Welcome to Delaneys Creek State School 2018
A warm welcome to the parents and extended families of all of our new students across all grades and of course a special welcome must go to all of our enthusiastic Preppie families. We are honoured that you have chosen our school to support and educate your children. We also welcome new staff Mrs Gail Wyss (Music teacher), Ms Emma Salter (PE teacher), Ms Ann Christensen (LOTE teacher), Mr Laurence Lovelock (IT Support), Miss Katelyn White (Speech Therapist), Mr David Sanderson (STEM) and Mrs Justine Heino (Guidance Office Intensive Behaviour GOIB) to our school.

Explicit Improvement Agenda 2018- Writing and Wellbeing
Our explicit improvement agenda for 2018 is writing and student wellbeing. Our primary aim this year is to improve student writing disposition through daily writing, modelled and shared writing and independent writing.
This term we will be reinvigorating and using the ‘7 Steps to Writing’ Program to develop a school wide language around the process of writing. This year we will be gaining consistency in how we teach Writing from P-6 and also achieving great results in improving student outcomes by having a clear policy on how Writing is taught at Delaneys Creek State School.
This doesn’t mean that Reading is ‘dropped’. For the past 2 years reading comprehension has been a focus through our TOC program and the teaching of comprehension strategies will continue but we will be taking the teaching of comprehension and reading back into the classrooms. Reading also complements writing through the explicit teaching of Vocabulary, which research has shown is a key element in understanding what we have read and Fluency.
Our first Writing focus for the next 2 weeks is:

PLANNING FOR SUCCESS.
Planning for Success involves students thinking before they write, brainstorming more than one idea and then picking the best one. Students will also plot out their text before they start writing. Great writing always starts with great ideas!

Family Challenge! How many story ideas can your family come up with for any of these three pictures in 5 minutes?

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Yours in Education, Juliane Mabb, Principal

Week 1

Message from the Principal
Workplace Health & Safety

1. Smoking – It is illegal to smoke within a 100metre radius of the school grounds / car park / bustop.

2. Domestic Pets – Are not permitted past any of the school gate entry points.

3. Disabled Parking – Disabled parking permit is to be displayed in vehicles when using the disabled parking space.

Social and Emotional Wellbeing

The wellbeing of all Delaneys Creek SS community members is of prime importance to our school. Wellbeing is the foundation to a happy and productive life. At Delaneys Creek SS we want our students to be socially and emotionally ready for life long learning and happy, healthy relationships. When students are happy their brain is able to learn and grow.

Last week we hit the ground running by launching our Dolphin, Jellyfish, Shark program and I am thrilled to say that teachers, students and families have embraced this program and its simple language.

Keep up with your children by knowing the language!

**Dolphins tell others how they feel and think:**
Tell others to stop annoying you.
Firmly ignore the person’s behaviour and walk away from them.

- Speak in a firm, not an angry voice.
- Stay in control of themselves.
- Dolphins are kind, confident and love to learn.

**Dolphins choose to:**
- Play fair
- Use manners
- Take care

**Jellyfish keep things to themselves instead of talking to someone about what is bothering them.**

- Jellyfish may give in to others when they don’t want to.
- Jellyfish may let other people continue to do bad things to them.
- Jellyfish may quietly, mumble or speak hesitantly.
- Jellyfish may cry or sulk or sob without trying to deal with the problem themselves first.

**Sharks hit out and do unkind things to others. Sharks try to dip into other people’s buckets.**

- Sharks might push, punch, trip or kick another person.
- Sharks may speak rudely.
- Sharks may use insults and put-downs and call people names.
- Sharks may blame other people or try to make people feel ashamed.
- Sharks may have a really angry expression on their faces.
- Sharks may shout, yell and swear.
- Sharks may stand close to the person and act in a threatening manner.
- Sharks may lose control of themselves.
- Sharks forget to let others know how they feel and think in a kind way.

From time to time we might all slip into Jellyfish or Shark mode but the important thing is to get back to being Dolphin as quickly as you can. This language helps us call others on their behaviour in a non-threatening manner and help others to reflect on their behaviour choices at the time.

Positive Behaviour Learning

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.*

This term we will be revising and updating our school’s responsible behaviour plan. We look forward to your input.
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 basketball court.
- Playing on any playground equipment or on the big oval 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

Disabled Parking - only drivers with a disabled sticker are permitted to park in this space. This year we have a family who needs to use this space daily.

