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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A delegation of UNESCO Ambassadors will visit Australia and Toowoomba 11th to the 19th of March. This visit continues the process of seeking to have Toowoomba endorsed by UNESCO as a city of peace and harmony. The UNESCO delegation and entourage will visit our school on Friday 17th of March 9.30am to 11.00am. This visit is for them to share the celebrations and activities we undertake as part of our Harmony Day celebration which will occur on this day.

We are most excited to host this important delegation and for them to share such an important day with us.

The feature of this day is our Harmony Day assembly which this year will be conducted in the morning to coincide with the Ambassadors' visit. Parents are always welcome to join with us for this celebration. Further details about this March 17th visit and Harmony Day celebration will be forwarded home in the coming weeks.

School Disco

Compliments to all involved with Friday night's organisation, running and attendance at our school disco. It was a pleasure to see so many parents not only attending but assisting on the evening. Your support is always appreciated.

Special mention must go to the children who conducted themselves in such an exemplary manner on the evening.

Farewell

It is unfortunate that this Friday we will farewell three of our school's Teacher Aides. Funding changes have seen us with a reduction of the number of Teacher Aide hours in our school. We farewell and sincerely thank Kylie Van Der Linden, Lynda Russell and Marian Briggs for the work that they have undertaken with our children over the past three years. We do hope that we will continue to see them about our school in casual or relief Aide capacities.

P & C AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the P & C Association will be conducted on the evening of Monday the 27th of March. At last night's general meeting outgoing executives took the opportunity to share the jobs that come with their positions.

The P & C is working to fill all executive positions. Our current officeholders are only too happy to talk with any members of our school community who may be interested in joining the executive. Further details can be found out by contacting the school or any of our current P & C executive.

Our school will always benefit by a strong P & C and welcomes the support of parents.

State Principal Conference

I will be joining 1500 other school leaders from throughout Queensland at our State School Principal's Conference this coming Wednesday to Friday. In my absence should you need to talk with a member of Administration, Mr Chris Gilbert will be available as Acting Principal.

NO PARKING

Later this week a yellow line will be painted on the road surface to highlight no standing zones in front of the school in Wuth Street. This area is currently a no standing zone and this additional line it is hoped will ensure motorists are not fined for illegally parking. Parking in this lined area will result in a fine if caught, as it is crossing the double line.

Until Next Week

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COMING EVENTS
Note the following dates in your Diary:

P&C Meeting:
Next Meeting:
Monday 27 March

AGM:
Monday 27 March
P and C Meetings are held on the Fourth Monday of each Month

THURSDAYS: Craft Morning, 9am, Function Room.

SUBWAY MEAL DEAL:
14th March

Toowoomba Show Holiday:
Thursday, 30th March, 2017

Last Day Term 1:
Friday 31st March

UNIFORM SHOP
Open Tuesday from



8.30am - 9.30am
and Thursday from
2.30pm - 3.30pm.

YMCA O.S.H.C



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PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING) MATTERS

The Star Value for this week is "Acting Responsibly" with a focus on "*I walk quietly and appropriately, keeping to the left in two straight lines*". Students at Darling Heights already know that it is important to always **walk** on our pathways – this ensures that all students are safe and the risk of somebody getting injured is very low. During discussions in class this week, teachers will reinforce to students that they must also walk quietly (when walking as a class or individually) and always walk on the left of the paths - to ensure the safety of others and themselves.

Thank you to those parents who take the time each week to reinforce our school values with your child/ren. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's education, feel free to contact Mrs Keiryn Clements on 4636 8333.

READING AT HOME

Reading is an important skill which is developed through experiences with a wide variety of texts. This includes reading books and magazines, posters and charts, pamphlets and packets, letters and postcards. It also includes viewing multimedia texts such as movies and documentaries.

Children make progress at their own pace; some pick up new skills quickly and some need more time for learning and practising the new skill. All children need to be ready to learn and to have the best conditions for learning new skills. At school, teachers create safe, happy and stimulating environments where children are encouraged and praised for 'having a go'.

