Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Support Staff and Teacher Aides Day
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the hardworking Support Staff and Teachers Aides for the role they play in maintaining a safe, clean and healthy environment in our schools. This day gives the school community a chance to recognise the skills, abilities and flexibility that teacher aides contribute to the daily life of the school. Please join me in celebrating the wonderful work of our Support Staff and Teacher Aides. We host a whole staff recognition day once a year to coincide with World Teachers Day.

Register for Prep now! Don’t wait.
It is essential that parents who have not contacted the office to register their child for Prep in 2016 does so now.
If we have not made contact with you by phone or by email, we are unaware that your child is coming.
Registration can be completed in a one minute phone call (Ph 5434 6333) or an email to kwade0@eq.edu.au
Note: all students will require a birth certificate before commencing Prep in 2016.
I look forward to meeting with you soon. If you know a family in the area that has a Prep eligible student for 2016 please encourage them to contact us.

Where will you be in 2016?
In order to accurately plan classes for 2016, we need your help. We need to know exactly which students WILL and which students WON'T be returning to our school to begin the 2016 school year with us.
Can you please take a couple of minutes to complete the form sent home this week and return? I am aware unplanned events happen, however by providing the information now it will assist to lessen disruptions to the students on Day 8, 2016. Thank you so much for your assistance with this complex process.
Please return the form no later than Monday 14 September 2015.

News Flash!
Delaneys Creek Debating team takes out a win at the 2015 Mountain Small Schools annual debating competition. More details to come in next newsletter.

Certificate of Appreciation
DCSS works closely with universities to assist with student teachers refining their knowledge and skills of teaching. Student teachers have a clear preference to come to our school as while here they are well supported and have access to experience highly trained professional staff.

Yours in Education, Anita Judge, Principal
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

The focus for Week 7 is: Be Responsible Conserve Water.

The focus for Week 8 is: Be Responsible Explore: Pack up after the lesson / playtime – books and games away.

Class Peg Weekly Winners
Week 5: Year 2/3  Week 6: Year 3/4  Week 7: Year Prep

P and C News
Pie Drive
The Pie Drive Order form was sent out 12th August. Your order for the Simply Pies - Pie drive needs to be returned to school by Friday August 28.

Every item ordered raises $2 for the P&C. Complete the Simply Pies - Pie Drive order form and deliver with correct cash to the P&C black box on the office door.

Pies to be collected at the eXPlore on Monday September 7 between 3 and 3:30 pm

For any enquiries, please contact Nic Hillard
M: 0432 762 503

Buy a gift at the Father’s Day Stall 3 September
P&C will be running a Father's Day stall fundraiser on Thursday 3 and Friday 4 September.

Like the Mother’s Day stall, children can purchase a special something for dads, carers or grandads. The price of gifts will range from $1 to $5 or $10 each. Please support this activity to raise funds for an upgrade to the PE sports storage area.

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 COLD/WARM Milo on Wednesday mornings at the tuckshop for $1.

Thank you for supporting me.

Many blessings, Lisa van Nunen

Student Carnival
In 2013 the Student Council developed the idea to hold a Carnival as a small fund raiser towards their projects in the year.

The carnival is being repeated again this year, on Friday 4th September, details as follows:

- Mixture of free and paid activities
- Begins at 2.30pm
- Finishes at 4.00pm

Students remaining after school (from 3.00pm) must have arranged with their parent how they will travel home. Bus students are to catch the bus as normal if this is their only method of transport.

Free activities:
- Horse Shoe Throw (hit a pole = free icy pole)
- BBQ (sausage on bread)
- Donations from Meat City, Woolworths, Woodford butchery, Daguilar Local Store
- Skipping to Music (How fast can you jump?)

Items that cost money ($1 a turn)
- Face painting;
- Chocolate Mat throw;
- Ice Cream & Soft drink
- Cream Pie throw
- Glass jar full of surprises

$5 for a hand, children rip off a finger ticket to participate in an activity. Any unsold fingers can be returned for a refund at 4 pm.

Road Safety Week Competition
Members of the Moreton police district have spent the past few days judging the enormous number of entries to the QPS road safety week competition. They were impressed with the high calibre of the entries which made judging very difficult, however with all competitions there can only be a limited number of winners. We would like to thank all the students who participated in the competition.
**Parent Direct & Chalk Toy Catalogues**

Just a friendly reminder that Delaney’s School Prep Class sent home Parent Direct and Chalk catalogues on 12th August. These catalogues are filled with educational toys and games that make great gifts. This is an easy way to get started on your Christmas shopping and support your school at the same time.

