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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our school has settled exceptionally well with returning and new students quickly establishing a focus, with their new teachers, on their study for this year. It is always an exciting time for all in a school as we get the year underway.

Should any parent have any questions regarding their child's start to the year, please do not hesitate to talk with the classroom teacher or approach office staff where we hope we can be of assistance. Better to ask a question early then to worry about something for a time before talking.

CLASS NUMBERS

As is always the case at the beginning of each year, some reorganisation can be required as enrolments settle. It looks as though we will be above our predicted enrolment somewhere near of 670 children. This is considerably about the 627 students we had at this time last year. At this enrolment our current class allocations of classes and teachers will not be effected even though we should receive some additional staffing. At this stage I am confident that all classes will remain as established in 2016. As growth occurs during the year, we will look at how we will cater for it, and any restructuring may need to occur.

P&C NEWS

It was amazing to welcome over 30 people to last night's P&C Meeting. It is so pleasing to see the interest and support shown to our school by parents. Given the large change over of Executive Members on our P&C Committee we are all very hopeful that this increased interest will flow over to parents accepting positions on future P&C Executives. Any parent wishing to learn or find out more about the workings of our P&C Association can do so by contacting any current P&C Executive or me.

PRINCIPAL/PARENT FORUM

The first of this year's Principal/Parent Forums is scheduled for Thursday 16th February at 2.30pm. For those parents new to our school, the objective of this forum is to have a group, where informed comment about this school can be shared, offered and gained. The information discussed will then be used to assist in the effective operation of the school.

School staff are currently looking for a parent rep from each of our classes to join the forum. If you are interested in being part of this forum, please mention this to your child's teacher. Although it is desirable to have a Parent Rep from each class who would then share information with other Parents we welcome any parent who would like to attend to just listen or give ideas on how we can continue to progress our school.

I would like to point out that this Forum is a group which discusses items and advises the Principal.

It is not a Forum where gripes & grievances about the school, staff, children or other parents will be aired & shared.

It is not a place where personal matters are discussed; matters either of an individual nature or those of others.

DON'T BE LATE FOR SCHOOL

When a child is 30 minutes late for school each day, they miss a half a day per week of school. They miss 4 weeks of school per year and nearly 1 1/2 years of school in their life. In addition to the fact that lateness is disruptive to the individual children because they have to get organised and catch up with the class, it is also disruptive to the teacher and the class who have begun their day. **For the sake of children's education I ask that all children are at school on time ready to commence the school day which is 8.45am.**

Until Next Week

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COMING EVENTS

Note the following dates in your Diary:

P&C Meeting:

Next Meeting:

Monday 27 February

AGM:

Monday 27 March

P and C Meetings are

held on the Last

Monday of each

Month

Last Day Term 1:

Friday 31st March

Toowoomba Show

Holiday:

Thursday, 30th March,
2017

TUCKSHOP IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

UNIFORM SHOP

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



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CHAPLAINCY FUND- RAISERS

Cruisin' Cappucino every
Wednesday afternoon.

Thank you for your
support.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) MATTERS

Welcome back everybody to the start of another school year! A special welcome to all the new children and their families who have joined us here at Darling Heights State School. All students have settled in quickly and we thank the students for their positive and enthusiastic start to the school year and the manner in which they conducted themselves throughout the day.

At Darling Heights State School our aim is to provide a quality education for all students according to their individual needs in a secure, friendly and challenging environment with the co-operation of an informed and supportive school community. Our current educational philosophy emphasises a safe school environment, where positive approaches to managing student behaviour, and the balancing of individual students and whole class school needs are recognised.

We want all our students to "Be Stars" – and to be a "Star", students must follow our four school values of Safety, Thinking, Acting responsibly and Respect.