You can create a similar learning environment at home with the following ideas:

- Make a regular time to read together and don't stop reading TO your child when they can read themselves; they love listening to a competent reader.
- When you introduce a new book to your child, discuss what it could be about, talk about the pictures or text and then read it to each other. With older children you can encourage them to make predictions and pause occasionally to confirm or reject their original thoughts.
- Read and follow directions together such as when making a recipe or instructions for playing a game or assembling a new piece of furniture or toy.
- Read magazines and newspapers together and talk about the pictures as well as the text.

Listen to audio books or story tapes and watch movies together. Once you've seen the movie, discuss it and then read the original book together.

Most importantly.....make sure your children see you enjoying reading.

"You may have tangible wealth untold, caskets of jewels and coffers of gold; richer than I you can never be - I had a mother who read to me." Strickland Gillian

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Religious Instruction has commenced this week. Darling Heights SS offers the following RI programs:

Christian Co-operative Religious Instruction Programme - Using only agreed curriculum, the 30 minute weekly lessons are conducted in the classroom by volunteers from a variety of denominations who are accredited by their churches.

Children are encouraged to:

- Think about life experiences and how they connect with others.
- Learn about Christian beliefs which have helped shape our nation.
- Discuss life's big questions.
- Explore personal values and choices.

Learn to value and respect their own and others' beliefs.

There is also a **\$3 cost** to cover the expense of materials used in Religious Instruction – this can be paid to the school office.

Baha'i Education in State schools (BESS) is a religious education program that is also offered during Religious Instruction (RI). In BESS classes, the spiritual attributes or *virtues* (eg. love, courage, kindness, elimination of prejudices of all kinds), common to all the world's religions, are explored. Students participating in these classes investigate ways in which they may be able to contribute to society and serve humanity.

Students that do not participate in RI are provided with other instruction.

The information on your child's enrolment form is used to place them in either RI or in other instruction, unless you have provided additional written advice to the school.

SENIOR NEWS - Cross Country training has started with students getting out onto the oval to do a couple of laps three days a week. This training is designed to ensure that all students will have an enjoyable and safe experience come the actual competition on Monday, week 10. We ask parents and guardians to do the following:

- Make sure your child comes to school with a wide brimmed hat (as usual!)
- Provide your child with a medical note if they have an injury or illness which will make training detrimental to their health.
- Encourage your child to do some supplementary training or exercise at home



In other news, students in Mr Cowan's dance class are putting together aerobic routines that set exercises to music. As can be seen from the photo, this involves the use of upper, core and lower body strength.

In regards to uniform, please make sure that your child does not come to school with nail polish (including Henna on nails) and make up. We'd like to remind you that the only ear jewellery allowed is studs or sleepers and that any other non-religious or non-cultural jewellery will be removed.

Finally, all electronic devices are to be handed in to the office when your child arrives at school and picked up at three. It would be a great shame if such expensive electronics were stolen from your child's back pack.

International Women's Day

Come and Celebrate International Women's Day with us and join in all the fun.

9th March 9.00am – 10.30am. Interpreters and Childminding available

Please RSVP to Ricky Adams on radam67@eq.edu.au by 7th March.



Women's Friendship Group



Starting on the 17th March 2017 we will be starting a Women's Friendship Group and we would love you to come along and join us. We will have guest speakers and lots of fun. Childminding will be available. The Group will start at 9.00am and be finished by 10.30am. So if you would like to come along, join in the fun, make some friends and have a good time, please let us know on 4636 8333 or email radam67@eq.edu.au or just turn up on the day.

Free outdoor public screening of Embrace

Come and see the social impact documentary about one woman's journey to encourage positive self-esteem and body acceptance.

11 March 2017 from 5.30pm – 9pm Movie starts at 7pm. Queens Park Amphitheatre cnr of Hume and Margaret Streets, Toowoomba.

The event will also feature various stall holders open from 5.30



Darling Heights State School - EVERY DAY, EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

At Darling Heights State School, we believe in giving each child the greatest chance of being successful. Just a little late doesn't seem much but.....

When a student misses just....	That Equals....	Which is....	Over 13 years of school that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
30 minutes per day	1hr & 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
60 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2.5 years

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day? That's when every minute counts the most! School starts at 8.45am. Ask about help with getting your children to school every day!

At D.H.S.S. Every Day Counts!

