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**Dates to Remember**

**Save the Date**

- Saturday 9th September
- 125th Year Anniversary

**P&C Meeting:** Today, Monday 27th February
Explore Centre at 3:15pm.

* The school will not be nominating students to participate in all these sports, therefore parents/caregivers are responsible to nominate their child/ren to attend trials.

**Term 1 (23 January – 31 March)**

- 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 10-12yrs 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)
  - 20/03/17 Shave for a Cure
  - 22/03/17 District Soccer *
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  - 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
  - 31/03/17 Last day of Term 1

**Term 2 (17 April – 23 June)**

- Week 1 (17/04/17 – 23/06/17)
  - 17/04/17 Easter Monday (Public Holiday)

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**Student Absence Line**

07 5434 6366

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

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School Wide Positive Behaviour Support
The focus for Week 5 & 6 is:

~*~ Be Respectful ~*~

Move around the school respectfully
Line up in 2 lines if you are with your class. When your feet are moving, your lips are closed and silent. Make as little noise as you can, to ensure that you don’t disturb other classes. Remember to be respectful of others in and around the school that are working.

Congratulations Class Peg Weekly Winners:
Week 3: Year 1
Week 4: Year 4/5

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.

Car Park Catastrophe
Since the start of the school year we have had no less than 5 close calls between children and cars. Our car parks design makes 3pm pick up a high risk time of day for children. This is due to 2 basic road rules being violated. These road rules concern double parking and jay walking which are both fineable offences. We can make our carpark safe by

- Pulling into a designated car park before your child enters/leaves the car and;
- Ensuring the zebra crossing is being used by children and adults.

The Senior Regions Road Safety Advisor from the Department of Transport raised this important issue of “A parent has the prerogative to parent their child as they see fit, they are not however permitted to put the wellbeing of other children at risk”, which is what happens every time these road rules are violated. Please help keep our children safe in the carpark as it only takes a split second to alter the lives of a family forever. An information flyer about the school zones and cross have been sent home last week.

Prep Class News
The Preppie Puppies have been learning all about our “Being Safe” rule. As part of this they have been practising how to use the crossing in the car park. We need to encourage the use of the crossing in the car park to ensure the safety of all children.

Miss Emma’s monsters are very popular with the Preps and the children ask to do the moves every day. We are now experts with the green monster moves and are moving into learning to recognise the sounds and letters that go with them. A couple of children have even started reading the green words.

In technology the children are learning how to draw a plan and then use the plan to build with.

Mrs Kerry Buss, Teacher

Delaneys Creek State School is celebrating 125 years.
School Opened: Monday 5th September 1892
Date: Saturday 9th September 2017
Time: 2:30pm-8:00pm

Schools are a non-profit organisation and we are constantly seeking grants and support through the wider community. If you or your business would like to support this momentous occasion, I have listed a few ideas where your donations could be best utilised. Any support would be greatly appreciated. If:

- Donating bags to create show bags (with your logo)
- Donating funds to this event for a bush dancer and/or memorabilia items
- Donating prizes for students ‘Side Show Alley’ and Fashion Show.
- Donating funds towards the sign on register
- Loaning of marquees (with your logo)
- Loaning Hay Bales to place around school oval for the event.
- Loaning of a golf cart buggy (To transport elderly dignitaries from oval to ceremony and back. Also from vehicles to VIP tent)
- Merchandise from your business for our senior leaders ‘125th Show Bag Giveaway’
- Support in hiring 8 portaloos
- Support in hiring lighting for our school oval
- Support in hiring a portable stage

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 or if you are a past student, staff or family please contact Maria Sharp on 07 5434 6333 or email mshar48@eq.edu.au.
**Year 3 Class News**
Welcome to Week 5!
It has been a busy five weeks and the Year 3’s have been working hard. We have had a very successful start to the year and have learnt many things in a short amount of time. The parents of Year 3 students should be extremely proud!
We have been learning about persuasive texts and high modal words in English, about place value in Maths, celebrations and commemorations in History, resilience strategies in Health and about living things in Science.
During science, the students have been growing bean seeds and recording the growth of the plants. We began with a container and cotton wool, then we placed the seeds in the cotton wool and watered them daily. We are currently in the middle of a five-day experiment. Very exciting!
If you would like to contact me by e-mail: dsyms4@eq.edu.au, or you may wish to write a note in your child’s homework. Alternatively, I am available in the mornings 8:30-8:50 or in the afternoons 3:00-3:15pm.
Have a great week!