Our School Values:

Safety
Thinking
Acting Responsibly
Respect



Our teachers explicitly teach our four school STAR values to all students. Each week there is a focus on a particular value which is taught in all classrooms. Each week's focus will also be addressed in the weekly newsletter, so parents and carers can also discuss and reinforce the school expectations with students. This ensures that the whole school community is aware of the school values and expectations and promotes high standards of responsible behaviour:

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You can view the Darling Heights SS "Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students" on our school website. <https://darheigss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>

As we begin our second week of the year, the Value for this week is "Acting Responsibly" with a focus on "*I am organised for the school day*". During discussions with teachers this week, students will be reminded about the importance of being organised for school, keeping their desks areas tidy and being in the right place at the right time.

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.

Any Concerns

Our number one priority is the happiness and safety of every child at Darling Heights State School. Children who are feeling happy and safe are receptive learners. If you have concerns about your child, please contact the school, as 'problems' are far more easily attended to now than in the last week of school!

We are only too aware that at times parents tend to think their concerns are trivial and you debate with yourself whether you should contact the school. Our response is that NOTHING is too trivial when it comes to the education of YOUR child. So if you have concerns or want clarification, please contact us. I will ask you, however, to consider the following points:

Teaching staff's number one priority is teaching the children and therefore if you arrive unannounced, it may not be convenient or possible to release them from teaching duties to speak to you. It is always best to arrange a meeting time.

If you want to meet with me, it is generally best to make an appointment or you can contact me on 46 368 333 if you have any concerns or questions.

Kind Regards

Keiryn Clements
Deputy Principal

CHANGE IN TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ON WUTH STREET

Please note that there is now a double continuous painted line on Wuth Street in front of the school.

This line means that U-turns or any turning across this line is ILLEGAL. If you are caught crossing this line, you will be fined.

THE TUCKSHOP IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The DHSS Tuckshop will not be operating until further notice, sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Please send your children to school with enough lunch for 1st and 2nd breaks.

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



ABSENCES

We continue to thank all parents who provide notification to the school of their child's absence. As well as a legal requirement, we need to ensure that you know that your child has **not been** at school.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS / DETAILS

Please advise the office staff of any changes to phone numbers or addresses. It would be appreciated if you change either of these at any time during the year, that you notify the office immediately. Thank you.

PAYMENTS

All payments made to the office should be placed in an envelope with your child's name, class, payment reason and amount on the front of the envelope. This assists greatly with the receipting process. Correct change is appreciated.

If you have forgotten to pay your 2016 invoices, it is not too late to pay. Please place money in envelope and hand in at school office.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS TO STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Should medication be prescribed by your child's doctor and needs to be taken while at school, you need to be aware of the Education Queensland Regulations.

Education Queensland Regulations, require that,

1. **AUTHORITY FORMS** for medication **MUST BE COMPLETED** by a parent or guardian **BEFORE** medication is to be administered. These forms are available from the administration office.
2. **ALL MEDICATION MUST** be in the container from the pharmacy with clear **WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS** on the container, and must be lodged with the school office for security purposes. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT INDIVIDUAL CAPSULES OR TABLETS.**
3. Administration of that medication will be carried out by an adult staff member designated by the Principal.
4. It is the responsibility of the student to come to the office when the medication is needed. Staff cannot be responsible for chasing up students.
5. Non-prescribed medications (e.g. Aspirin, Panadol, Cough medicine etc.) should **NOT** be brought to school and **WILL NOT** be administered by school staff.

COLLECTION OF STUDENTS

Parents are encouraged to collect their children at classrooms in the afternoon. If waiting outside classrooms, please be aware that your presence and conversation at times can distract the children and teachers. Some parents choose to wait for their children in CPA 1 each afternoon.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM 2017

Welcome to the 2017 DHSS Instrumental Music Program and another year of exciting music making and learning. Our Instrumental Music Teacher once again is Mr Camillo Lanzafame. He will be teaching all of our instrumental students as well as conducting the Concert Band.

