Dear Parents and Carers,

**Save the Date**

Saturday 9th September
125th Year Anniversary

* School will not be nominating students to participate in all these sports, however parents/caregivers are responsible for organising their children to attend and nominate them for the sports trials.

**Term 1 (23 January – 31 March)**

Week 4 (13/02/17 – 17/02/17)
15/02/17 District Softball Girls *
16/02/17 District Softball Girls *
17/02/17 District Swim *

Week 5 (20/02/17 – 24/02/17)
22/02/17 District Soccer Girls & Boys
23/02/17 District Soccer Girls & Boys
24/02/17 Nude Food snack Yr.6 & Prep

Week 6 (27/02/17 – 03/03/17)
27/02/17 P&C Meeting

Week 7 (06/03/17 – 10/03/17)
06/03/17 District Rugby League 10-12 yrs Boys *
08/03/17 International Women’s Day
10/03/17 Interschool Softball *

Week 8 (13/03/17 – 17/03/17)
17/03/17 Interschool Softball *
17/03/17 Bullying No Way

Week 9 (20/03/17 – 24/03/17)
22/03/17 District Soccer *
23/03/17 District Soccer *
24/03/17 Back-up Interschool Softball

Week 10 (27/03/17 – 31/03/17)
27/03/17 P&C Meeting
28/03/17 District AFL *
28/03/17 Life Education Van
29/03/17 Life Education Van
30/03/17 Life Education Van
30/03/17 Free Prep Vision Screening Program
31/03/17 Fancy Hat Parade

---

**‘Meet the Teacher’**

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend ‘Meet the Teacher’ sessions on Tuesday February 7. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and to find out how your child’s classroom operates. In the middle of the ‘Meet the Teacher’ Sessions, our P&C supplied ice-creams. It was great to see the school community gather in the Blue Under Cover area catching up and enjoying their ice-creams. Thank you to our P&C for supplying these.

**Parent Teacher Communication**

Parents are welcome to meet with their child’s teacher at any stage throughout the year. Please ensure you make an appointment with the teacher to enable this to be a productive meeting. To promote communication with parents and caregivers about our school improvement agenda, teachers utilise a variety of communication strategies. Welcome letters were sent home in week 1 to explain how classrooms operate and term overviews to outline the curriculum to be covered were handed out at “Meet the Teacher” sessions. In addition, to keep parents informed of students’ progress, students in year 1–6 will be sharing their growth towards achieving learning goals regularly with parents. This will occur for the first time during “Settling In” meetings during week 9 and 10 of term 1.

**Interview One:** The first opportunity will be when “Settling In” Reports are provided to parents during an interview later in term 1. These interviews provide open communication channels between teachers and parents and allow a positive relationship to be developed. On this occasion, teachers will be able to briefly communicate how your child is settling in and inform you if there are any early concerns.

**Interview Two:** These interviews are held early Term 3. Teachers provide parents with more detailed and explicit information about how your child is progressing academically, behaviourally and socially at school. You will receive your child’s Semester One report at the end of term 2.

**Annual School Events**

We attached Annual School Events calendar to the first newsletter sent home in week 1. Please remember dates may change and if you are seeking clarification about an event this is normally up to date in the fortnightly newsletter Date Claimer Section.

---

**Student Absence Line**

07 5434 6366

If your child/ren are away from school please call the absence line.

---

**Message from the Principal**

Congratulations to our 2017 student leadership team.

At Delaneys Creek we see all year 6 students as leaders within our school and expect them to participate positively by modelling appropriate behaviour for our younger students. For this reason students who applied for a leadership role of Sports or School Captain are invited to become a Student Councillor. More information on Page 2.
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

The focus for Week 3 & 4 is:

“Be an Achiever” – Be Organised

Organise Yourself / Be on Time / Equipment Ready

Be to school on time. Have a drink of water and go to the toilet before class. Have all of your equipment ready to use (eg. 2 sharp pencils, a rubber and a ruler). Get your homework, water bottle and fruit out of your bag. Listen to teacher instructions so that you have everything you need for the lesson. Be seated where the teacher has told you – eg. At your desk, on the carpet.

Congratulations Class Peg Weekly Winners:
Week 1: Year 5/6
Week 2: Year 3

School Leadership 2017

School Captains

Mt Delaney Sports Captains

Thomas & Courtney

Bailey & Maddalyn

Mt Neurum Sports Captains

Mt Archer Sports Captains

Talis & Ashlinn

Tiki & Jet

Student Council Members

Kristen Collins, Haylee Porter, Indyanna Dresse, Bella Prince, Jaiden Murphy, Erin Laclaire-Potter & Jacyntha House

Free Microsoft Software for Students’ Personal Computers

All state school students from Prep – Year 12 can now download multiple free copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite to their personal home and mobile computer equipment. To access this free software please visit https://portal.office.com/home. Please note that parents will be responsible for internet downloads.