Absence email: Student.Absences@darlheigss.eq.edu.au **SMS Hotline:** 0428 863 541

Please note: ALL ABSENCES REQUIRE A VALID EXPLANATION

SMS Hotline is text only and does not support images including Emoji's.

Extended absences (longer than 3 days) – Medical certificates preferable

IF STUDENTS ARE LATER THAN 8.45, THEY MUST ENTER VIA THE OFFICE TO ENSURE THIS IS UPDATED ON OUR SYSTEM. DARLING HEIGHTS STATE SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR FAMILIES FOR HELPING US IMPROVE ATTENDANCE.



YMCA After School Care 46 356308

Team	Week 6 Mar 3
Boys AFL	1:00/1:45 Vs East/Gabbinbar Queens Park 6
Boys Softball SEN	1:00 Vs OLOL Captain Cook H
Boys Softball JUN	1:45 Vs St Marys Captain Cook G
Girls Cricket SEN (1)	1:00 vs East 2 Captain Cook 2
Girls Cricket SEN (2)	1:00 Vs East Captain Cook 1
Girls Cricket JUN	1:00 Vs East 1 Captain Cook 7
Girls Touch SEN (1)	1:00 vs Concordia 1 Martin Luther A
Girls Touch SEN (2)	1:00 vs Wilsonton 2 Martin Luther B
Girls Touch JUN	1:45 vs Concordia 1 Martin Luther A

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Thursday Meal Deal. Preorder every Wednesday at the Tuckshop before 9am. Next week's Meal Deal, Thursday 9 March will be our famous burgers again.

NO Meal Deal week 8, Thursday, 16 March due to Chaplaincy Subway Meal Deal on Tuesday 14 March.

CRAFT MORNING, every Thursday, 9AM, Function Room beside the Tuckshop. Children welcome. This week we are making snow globes and garden jars.

FUNDRAISING MEETING

Our next Fundraising Meeting will be held on Monday the 20th March, 2-3pm in the function room.

P & C Executive Nomination forms will be available from the school office

SHOW ENTRY PERMISSION SLIPS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE FRIDAY 3RD MARCH.

HELP PLEASE!

Does anyone have a second hand Foldable Change Table that they would like to donate to the Playgroup/Pre-Prep?

This will help our families who have babies in nappies.

WE HAVE RECORDERS FOR SALE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR \$7.50

Star Students

Prep and Year 1 Stars

- PM** Brodie Goodacre
- PN** Joshua Mukeba
- PT** Claire England
- PW** Chanceline Desire
- 1B** Latrell Turnbull
- 1J** Kahlari Prince
- 1M** Rita McGee
- 1S** Blayde Coutts

Year 2 Stars

- 2B** Amelia Smith
- 2D** Mohammed Aldekhan
- 2M** Amellia Dunemann
- 2S** Jesse Booth

YEAR 3G AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK:

- 3G** Izaak O'Keefe

MERIT AWARDS:

- 3G** Hayden Billinghurst

3H AWARDS

MOST IMPROVED SPELLERS:

- Tamara Luaibi
- STAR BOX:** Ezekiel Kavuala
- STAR STUDENT:** Matthew Middleton

100% MATHS FACTS:

- Tiffany, Willem, Caitlin, Ezekiel, Fauzia, Hadi

- 100% SPELLING FACTS:** Willem, Caitlin, Ezekiel, Fauzia, Hadi, Maddisyn

YEAR 4R AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK:

- Enock Mukeba
- MERIT AWARDS:** Shoab Hassan, Muhammad Musa
- STAR Award on ASSEMBLY:** Isabella Frater

SEP STARS OF THE WEEK

- SEP M:** Philip Lane-Gessiri, Lars Ferrari

MUSIC AWARDS

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

- Azzam Hakim, Halle MacQueen
- Laysha Adhikari, Jonah Gray
- Jihua Shi, Omar Alsaghier
- Lila Bower, Brodie Goodacre
- William Utley, Arora Seymore
- Aishwarya Prabu, Wesley Muhire
- Zainab Al-Gayyim, Jami-Lee Hawley,
- Ruby Kamara, Aahana Tamang,
- Kiesha Richards, Sukriti Rane,
- Zoe Horton, Mikaela Allen,
- Jacob Mulvena, Massara Habibi