Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break with your family and feel rested and ready for the year ahead. We are delighted you have chosen our school for your child’s educational journey and assure you we will do everything in our power to ensure your children settle in quickly and happily.

Our staff have done a marvellous job of making sure everything was prepared for the new year – our volunteer groundsman and cleaners have worked tirelessly to make sure the school looks beautiful. Administration staff have done an incredible job updating and entering our students details and the teachers and the teacher aides had lessons planned and rooms looking inviting! Of course, the main reason our students settled so quickly and happily is because of the great job you have done in making sure your children have everything they need and were looking forward to the start of school, thank you parents! The parents that were able to take advantage of the open classroom, prior to school returning, have stated this assisted with their child/ren’s return. A special welcome to our new families and to our new staff: Mrs Tamara Cross our Friday Prep Teacher, Miss Deanne Sym’s Year 3 Teacher, Mrs Mary Suvilian our Year 2 Teacher, Ms Mari Kubo our LOTE (Japanese) Teacher on a Monday, Mrs Pamela Whitby our Guidance Officer, every second Thursday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful volunteers for 2016; you have helped make Delaneys Creek State School the unique learning community it is. We are truly grateful to have the continued support and participation of parents and family members in so many aspects of the School’s life. Volunteers have assisted with covering library books, helping in classes, preparing fantastic food in the tuckshop, participating in school working bees and assisting in the Uniform Shop. With your help we will be able to continue to ensure students and families benefit from a wide variety of services provided by our school. If you have any time to spare, classroom teachers will be shortly requesting community members to assist in their rooms and our P&C will be inviting community members to assist at the tuckshop, volunteer time for school working bees or attend monthly 1½-2 hour P&C meetings. Thank you again for your continued support.

2017 is going to be a wonderful year for Delaneys Creek State School! Not only do we continue to offer our unique educational programs, it is also our 125th Anniversary! We look forward to celebrating this special year with our wider school community on 9th September.

Busy Term Already!

This year promises to be just as busy as last year and we will hit the road running with upcoming events: school photos, district swimming carnivals, and parent partnership evenings.

Parent Information Sessions – Tuesday 7th February at 3pm – 3:45pm and 4.15 – 4:45 pm

Teachers will hold ‘Meet the Teacher’ Sessions after school in week 3 in 30 minute sessions. These sessions will introduce parents to their child’s teacher and inform parents how class routines will operate throughout the year. Information regarding curriculum content, student expectations, yearly camps and opportunities for parents to ask questions will be provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your children’s teacher and find out how your child’s classroom operates. Building a strong relationship with your child’s teacher is extremely important, this allows open communication. In the middle of ‘Meet the Teacher’ Sessions, our P&C will have ice-blocks and soft drinks for sale. This event was well supported last year and our staff are looking forward to catching up with parents and students in an informal atmosphere.

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

The focus for **Week 1 & 2** is:

**“Look After Your Belongings”**

**Be Responsible**

_Name all of your belongings. Keep your belongings in your desk or bag. Look after your belongings. Know where you hat is kept. Take care of your uniform. Remember to take lunch box and drink bottle._

We have 4 School Rules: **Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe and Be an Achiever.** Each week we focus on one Rule and teachers recognise students enacting that rule with a ‘positive peg’. It is great to hear not just our students but our parents reinforcing the weekly focus with their children within the school and at home. Our school is a Positive Behaviour Support School. This means we teach our children what our rules, routines and expectations are and reward them for meeting or exceeding these. An important element is making clear what our expectations are. For this reason I have outlined some of our before and after school expectations below.

**Before School Routines**

**Student Supervision is ONLY provided from 8:30am onwards.** Students are encouraged not to attend before this time. When your child arrives they are to:

- Sit in Blue Under Cover area until the first bell (8:30am)
- After the first bell students place their bag at their classroom and prepare for the day, then they may play handball or play on the main oval (year 4-6).
- Playing on any playground equipment is not permitted
- On the second bell (8.45am) students move directly to classrooms via the toilet and drinking taps, this ensures they are ready to begin learning at 8.50am. The early start ensures the students have two lengthy play times during the school day.