Celebrating 125 Years

Delaneys Creek State School is celebrating 125 years.

Opened: Monday 5th September 1892
Date: Saturday 9th September 2017
Time: 2:30pm-8:00pm

We would like to extend an invitation to Local Businesses to be a part of this momentous occasion, if you would like to sponsor this event please contact Maria Sharp on 07 5434 6333 or email mshar48@eq.edu.au. Any past student’s staff and families please also contact Maria Sharp on the above contact details.

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 app can manage updates from multiple schools which is useful for parents who have students in different schools. To download the app visit the application store for your device: iPhone/iPad, Android, Windows phone and Windows PC.

Tutoring: Literacy, Numeracy and Homework Assistance

Tutoring available for students in years 1 to 4.

Venue: Delaneys Creek S5 (B Block)

Time: 3:05pm – 4:05pm

Cost: $25 per hour per student.

Tutor: Linda Seymour – Qualified Teacher Aide TA003 Certificate III in Education Support.

Please contact Linda Seymour for further information

Email: landmseymour@dodo.com.au

School Bus

We have two bus companies that operate to Delaneys Creek State School; Coast and Country (07 5496 6589 and Tony Bloomfield (07 5496 4526 or 0428 455 568).

Is your child prepared for their journey back to school on public transport? Some school services, including train timetables, are changing from Monday 23 January. Be sure to plan your child’s journey before they travel. Follow these useful tips from TransLink to make sure they are ready.

For further information, contact Anita Schubert on 07 4122 0802.
Nurturing Environment – Transport To and From School

- **Out Of School Hours Care** - Woodford Good Start Centre (07 5496 1321) offers a before and after school care service for our parents and students. A courtesy bus delivers the children to school and collects them after school as necessary.

- **School Buses** - Free bus transport is available for eligible students who reside more than 3.2 km from the nearest school. Other children may be carried if room is available. For queries contact the bus operators (Kathy and Ross Kerr) on 07 5496 4543 and Coast & Country Buses on 07 5496 6589. [http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/School-transport.aspx](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/School-transport.aspx)

A staff member supervises the students travelling by school bus. Students gather at the school assembly area (Giraffe Shed). The staff member calls one bus group to the gate at a time. As student travelling on that bus walk through the gate they are marked off a bus roll. Any information provided by parents about days students travel by the bus is recorded on the bus roll.

The staff member ensures all students are seated (with seat belts if on the bus) before the bus departs. If a student is unsure if they are to travel on the bus the staff member on duty contacts the office to check with parents prior to the bus leaving.

- **Bicycles, Scooters and Skateboards** are to be walked through school grounds and housed in the school’s bike racks. Students are expected to secure/lock their own items.

- **Arrival and Departure** - The first bell is rung at 8:30 a.m. to indicate students can move to classrooms and unpack bags. A bell at 8:50a.m indicates the beginning of the day’s learning. Teachers set the days routine and begin key teaching activities. Arrival after this time is disruptive to the whole class and often results in your child missing key messages and/or instructions.

The school day finishes at 3 p.m. If you drive to deliver and/or pick up your children from school, please drive carefully near the school, remembering to enter and leave the carpark under 40 KM/H.

A staff member supervises the students being transported by car. Students gather at the front school gate. They notify the staff member supervising when they observe their carer and are then able to leave the school grounds. Students not collected by 3.20 pm are supervised at the front gate, or moved to an area where they can be supervised by staff in the office.

P&C News

**School Banking:** Will occur every Friday starting on the 3rd February 2017.

**P&C Meeting:** Monday 27th February in the Explore Centre at 3.15pm.

**Refund Policy**

Student Resource Scheme and subject fees: If a student, having paid a student resource levy, leaves the school through the year, a pro-rata refund will be made to the parent, calculated on the participation fee paid, less the cost of consumed materials or events attended.

At Delaneys Creek State School, we are committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for students, staff and volunteers. This commitment includes the health and safety of staff and students when conducting curriculum activities in the school or in other locations.

School excursions and camps enhance a student’s learning by providing opportunities for the student to participate in activities, both curriculum-related and recreational, outside the normal school routine. All planned school excursions are approved by the Principal and endorsed by the Parents and Citizens Association.