*Miss Syms, Year 3 Teacher*

**Travelling by bus**
Is your child prepared for their journey to school on public transport?
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).

**Community Chest Grant**
We have been chosen by IGA Woodford as recipient of their community chest grant. The money will be used to purchase a small group set of iPads for our Prep class. Thank you for supporting local businesses.

**P&C News**
**School Banking:** Will occur every Friday.
**P&C Meeting:** Monday 27th March in the Explore Centre at 3.15pm.

Ever thought of joining a P&C meeting but afraid you might leave with ‘a job’?
Well don’t be! Our P&C is as interactive as you want it to be. The perks of being a part of our P&C are many:

- It is a great chance to connect with the community, where new friendships are often made
- You are the first to hear about school activities and events
- You gain valuable insight into how the school programs work and why the teachers to what they do
- Your ideas, thoughts and issues are heard in a considerate manner

We meet once a month in the Explore centre on a Monday at 3:15pm. Our first meeting is Monday 27/02/17. The children are free to play in the playground (unsupervised) or be in the library where you can keep an eye on them.

New faces often bring new ideas and we would love to hear yours when setting out this year fundraising calendar!

**National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)**
**Free Information Session** Thursday, 9th March, 2017 at 9.15am-11.45am Delaneys Creek State School (200 Delaneys Creek School Road, Delaneys Creek, 4514).

Mamre’s Pave the Way program is funded by the Queensland Government to officially conduct NDIS participant readiness presentations in your community. These are very important free events on how the NDIS will work and how you can prepare for when the scheme starts in your area.

To register for this presentation please ring the school directly on (07) 5434 6366. Should you require support/consideration for mobility, auditory, visual, interpreter or cultural needs, please let us know when you register and we will attempt to assist you.

“Pave the Way’s event was fresh and new with a completely different flavour and I felt elevated at the end of it. I especially liked the videos and I have advised my son to attend the next presentation as I want him to see the possibilities that could be available to him and open up his way of thinking about his life and potential.” - Michelle, 2016

An NDIS Participant Readiness activity funded by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services.
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. Youth Excel’s onsite psychology program is all about bringing that help to you. Youth Excel’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 GP’s for students who have symptoms impacting their mental health.

The psychologist will be at:
Woodford P-10 State School on Tuesdays from 8.00am to 12.00 noon and Wamuran State School on Tuesdays from 1.00pm to 5.00pm.
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.
Youth Excel 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

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
And collect the following:
- Parent Information Pack
- Onsite Psychology-Student Registration Form

Tutoring: Literacy, Numeracy and Homework Assistance
Tutoring available for students in years 1 to 4.

Venue: Delaneys Creek SS (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

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.

Chaplaincy Key Accountabilities

Social & Emotional Support: Chaplains provide proactive pastoral care for students, staff and parents, helping to create a positive and safe school environment and looking out for those in need. They support students and the school community through bereavement, difficult family and peer relationships and other life difficulties that confront children and young people.

Spiritual Support: Chaplains provide an additional dimension to the school’s care by supporting the spiritual needs of students, regardless of their faith or beliefs. For students who seek it, Chaplains can help them explore their worldview in relation to spirituality, values and ethics in a safe and respectful environment.

Mentoring: Chaplains act as role models for students, assisting them to develop positive and supportive relationships. Chaplains may also implement mentoring programs, utilising resources and volunteers from the local community.

Community Development: Chaplains help to build strong links between the school and the wider community. By networking with school staff, local churches and community based youth organisations, Chaplains help to mobilise the resources of the community to support students’ needs.

Educational Support: Assisting with classroom activities (under the direction of a teacher) where involvement by the chaplain provides further social, emotional or spiritual support for those students who may be at the risk of disengagement.

Extra-curricular Activities: Chaplains contribute to building a positive school environment by participating in general school activities, excursion, sports days, camps and other holiday activities.