**After School Routines**

The Department of Transport does not recognise our car park or road crossing requires a crossing supervisor, therefore a staff member usually monitors our crossings. Please assist us by encouraging your child to use the crossings and as a driver be alert for children running out behind parked cars.

On the 3:00pm bell students are to collect their belongings and exit the school grounds and:

- Students wait at the gate with staff member on duty until parent/caregiver arrives to collect them
- Students on bikes or scooters must dismount to leave via the front gates and when using the crossing
- It is important students are respectful of all other footpath users
- Smile and acknowledge others as you leave the school

**Open Classroom Times**

At Delaneys Creek State School, our motto is ‘Strive for Progress’. Teaching and learning is our core business and we aim to provide an environment that directly responds to the needs of young learners. We encourage all students to make the best of their opportunities and strive to ‘Be an Achiever’.

Classrooms are open for parents to ‘drop-in’ between 8:30am and 8:50am and 3:00pm – 3:15pm. Parents are invited and welcome as volunteers in classrooms, however to minimise interruptions to students learning activities, these times need to be negotiated with classroom teachers.

Even if the times you are available are varied I am sure classroom teachers will welcome you into their rooms to assist with a learning activity once you negotiate these times with the teacher.

As a parent I know you sometimes need to ‘pop into’ a classroom in learning time to deliver a quick message. However, for visits longer than 2 minutes please discuss with your child’s teacher how this can be arranged to minimise the disruption to learning activities.

**P&C News**

Welcome back to another school year, and a big welcome to new parents at our school. The P&C Association is looking forward to another year of fundraising for our school. If you think you could spare some time to help with our fundraising ventures we are in need of new volunteers and new fundraising ideas!

Our next friendly gathering will be on **Monday 27th February in the EXPLORE centre at 3.15pm**.

Children are welcome to attend and play in the adjoining library or outside on the playground equipment. For a small school, our P&C generates a substantial amount of money every year that goes directly back into achieving better learning outcomes for the children. In recent years we have supplied air-conditioning to classrooms, fridges to classrooms and Wi-Fi across the school to name a few.

This year we are gearing up for more fundraising and more spending to enhance the learning environment at our school.

**School banking will restart on Fridays, February 3.**

**Tuckshop Volunteers Needed**

If you can spare some time on a Friday (doesn’t have to be every Friday) to help in the tuckshop we need volunteers. Tuckshop is the biggest fundraiser for our school and is a welcome treat day for the children once a week. We have always relied on the generous help of volunteers to supply this service - and once again we are looking for people to help. If you think you could volunteer in our tuckshop please PM the Facebook page - Delaneys Creek State School P&C or contact the school office.
### Our Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open Monday afternoons between 2:00pm and 2:30pm (before parade begins at 2:30pm). Orders can be placed directly with the Uniform Shop or through the forms in the office. Orders will be filled straight away if stock is available or can be collected from the Uniform Shop on Monday afternoons between 2:00pm and 2:30pm. In the new school year, it is important for families, staff and school communities to keep up-to-date with the latest information from their school.

### The QSchools app

The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from Queensland state schools. This app provides an easy method of accessing vital school information, including latest news, events and newsletters. The school reduced sending home paper newsletters in 2014.

To download the app visit the application store for your device: iPhone/iPad, Android, Windows phone and Windows PC.

#### Features

- find and favourite your school by searching for the school by name, searching a map or by searching for schools near your current location
- receive real-time notifications about state-wide emergency alerts as well as school push notifications and important updates through the app
- access the latest news, events and newsletters from your school
- easily access your schools tuckshop and uniform shop information
- view information about your school including class times and contact details
- view social media feeds.

The app can manage updates from multiple schools which is useful for parents who have students in different schools.

### Push notifications

QSchools push notifications are here!

Push notifications will allow your favourite Queensland schools to push essential information directly to your device, including notifications of upcoming events and emergency alerts and important updates.

To receive push notifications, download the QSchools mobile app or ensure the app is up to date if you already have it.

### News From The Office

#### If your contact detail or residential address has changed

If your contact detail or residential address has changed, please send an email to BSM@delacreess.eq.edu.au with your correct details or let the office know.

