Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank students, staff and parents for your warm welcome to Delaneys Creek State School. I will be filling in for Mrs Judge while she is on leave until the end of term 1 and I feel privileged to share in your child’s learning journey. I am a firm believer in the power of education and it is a pleasure to watch the talented, dedicated staff work with your children. This is my 31st year working with Education Queensland and have worked at Marsden SHS for 8 years, followed by 22 years at Caboolture SHS. Delaneys Creek SS has a wonderful reputation of preparing respectful, responsible, motivated learners and I look forward to sharing their journey over the next few weeks.

Staff and students work together to create a safe and supportive learning environment at Delaneys Creek. While we reinforce “Be Safe” regularly at school, we also need to remind students about being aware of strangers. Children see strangers every day in stores, in the park, and in their neighbourhoods. Most of these strangers are nice, normal people, but a few may not be. Parents can protect their children from dangerous strangers by teaching them about strangers and suspicious behaviour, and by taking a few precautions of their own. In addition to teaching children how to recognize and handle dangerous situations and strangers, there are a few more things parents can do to help their children stay safe and avoid dangerous situations.

1. Know where your children are at all times. 2. Point out safe places. Show your children safe places to play, safe roads and paths to take, and safe places to go if there’s trouble. 3. Teach children to trust their instincts. Explain that if they ever feel scared or uncomfortable, they should get away as fast as they can and tell an adult. 4. Teach your children to be assertive. Make sure they know that it’s okay to say no to an adult and to run away from adults in dangerous situations. 5. Encourage your children to play with others. There’s safety in numbers!

A reminder to parents that students need to be in the blue undercover area until 8:30am. If students arrive before 8:30am, staff are not available for supervision.

Please avoid sending lunches to school that are in tins. We have recently had a couple of accidents with students cutting themselves while opening the tin lids or licking them. The contents would be much safer if in a plastic container.

Parents of years 4/5 and 5/6 - Please note: The St Helena Excursion date has been changed from 20th April 2017. The excursion is now on 28th April 2017. Sorry for any inconvenience.

The Student Council will be busy over the next couple of weeks. On 17th March, we will be reinforcing our supportive school environment by promoting “Bullying No Way!” Students can show their support for this initiative by wearing orange and bringing a coin donation. On 20th March, students will also be invited to take part in Shave for a Cure. A permission letter will be sent home closer to the time in relation to this event.

Settling In reports will be issued on Monday 20th March. These reports will give parents/caregivers feedback on how their child has settled into the new school year, focusing on their effort, behaviour, interaction with other students, spelling goals and areas requiring support or extension. We look forward to receiving your signed acknowledgement of the report, along with feedback regarding areas of concern or positive experiences.

Regards,

Mrs Allyson Seymour
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

The focus for Week 7 & 8 is:

~*~ Be Responsible ~*~

Organise Yourself before Sitting Down to Eat

Get a drink. Wash your hands. Put your hat away when you grab your lunch. Sit quietly and eat your lunch. Put rubbish in bins when you are dismissed, then go for a drink and go to the toilet. Sit in the Blue Undercover Area if eating during playtime. Use bubblers appropriately.

Congratulations Class Peg Weekly Winners:

Week 5: Prep  Week 6: Year 3

Recognition of Service - Staff Awards

On Parade, 27th February, Mrs Jodie Cousins – Master Teacher, Mrs Gae Garlicon – Cleaner and Mr Jon Lee – Year 4/5 Teacher received recognition of service awards. We appreciate the service and dedication they have given to Education Queensland but in particular our school.

Mr Tim Smith & Mrs Maria Sharp

Student Absent from School

From January 2017 all Queensland schools are required to contact parents on the day of absences to notify them if their child has not arrived at school. This is to ensure the safety of your children and avoid time delays in emergency situations. Please phone the 24 hour Student Absence Line on 07 5434 6366 by 9.30am to advise of any/all occasions when your child/ren will be away from school. We suggest you store this number in your phone.