State schools are able to charge a fee for:

A school fee directed to the purpose for which it is charged. School fees for excursions and camps are calculated on a cost recovery only basis, according to the number of students who have indicated their attendance.

Participation of students in an excursion or camp is indicated through payment of the excursion or camp fee and provision of a permission form completed by the parent/carer.

As the school budget cannot meet any shortfalls in funding for an excursion or camp due to the subsequent non-participation of a student who had previously indicated attendance of the activity, fees already paid for an excursion or school camp may be refunded in full or in part or not at all, having regard to the associated expenses incurred and the circumstances of the non-participation.

If a parent/carer wishes to apply for a refund due to their child’s non-participation in an excursion or camp activity, they may do so by completing a Request for Refund form available from the office. Where possible, the request should include the receipt relating to the payment for which a refund is being sought.

Refund amounts of $10.00 and under will be processed as a credit on the student’s account. This credit can be used for a future activity.
News from Year 2
Wow – what a great start to the year we’ve had. We have worked well to establish our routines and daily procedures and the children are following these fairly easily and independently. We have started our Science and History units of work and the children are learning about the properties of materials and how things have changed over time. These units are nicely linked as we explore different materials and how, when and why they are used to make new products. We have some old things in our class already (apart from me), such as a rotary phone and an old cast iron clothes iron. Children love the stories of life in the olden days, before electricity and before computers or the internet. Please feel free to send in pictures of olden day items or if you would like to loan us things for our interest table for the children to have some hands on exposure.

Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for our information session. I will be sending out copies of what we covered in the next day or two to those who missed it. As always, if you have any questions or comments, please let me know. The home folders are a great way to send in notes to me, or email me msull70@eq.edu.au. Have a great week!

Mrs Mary, Year 2 Teacher

Chappy News
Mark the date! World’s Greatest Shave Monday 20th March, during afternoon assembly. Parents, staff and students, if you would like to raise money for Leukaemia foundation and shave your head on date above, please leave a message in the office for Chappy Lisa and she will contact the appropriate adult to give information about your online sponsoring page. Parental permission will be sought for any children willing to shave.

Local Chaplaincy Committee
Who would like to support Chappy Lisa (& Chappy Nikki from Woodford) by attending and participating in 2 meetings per term to hear about what chaplains are doing in schools, where they need support and where you can contribute to planning and helping at chaplaincy community events. Thursday 9th February 3:30-5pm at Woodford P-10 State School. Sign in at office and told of location (usually in Library).

Community linking
Anglican Church art competition. Colouring templates available from your classroom next week (week 4) or Chappy’s room Mondays and Thursdays. Finished art work hand in by Friday 24th to be displayed in Anglican Church from Sunday 26th February till after Easter.

Goodstart Woodford Information Evening
Everyone’s invited to attend 5pm – 6pm on Monday, 13th February 2017 at Goodstart Woodford (16-22 Kropp Road, Woodford, QLD) Ph.: (07) 5496 1321. Come and join us for an exciting information evening here at Goodstart Woodford. We have organised for guest speakers from some local support agencies, such as a speech pathologist, dietician, occupational therapist and many more to come and share their expertise with us. This is a great opportunity to be able to speak with these professionals in the one setting. You will have the chance to speak with the local support service professionals about services that they offer and how these may support your family. This is a unique opportunity so don’t miss out!

Please RSVP to: Danielle at Goodstart Woodford (07) 5496 1321 by Thursday, 9th of February.

Bring your friends! We hope to see you there!

We will also be discussing our Kindergarten information for the year and special dates for our transition to school.

Caboolture BMX Club Committee
Invites you to their annual “Come and Try BMX” day on Saturday 18th February 2017 at 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Each year they hold a free event where community members are given the opportunity to test out the sport of BMX racing and what it has to offer and to see our wonderful club in action.

Fast action packed sport for all ages, genders and abilities. Located in Centenary Lakes sporting Complex (Morayfield Road, Caboolture).

Sign up costs are as follows:
- 4 Months (trial licence, all new members) $41.15
- Mini Wheeler (balance bike) $50.85
- Sprocket (7 years & under) $163.45
- Open 12 Months (8 years & over, ride anywhere in Australia) $169.60
- Club 12 Months (8 years & over, ride only at the club) $144.90

When do we run?
- Tuesday nights coaching
- Wednesday nights practice nights
- Friday nights racing

What will I need?
- BMX bike
- Full face helmet
- Gloves
- Long pants
- Long shirt
- Enclosed shoes