a great novel or our favourite magazine.

Would you like to help some of our students experience success with their reading?

I'm looking for interested people who have some time to support our students in reading before school.

If you’d like to assist, please contact Gemma Thorpe on 4636 8333 to discuss suitable dates and times.

Thank you for your support and assistance with opening the wonderful world of reading to our students.

BOOK CELEBRATIONS
Book celebrations will begin on 24th August with a Book Character Parade at Assembly. Students are encouraged to dress as their favourite Character from a book.

Our book fair will run from 24th - 30th August in the Library. Children will be able to view displays of books and add items to their wish list. Parents can then decide if children may purchase books and send money to school. All purchases need to be finalised by 30th August.
Premier's Reading Challenge finishes 26 August. Please return completed forms to the Library.
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SEP Stars
Congratulations to all of our SEP students for displaying exemplary behaviour on excursion to Cobb and Co Museum.

Prep Stars
PN Aden Boyd
PM Akira Gorringe
PT Dayanna O’Chin
PW Ajah Deng

Year 1 Stars:
1B Anabella Rodriguez
1J Andrew Leach
1M Dadan Ismail
1S Isabella Poteri

Year 2 Stars
2C Lawrence McCarthy
2B William Zietch

Year 3/4 Stars
3G Yaqdhan Mahmood
3H Christian Moulder
3A Harlie-Jay Wolski
4S Tanahya Esler

Year 5/6 Stars
5/6A Lisa Williams
5/6B Daniel Mundt
5/6C Jemma Kelk
5/6D Jayde Rochford
5/6E Lily Pitcher
5/6F Fareed Hussain

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SENIOR NEWS

HOMEWORK CLUB
Homework Club is cancelled this week due to teachers holding interviews.
Notes sent home last week in the 5/6 program for parents to schedule interviews with teachers. Anyone who missed out can contact the home group teacher.

Harmony Tour
“All the children thoroughly enjoyed the Harmony Day Tour. Their behaviour was exceptional and a credit to our school. What a fabulous experience.”

2D: Ayen Deng
2M: Fatem Ali

3H Stars
Most Improved Speller: Farah Albdair, Ruqayah Dhahir

Star Box: Wendy Poni
Star Student: Shabnam Muhammad, Hussain

100% Spelling Club: Ruqayah, Ken, Cooper, Francis, Wendy, Ahmed, Luke

100% Maths Facts Club: Zakk, Ali, Cooper, Isabel, Francis, Dominic, Wendy, Brice

3B
Student of Week: Phoenix Schauble
Most Improved Spelling: Ryan O’Dell, Nehemiah Tumaini

100% Club: Lucas Harris, Harrison Kelk, James MacAvoy, Ryan O’Dell, Nehemiah Tumaini

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Student of the Week

5/6A
Lisa Williams
5/6B
Daniel Mundt
5/6C
Jemma Kelk
5/6D
Jayde Rochford
5/6E
Lily Pitcher
5/6F
Fareed Hussain

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SCHOOL SONG
Josh Arnold was at school last Thursday, filming our song. The children were excited to be a part of the production and we are all looking forward to seeing and hearing the final instalment on the 1st of September!