Instrumental Music lessons will commence in **Week 4** with Year 5/6 students on Wednesdays and Year 4 students on Thursdays. Concert Band will resume in **Week 5**. This year Concert Band rehearsals will be at 8am on both Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

The due date for Instrumental Music Levies this year is Friday 17th March (Week 8). The Levy will either be \$30 if your child has their own instrument or \$60 if they are borrowing a school instrument.

Any queries regarding the Instrumental Music Program can be directed to Miss Rackemann.

RECORDERS FOR 2017

If you have a child in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 in 2017 they will need a **YAMAHA** recorder to participate fully in their music lessons. These recorders are on sale at the school office for **\$7.00** which is quite cheap considering they retail for about \$15.00 in most music shops.



When purchasing a recorder for your child, please beware of cheap imitations. For example, those purchased from places like Sam's Warehouse, Crazy Clarks, K-mart and most newsagencies are **NOT** musical instruments. They are toys and have a very unpleasant sound which creates problems in music lessons.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Term One Inter-school Sport for Year 5 and 6 students involves teams in Girls' Cricket and Touch Football and Boys' Softball and AFL.

The cost for the term will be \$25.00 which covers the cost of the bus, affiliation fees and some equipment. This money should be paid to the school office before Friday 3rd February, 2017. Interschool Sport will commence on Friday 3rd February, 2017 and run for eight weeks.

Students will be required to:

- Participate in their school sport uniform
- Wear a hat to Friday afternoon sport
- Bring their own water bottle
- Wear sandshoes/joggers for touch/AFL/cricket/Softball

Permission forms were handed out on Monday. These forms along with money are due to be returned to the office by Friday, February 3rd.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS for 2017

Hours will remain the same as last year:
Tuesday 8.30-9.30am and Thursday 2.30-3.30pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER that the uniform shop is operated by P&C Volunteers and these times may change due to volunteer availability. If you wish to sell used uniforms through the uniform shop, please hand them in at the uniform shop, tuckshop or school office with your name, address and phone number and the uniform shop volunteers will contact you regarding the finer details.

Senior News

2017 is off to a great start for the 5/6 cohort, with students getting their timetables and getting used to the way things run in our neck of the woods. The Year Sixes have been very helpful in this regard by showing the Year Fives what to do and where to go. Wednesday lunchtime was BBQ time, with students filling themselves with Halal beef and chicken sausages and cordial, which went down very well on such a hot day. The 5/6 teachers are holding a parent information session in Block 8 (the block of four 5/6 classrooms) from 5:30 to 6:30 pm on this Tuesday night the 31st of January. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend this valuable opportunity to meet teachers and learn about our senior program.

We also encourage parents to sit down with their child and go through the timetables which should be glued into their diaries. This will help everyone to be well organised for class and ensure a smooth start to the term.



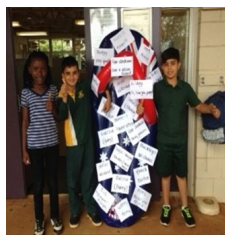
Aussie Week

What a way to Celebrate living in a great country, at Darling Heights we love Australia so much we need a whole week to celebrate how fortunate we are.

We had a great week with students participating in many different Australian activities. We made Lamingtons, Pavlovas and Fairy Bread, we threw thongs (not at one another), we tested our skills when trying to make the longest Mintie Wrapper in Darling Heights history, we danced, painted and played with play dough and then to top it all off, we had a visit from Chooka the Sulphur Crested Cockatoo and his "mum" Carol who is a Wildlife Refuge Carer. Thank you Carol and Chooka, what a lovely way to inspire and educate our children to care for and protect our precious wildlife. Hope you and Chooka can come again next year.

Congratulations to the winners of our door decorating competition. 4H took out 1st place with

SEP S, IM and 2B tying for second. Wonder who will take out the highly desired prize in 2018. We will have to wait and see....