Parent Direct and Chalk issues us a Fundraising Voucher for 20% of the value of orders. We use the fundraising Vouchers to purchase much needed resources.

We would appreciate your support and ask that you return your order form and payment to the school by Monday 14th September 2015. (Last Week of Term 3).

Products will then be received and distributed before the end of fourth term.

Payment: — You can pay by credit card.
We cannot accept cash.
Thank You for your support.

*Kerry Buss & Karen Wade*

**Get Set For Prep In 2016**

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

**Lifeline Bookfest - Sunshine Coast**

September 17th-20th at Lake Kawana Community Centre.


Lifeline Bookfest is on again on the Sunshine Coast. And what better way to celebrate the start of the School Holidays than to visit an event where you will be surrounded by over 10,000 pre-loved books in a variety of genre.

**Delaneys Creek Has Talent**

Finals are being held on September 1 with the finalist performing at the Student Carnival, September 4. The winning students will also perform for the whole school at the week 10 school assembly, prior to the book week activity – Theme ‘Books light up our World’.

**Earn and Learn**

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

There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent. Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collector 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 eXPlore and our classrooms.

**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.

There is also a box located at the Woodford Woolworths with our school logo attached. All these entries also contribute to our school total.

**Are you, your family & your community resilient to emergency & disaster events?**

- Do you know your risk? If your property is affected, do you have a plan in place that may minimise the impact?
- Do you have a bushfire survival plan in place? Would you know what to do if a fast moving bushfire was impacting your property?
- Do you know how to stay informed?
- What action would you take?
- What can you contribute to your community?

Come along to a free sausage sizzle and information session; learn how to prepare yourself & your family for disaster events. Meet emergency services personnel who will be on hand to answer your questions.

**Saturday the 26th of September**

10.00am - 11.30am at Cash Street Reserve Bracalba
Or 1.00pm - 2.30pm at Morris Park, Mansfield Rd, Elimbah
**Teaching Reading Comprehension**

I’m very proud to advise the data I’ve been collecting both before and after introducing a new reading comprehension strategy has demonstrated high levels of improvement for most students in both their understanding of the strategy and their ability to apply it.

Our teaching of reading comprehension strategies continues for the rest of the term with **Visualising**.

**Visualising** is a strategy where students use their senses to create a picture/movie in their mind in order for them to gain a deeper understanding of a text.

The ‘think aloud’ card above provides statements to help students create an image in their mind.

Alternatively, these statements could also be used as prompts for questions to help your child with the visualising strategy at home. For example, ‘What can you see?’, ‘What do you hear?’, ‘What/how do you feel?’.

Poetry is being taught by some classes this term. Using visualising as a strategy to either create pictures in their minds or draw a picture based on the ways that authors use words to describe things will assist students with their comprehension.

*Jodie Cousins, Master Teacher*

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**Writing – Sizzling Starts**

Children in 2/3M and 3/4J have been exploring different ways to start stories. Here are some examples.

“I don’t hear him,” Ned chuckled. Ned was hiding in his tasty, delicious cheese house from Jerry. He decided it would be a good idea to play hide and go seek.  

*Sarah (2/3M)*

Wobble! Wobble! Someone’s swimming in the delicious jelly. Why not me?  

*Zack (3/4J)*

“Peek-A-Boo. I can see you!” quietly spoke Gerry. Gerry was hiding in the cheese maze.  

*Caady (2/3M)*

Oh No! A dog has just swallowed my ring. My mum will be cranky with me.  

*Talisa (3/4J)*

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**Tennis Coach – Peter Bourne**

Peter Bourne coaches tennis:
- Monday: 7.45am – 8.30am
- Tuesday: 3.15pm – 4.00pm & 4.00pm – 4.45pm
- Top Players Only on Friday: 7.45am – 8.30am

Contact Peter on 0417 779 102

**State Championships**

Shari-Lee went to State Championships at Sunshine Coast and placed 4th overall.

Shari-Lee had the time of her life and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone from our great little school for all the support, messages & encouragement.