Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the third term of the school year. We’ve welcomed the cooler weather again this week, making it harder to get up in the mornings. I have been impressed with students still arriving on time for the beginning of the school day.

We are all glad the weather held out for Senior Sports Day. Most senior students attended the sports day and displayed the school rule: Be An Achiever. Well done to Mt Neurum for winning overall on the day. Full details will be available in the next Newsletter.

BYOD

The BYO iPad program at Delaneys Creek State School has come about from the successful eLearning agenda that our school has been on. From 2015, classes from Prep to Year 6 at Delaneys Creek State School will allow students to bring their own (BYO) iPad.

Our School values the importance of being digitally connected with our community and the school staff sees the benefits of increased individual access to an iPad, as having the potential of greater student engagement and learning outcomes.

With the concept of the BYO iPad program at Delaneys Creek State School from June 2015, we plan to impact student academic improvement, engagement, and attitude to learning as well as afford our students opportunities to further develop 21st century learning skills.

At Delaneys Creek, students currently have access to iPads and surface RT. The iPads are the only platform allowed in the Delaneys Creek State School BYO Program in 2015 and only when the apps used at school have been installed at home prior to the device being sent to school. If you are interested in your child being able to join the BYOD program please collect an application from the office.

Term Overview

Attached to this Newsletter is the calendar style term overview. While some scheduled events may change or new events may be added this calendar will assist you to remain informed of the activities happening at school.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

Our school is taking part in the nationally consistent collection of data on school students with a disabilities project (‘the Project’).

What is the Project?

The Project is aimed at providing all Australian schools, education authorities and the community with a clear picture of the number of students with disabilities in schools and the adjustments they require to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students. More information is available on this on page 3 of the Newsletter.

School Opinion Survey

The 2015 School Opinion Survey to be conducted between 29 June & 31 July. The information for parents to log on and complete their Opinion Survey were sent home with students’ mid-year report cards. Please take a moment to complete this survey.

Yours in Education,

Anita Judge, Principal
**School Wide Positive Behaviour Support**

The focus for **Week 1** is: **“Be Respectful”**

Listen when adults are speaking and speak when it is your turn.

For example:

- Look at the person speaking
- Keep your body still
- Talk when adult is finished
- Ask relevant questions

The focus for **Week 2** is: **“Be Responsible”**

Be prepared and punctual.

**Interschool Debating**

On 3 June, Delaneys Creek SS hosted an interschool debating competition involving 4 schools and 8 teams.

Our school nominated 2 teams who have been working with me enthusiastically each Wednesday. They included Aimee B, Elle B and Bella H, who won their argument against Mt Mee - *Computers should not replace teachers.*

(Phew!) Seren R, Hannah R and Makayla H also put forward a great case for *Maths is more important than HPE at school.* Unfortunately they lost to Mt Mee however Makayla received an Etiquette Expert Award and Hannah received the Argument Ace award. Next term sees both teams preparing for their formal debates to be held at Mt Kilcoy SS.

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**Valley Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to our junior and senior spelling teams, winning overall trophy at mountain schools competition.

Bella, Dominick, Lilli, Mikaela and Tom

Absent from photo: Mikaelah and Jasmine

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**Chappy News**

As the chaplain at Delaneys Creek State School I work Mondays and Wednesdays. For urgent matters, the office will notify me by phone.

I am selling HOT/WARM Milo on Wednesday mornings at the tuckshop for $1.

Thank you for supporting me.

Many blessings, Lisa van Nunen

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**Get Set For Prep In 2016**

Children born between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011 are eligible for Prep in 2016. Prep education provides our younger students with the skills and understanding to succeed in future learning.

Our Prep students develop:

- Self-confidence and a positive approach to learning
- Independence and confidence
- Thinking and problem-solving skills
- Language skills
- Listening skills and the ability to follow directions
- Physical co-ordination skills
- Literacy and numeracy skills

If you would like to know more about Prep, we invite you to attend a parent information session.

**Term 3** — Friday 28th August

**Term 4** — Friday 6th November

Parents will:

- Learn more about the Prep curriculum; Meet the leadership and teaching staff; Visit the Prep classrooms;
- Have questions answered. Please phone the school to confirm your attendance: 07 5434 6333

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**Sports Day**

On Senior Track and Field Athletics Carnival students who are successful in placing the most 1st, 2nd or 3rd will receive age champion points.

As in 2014, due to student numbers we will be competing as a Small Schools team at the Glasshouse District Competition on July 30th & 31st.