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.

Remember for your safety and the safety of all our students please sign in at our office. We understand that sometimes parents may need to get a quick message to their child however, popping into classrooms is not only disruptive it is also against the Department of Education and Trainings policy. Sign in first!

A word from our President- Mary Carter

Delaneys Creek State School has another exciting year ahead and the P & C Association is looking forward to contributing to the continual development of our wonderful school.

The P&C throughout the year raise funds from various methods to assist with the purchase of equipment and improvement of facilities around the school. With fundraising ventures such as discos, pie drives, raffles, stalls, Bunning’s sausage sizzles we are frequently looking for volunteers to help with these events.

MEETINGS - Our P & C Association endeavour to keep our meetings short, friendly and have an open forum policy allowing everyone to have their say. Our meetings are held on the last Monday of the month in the EXPLORE centre from 3.15pm.

The Annual General Meeting this year will be held on Monday 26th February at 3.15pm, this year the President and Vice President position are up for election. After serving in the President role for 3 years, I have decided it's time for some fresh leadership in the committee. The role of President involves:

* being familiar with the P & C rules, operations and meeting procedures.
* provide leadership
* chair meetings
* act as a spokesperson and representative of the P & C
* foster good communication between P & C, school and the community
* encourage participation

I would encourage anyone contemplating taking on this position to please attend the meeting. No prior experience is needed, just a good dose of common sense combined with excellent communication skills - I will ensure there is a smooth transition period to assist the new president in their role. It is a very rewarding role and you get to work with a friendly team of capable people who make it a real pleasure.

UNIFORMS - CHANGE IN ORDERING PROCEDURE - NO OVER THE COUNTER PURCHASING AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE. Order forms can be obtained from the school office during school hours and returned to the school office - no over the counter purchasing is available. ALL orders will be processed on a Monday and you will then be contacted to collect. EFTPOS is available for payment.
TUCKSHOP - The school tuckshop is run by the P&C Association and Casey Wease is the convenor for 2018. Presently the tuckshop opens each Friday. Our aim is to provide our students and staff with balanced and nutritious menu options in compliance with the QLD government’s smart choices - http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/docs/smart-choices-strategy.pdf.

The tuckshop is run by volunteers on a monthly roster. We desperately need more volunteers to share the load! If you could volunteer any time between 8.30 - 2 on any Fridays please call Casey on 0403 618 088.

The P&C Association is not only a fundraising body. We take an active involvement in the management of school affairs. The committee has a close working relationship with the Principal and staff and our involvement ensures that the school reflects the needs of our school community. It is vital that we attract new members to bring in fresh ideas to enable a continuous improvement in what we offer to the school. I invite you to join our association, have your say and help us to provide the very best educational experience for our children.

Once again welcome and we look forward to working with you all and making 2018 another successful year for the association and our school.

Mary Carter
P & C President

School banking will restart on Fridays this term.

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
The app integrates with the department's preferred school website platform, allowing users to:
- 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 please send an email to BSM@delaneyscreeks.eq.edu.au with your correct details or let the office know.

Invoices
Students will receive a copy of 2018 Semester 1 & 2 school fees / payments before the end of Week 2.

Payments
Please deposit all payments directly into our bank account noting 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. Please ensure that the envelope is sealed so the cash does not fall out.

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.

Prep Scrapbooks have arrived – please pay $7 and collect from office.

Thank you to Barrie Petfield who painted our storage boxes at no cost.

Maria Sharp
Business Manager
Urgent: Helpers Wanted!
To help with laminating, book covering and cutting for our Prep Home Reading Program. Please see Kerry Buss or Jodie Cousins if you are able to spare some time.

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.

Helping Young People Make Positive Life Choices During Difficult Times
Sometimes we know that our children need support but we aren’t quite sure where to go or what to do to get help. Foundations Counselling Centre’s onsite psychology program is all about bringing that help to you. Foundations Counselling Centre’s onsite service provides a Psychologist 1 day per week onsite at Woodford P-10 State School and Wamuran State School. This practitioner will be able to bulk bill psychological services for students who hold a current Mental Health Care Plan. Mental Health Care Plans are available from GPs for students who have symptoms impacting their mental health.