P&C Meeting Monday, 30.01.17

WOW! What a turn out! Thankyou to each of you who attended the Fundraising &/or P&C meetings. It was fantastic to see so many new, enthusiastic faces. We strongly encourage you to continue supporting our P&C in whatever capacity you can. The following is some information from these meetings:

Tuckshop planning meeting Wednesday, 01.02.17, 2pm, Function Room

Craft planning morning beginning at 9am, Thursday, 02.02.17 (Children welcome)

Both of these meeting are for those of you who wish to volunteer for either, or if you would like to come & see what volunteering for these involves. A Disco has been planned for the near future & the Fun Run at the end of the term was discussed.

Please note: We need to fill Executive positions during our March AGM, Monday, 27.03.17, 7pm for our P&C to move forward. Without our P&C, the above mentioned things can not continue.

We look forward to seeing you all at next month's meetings:

Monday, 27.02.17

Fundraising, 6pm in Function Room

General P&C, 7pm in Staffroom

SENIOR POLOS

Order forms were sent home last week. Order & correct money to school office by Friday, 10.02.17

Sizing is the same as our regular school polo (Tudor on tag)

Please call into the Uniform Shop & see Lee-Ann if you have any questions

STUDENT BANKING

Commonwealth Bank 'Dollarmites' Student Banking

Welcome to the new year everyone. Our student banking is every Friday, except for the last day of each term. If you would like to participate in our Dollarmites Program, just go into a Commonwealth Bank and open a Dollarmites account. Once your account is opened, bring your deposit book with money into the school office before 9am each Friday & I will process your deposit & send your deposit book home with you via your class teacher. It's that simple. Happy Banking!

Jo (Student Banking Coordinator)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please see the Noticeboard located in CPA1 for information regarding the following:-

Western Districts Cricket Club MILO T20 BLAST Program

MILO T20 BLAST is a super fun, social, safe, cricket program for boys and girls. The program is much shorter than traditional cricket, with a maximum of 90 minutes playing time per game. All equipment is supplied and the games take place at the same venue each week.

Dates: 9th February to 20th March

Venue: Heritage Oval, Stuart Street, **Toowoomba.** **Time:** Thursday's - 4.30 - 6.00pm

Cost: \$99 includes Brisbane Heat Player Pack

Contact: Anna Paton - 0419 725 834 -

Anna.Paton@qldcricket.com.au

Registration: register at

www.playcricket.com.au and search

"Toowoomba" and choose the club you would like to be a part of. All clubs are participating in this event.

For more information about MILO T20 BLAST, visit www.playcricket.com.au/learn/t20-blast

FELTON FOOD FESTIVAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2017 SUNDAY 26TH MARCH 2017 ENTRIES CLOSE 16TH MARCH

SUBJECT CHOICE:

SCIENCE CHANGING AGRICULTURE OR GROW GATHER ENJOY

SECTIONS

Under 8 Years, 9-12 Years, 13-18 Years, 19 Years and Older

ENTRANTS MUST RESIDE WITHIN 200K FROM FELTON

Further information available from DIANNE TURNER

dianneturner8@iprimus.com.au

Home Phone 46332849 (leave message if no answer) Mobile Phone 0407 584 534 (text preferred please)

TO ENTER YOUR PHOTO:-GO TO Felton Food Festival Web Site - Program/Photo Competition and Follow Instructions.

Star Students

Year 2 Stars

- 2D Zoey Moore
- 2M Oscar MacAvoy
- 2S Dadan Ismail

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT AWARD

3H Awards

STAR BOX: Kyala Tanner

STAR STUDENT: Caitlin Hodgkinson

100% MATHS: Maddisyn, Matthew, Caitlin, Hadi, Mahmoud, Fauzie, Tedy

100% SPELLING: Maddisyn, Caitlin
MOST IMPROVED SPELLER: Brock

SEP AWARDS

SEP M

Philip Lane-Gessiri
Riley Barlow

MUSIC AWARDS

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

- Blayde Coutts
- Alexis Brasher
- Victoria Mayen
- Anna Kalondja
- Romaya Jones
- Akira Gorrige
- Johnathon Briggs