#### Payments

Please deposit all payments directly into our bank account noting the invoice number, initial and surname of the student for whom you are paying.

**Our Bank account details are:**

BSB: 064-405  Account Number: 00090356

Cash, cheque and credit card payments can be made by inserting the cheque/correct change in a payment envelope or writing the credit card details on the front of the envelope and depositing it into the drop-box on the office door.

Please ensure that the envelope is sealed so the cash does not fall out.

Please write the student’s name, class, amount enclosed and what the payment is for, clearly on the envelope.

**Office hours** are 8:15am to 3:15pm on Monday - Friday.

Students and parents paying fees at the Office are issued with a receipt at the time of payment. For those parents paying via online bank deposits, receipts are printed and handed to classroom teachers to hand to students to take home.

### Volunteers

Our school is inviting volunteers, parents and carers who are able to support our students with their learning, to participate in our Volunteer Program. This may be either aspects of Literacy (Reading, Writing or Spelling) or Numeracy. These students are predominately in the lower year levels (Years Prep to 3). This is a very beneficial program and members of our school wide community have been volunteering in our school for many years. Volunteers who wish to work in classrooms are invited to attend one of our morning tea and training sessions. Information for volunteers who wish to participate will be advertised in the next newsletter.

### School Photos

School photos are booked in for 8th February and our photo make up day will be on the 9th February.

Information/ordering envelope will be handed out today (Friday 27th January) regarding costs and the opportunity to have family photos taken. Debbie has advised if you are unable to pay for the photos by Friday 3rd February please return the envelope with the allocation of what pack you would like to the office and provide the payment for your photos at a later date before you receive your photos. All students will have their individual photo taken and a class group photo.
When we teach our children to “do the high five”, we are helping them learn positive ways to deal with unwanted situations.

We teach them to be proactive, resilient and to take control of an unwanted situation. We teach them to:

- **Ignore** – Try to ignore the behaviour, unless someone might get hurt.

- **Talk Friendly** – Use a calm, quiet voice and a smile and tell them to stop what they are doing. Tell the person what they are doing that is annoying you – maybe they don’t even know that their silly game is bothering you! Instead of “Stop it, I don’t like it”, try “Please stop interfering in our game. It is annoying us and we can’t play properly. Thanks.”

- **Walk Away** – Go away from the situation. If someone is being mean, don’t play with or near them. Find a new spot to play or sit. Remove yourself from the situation.

- **Talk Firmly** – Use a louder voice and look at the person when you tell them simply to stop what they are doing. This is like ‘Talk friendly’ and usually comes after you have tried that strategy. You might even give a consequence here – “Stop bothering us or we will go to the teacher on duty.”

- **Report** – You’ve tried the other strategies and they haven’t worked, or someone might get hurt if the behaviour continues, so go directly to the nearest person with power and report the behaviour. At school this is a staff member or a student leader. Outside school, this might be a parent, trusted adult or even a police man.

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**District Sports**

On the school calendar you will notice district and regional sports dates are listed. The school will not be nominating students to participate in all these sports, however parents/caregivers are responsible for organising their child/ren at attend and nominate them for the sports trails.

**Tennis Coach – Peter Bourne**

Peter will be coaching tennis on Tuesday afternoon from 3:15pm to 4:00pm and will be returning coaching tennis at Delaney Creek State School on Tuesday 31st February 2017.

Contact: Peter on 0417 779 102 for more information.

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**JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE**

**SIGN ON DAY**

**U7’s - U18’s**

**STANLEY RIVER**

**J.R.L.F.C.**

**WOODFORD SHOWGROUNDS**

**4TH FEB 2017**

**10AM - 2PM**

**PLEASE CONTACT**

**STEVE - 0499 101 556**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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**NETBALL**

**SIGN ON DAY**

**WARWICK NETBALL CLUB**

**2ND FEB 2017**

**WOODFORD SHOWGROUNDS**

**4PM - 5PM**

**AGES 5-17 YRS**

**PLEASE CONTACT**

**HAYLEY - 0414 858 045**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**