The psychologist will be at:
Woodford P-10 State School on Thursdays and Wamuran State School on Fridays
This service will come at NO COST to families.
This service places a high priority on working collaboratively with parents, carers and guardians, as well as support teams and teachers to ensure the best possible outcomes.

Foundations Counselling Centre Practitioners can assist young people:
- Manage anxiety or depression
- Combat bullying or manage conflict
- Communicate better with parents or guardians
- Overcome self-harm or suicidal thoughts
- Manage anger and mood swings
- Process grief and loss including that related to death, divorce & separation
- Improve self-esteem and confidence

Please find the attached:
- Foundations Counselling Centre Information for Parents and Guardians
- Foundations Counselling Centre Student Registration Form

To register, please contact your school:
Woodford P-10 State School: Phone (07) 5422 5333
Wamuran State School: Phone (07) 5429 9444
Delaneys Creek State School: Phone (07) 5434 6366
Mount Mee State School: Phone (07) 5433 5333
2018 TUCKSHOP MENU

Our Tuckshop is run 100% by volunteers & aimed to align with the QLD Government Smart Choices Strategy. All profits are directed back into the school to assist in the development and improvement of our students learning.

We aim to ensure we cater to all children’s dietary needs. For special requirements please do not hesitate to contact:
Casey Weese 0403 618 088

SUMMER MENU TERM 1 & 4
TUCKSHOP OPEN FRIDAYS
ALL ORDERS TO BE PLACED BY 9.00AM

Snacks—Available 1st & 2nd Break
Seasonal Fruit Salad $2.00
(Selection of 4-5 seasonal fruits)
Rice w/ butter 200g each $2.50
Rice w/ butter & jam 250g each $2.50
Cookie 50c each
Muffin (Sweet or savoury) $1.00 each
JJ Chicken Chips $1.50 each
Popcorn (Salted) $1.50 each

Drinks—Available 1st & 2nd Break
Milo & Milk (100ml) $1.00
Juice 100% (350ml) $2.00
(Apple, Apple & Blood Orange, Orange)
Big M Milk (250ml) (Chocolate or Strawberry) $2.00

This section is available First Break Only

Hot Food
Ham & Cheese $4.50
(White bread roll, beef mince pate, lettuce, tomato, cheese & sauce)
Chicken Burger $4.50
(White bread roll, chicken breast, lettuce, tomato, cheese & mayo)
Chicken Dino Burger $4.50
(White bread roll, 4 Dino Chicken Nuggets, lettuce, tomato, cheese & mayo)

The following items are sold with a seasonal side serve of salad
5 Crumbed chicken nuggets $3.00
5 Dino chicken nuggets $3.00
Hot dog w/ cheese & sauce $3.00
Hot dog w/ sauce $2.80
Mac & Cheese $3.00

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CLEARLY LABEL ALL ORDER BAGS
STUDENT NAME, CLASS, 1ST OR 2ND BREAK AND ORDER DETAILS
ALL ORDERS TO BE PLACED BY 9.00AM

Joe Blogs Yr 2
1st break
1 piece 70c
2 party sausage rolls $1.60

Joe Blogs Yr 2
2nd break
1 pizza $2.00
1 chocolate milk $1.50
1 chocolate Bilbong $1.20

SUMMER MENU TERM 1 & 4
TUCKSHOP OPEN FRIDAYS

This section is available 1st & 2nd Break

Hot Food
Mini meat pie (Max 6) 70c each
Mini sausage roll (Max 6) 70c each

Healthy Options
The following are available in fresh or toasted Sandwiches, Wraps or Rolls
Ham & Sliced $3.50
(Bread ham, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, beetroot, cheese)
Ham & Cheese $2.50
(Bread ham, cheese)
Ham, Cheese & Tomato $2.80
(Bread ham, cheese & tomato)
Chicken & Salad $3.50
(mixed chicken, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, beetroot, cheese)
Chicken & Cheese $2.50
(Reed chicken, cheese)
Chicken, Cheese & Tomato $2.80
(Backup chicken, cheese & tomato)
Egg & Lettuce $2.50

Fresh Sushi - Limited stock available
Of your child would like to make a request for the bonding area and must register and have a place once order is
the week prior with the teacher.

Teriyaki Chicken (5 pieces) $2.50
Tuna (5 pieces) $2.50
Avocado (5 pieces) $2.50

Sweet Treats
$1.00
Vanilla Ice Cream Cup $1.50
Bella Frozen Yoghurt $1.70