This means that placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd at our school carnival does not necessarily mean students will go straight on to District. The times and distances will be collated with the other schools who are members of our Small School team - Mount Mee and Mount Kilcoy. The best times/distances from all 3 schools will determine the students to represent our Small Schools team. These students will receive an invitation to districts within the week.

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**Playgroup**

Playgroup commences on Wednesday 22nd July. It will operate every Wednesday morning between 9.00am and 10.30am.
**Student Council Funds**

This week our industrious year 6 students (under Mr Smith’s watchful eye) constructed the new chicken chateau.

The funds to purchase this are from student council fundraisers such as the football colours day and the upcoming student council.

**Resiliency Development for Children**

A reminder that the Resiliency workshops, aimed at assisting parents to help their children deal with situations that might have previously dented their confidence, are being held in term 3.

This program is suitable for all families. Your child may not demonstrate any difficulties at this stage of their development, however, processes and understandings developed now, will definitely help your child to navigate the sometimes tricky, teenage years. Please discuss with your child’s teacher or our school Guidance Officer (Ross Adams) if you would like to learn more information about this program.

*Ross Adams*

**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability in 2015**

**What will the 2015 data collection involve?**

The 2015 data collection gathers the following information at the school level:

- The number of students receiving adjustments to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students;
- The level of adjustment provided (no adjustment at this time, supplementary, substantial or extensive adjustment); and
- Where known, the student’s type of disability.

Once this data has been collated, it will be de-identified and aggregated at the system level (i.e. Primary, Secondary, Special and Combined school setting) before providing it to the Commonwealth Department of Education. This ensures that no student’s identity can be ascertained.

This is the final year of the project, you can choose if you want your child’s information to be included in the data collection or not. No names or identifying information are collected as part of the collection process.

**What will the data be used for?**

The data will be used by our school to inform and improve practice for students with disability to inform state-wide reform initiatives. The Australian Government Department of Education will use the information collected for the purposes of preparing reports for briefing Education Ministers.

**Your child’s data**

If you do not want our school to provide de-identified data about your child to the Australian Government Department of Education, you can ‘opt-out’ by sending in a letter or an email to myself by Friday 23rd.

If you do not advise you wish to opt-out, de-identified information about your child will be included in the 2015 data collection.


**Earn and Learn**

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for our school.

There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent. Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at the school OFFICE or PREP classroom.

When our school last participated in this program over $4000 of resources were received from the Earn and Learn stickers placed in our collection box.

Delaneys Creek benefited from the program as the resources received boosted supplies for classrooms and in our eXPlore.

**It's simple to participate.** From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet.
**Skimming**

I wonder if this book is suitable for my project?
I wonder if I should get this book out of the library.
This book looks too difficult/easy for me.
This book looks interesting.

**Scanning**

I am looking for information about ______.
I am trying to find out ________.
I want to know ________.

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**Skim and Scan**

Skimming and Scanning are the reading strategies we are teaching students at the beginning of this term.

**Skimming** is a fast reading strategy that gives you a sense of what the text is going to be about. Skimming is a strategy that is used before reading begins. When students are able to skim through a book, they are able to determine whether the book is suitable and are able to predict what the book might be about. Students can skim for the following: Title, contents page, blurb, introduction, pictures, charts, diagrams, headings and subheadings.

Students may also read the first and last sentences of chapters to get a sense of what they are about.

**Scanning** is also a fast reading strategy that is used when you are looking for something specific. Scanning is a strategy that can be used both before and after reading. When students can scan effectively, they are able to scan for information using the pictures, diagrams and text.

Refer to the ‘Think Aloud’ Card on this page to assist students with their skimming and scanning.

**Jodie Cousins**
**Master Teacher**

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**P and C News**

Our Uniform Shop is open Friday mornings between 8.30am and 9.00am. Orders can be placed online through the office or directly with the Uniform Shop. New hats have just arrived and can be purchased for $15.00.

**Jumpers**

It is great to see most students wearing either a school jumper or a PLAIN GREEN jumper. Those that are not are asked to put their jumper in their bag and borrow a second-hand one from the office. Many children do and some decide they are not cold and just put it in their bag. My concern is that over the next few weeks we are going to experience more very cold weather and at times I would imagine students will need to have 2 jumpers on or at least some layers with the correct jumper on the outside. Please ensure your children have the correct jumper either a school jumper or plain green.

Reminder to make your next purchase of school shoes BLACK ones. We are a great school and one way we show we wish to be a part of the school is to proudly wear the school uniform endorsed by our parent body.

**Regional Sport**

Shari-Lee reached the top 4 play-off and has been asked to play for the State Team in Cairns in just over 2 weeks. We wish her all the best.