All children attending MUST be present in their classroom for roll marking on the second bell at 8.50am and any child not in the classroom will be marked as ABSENT. Children who arrive after 8.50am will be required to go to the office to collect a LATE SLIP to present to their teacher. Office staff will check and clear the Absence Line by 9.30am and a DAILY UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE report will be run. If you have any queries or concerns regarding this new policy, please contact the office.

Celebrating 125 Years

Delaneys Creek State School is celebrating 125 years.

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

Please help us celebrate by:
- 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 thank Bunnings for their donation of the whipper snipper and the mower. We greatly appreciate your donations.

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 members please contact Maria Sharp on 07 5434 6333 or email mshar48@eq.edu.au.

Maria Sharp, Business Services Manager

Life Education

Please return your child/ren’s Life Education permission slips to the office ASAP. Thank you to all the parents/caregivers that have already returned their child/ren’s permission slips to the office. Life Education will be running from Tuesday 28th to Thursday 30th March.

Tuesday 28th - Year 4, Prep and Year 2; Wednesday 29th – Year 6, Year 1 and Year 5; Thursday 30th – Year 3.

Caught Learning in Year 4/5 Classroom

Mr Jon Lee, Year 4/5 Teacher
**Year 1 Class News**

Over the past 6 weeks in the 1S Learning Detectives office we have been adjusting to many new routines and classroom procedures.

**What is Daily Five?** A literacy structure that allows for differentiation in the classroom and provides consistency. It is an integrated literacy instruction and classroom management system for use in reading and writing workshops. It is a system of five literacy tasks that teaches students independence. When practicing Daily 5 behaviours such as Read to self, Read to others, Work on writing and Word work we have worked hard on our brain stamina and can now focus quietly for more than 10 minutes.

**History**, we have investigated how time can be measured using time keeping devices, a calendar and can be described using words like past present, future, yesterday, today and tomorrow. We have decorated a shoebox to collect memories from our lives – photos of when your child was born, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, a small treasure they may have and a special item they got on a holiday or someone bought back from a holiday. Just a reminder that the following items are now required so your child can complete their assessment / project — Collection of work: Time capsule.

**Maths**, we are counting forwards to 100 by 1’s with the help of Jack Hartmann (Let’s Get Fit | Count to 100 | Count to 100 Song | Counting to 100 | Jack Hartmann) and starting counting by 2’s (Count by 2 | Dancing 2’s | Skip Counting by 2 | Count to 100 | Educational Songs | Jack Hartmann). The Learning Detectives love singing and dancing with Jack. Look him up on you tube – (https://www.youtube.com/user/JackHartmann).

**Science**, we have been busy being science habitat detectives and making links between external features of living things and the environments in which they live. We have looked at the needs of living things and how the needs are met in a variety of habitats. Last week we began to compare differences between healthy and unhealthy habitats and suggested how changes to habitats affect how the needs of living things are met.

*Ms Kylie Smith, Year 1 Teacher*

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**P&C News**

Thank you to the parents who took the time to come to our first meeting for 2017. We have a busy year of fundraising ahead and have identified a few possibilities for what we may need to fundraise for this year, and we will keep you posted! With the 125th anniversary happening in September we’re excited about the fund-raising possibilities arising from this. We’re hoping members of our school community can pitch in to help us make this day a huge success and everyone can join together to celebrate the history of our school.

**EASTER RAFFLE** - Our annual Easter Raffle is back. We would be grateful for donations of any of the following items - chocolate, cake mixes, tinned food, biscuits, lollies, pasta, children’s books, pencils, easter teddies etc. There is no limit of what you can contribute and the more donations we get the more hampers we can make - all of the donations are packed into separate hampers and we raffle them off. Raffle tickets went home on Monday 6th March - please return all tickets to the school office even the unsold ones. Donations will be accepted up until the 22nd March.

**TUCKSHOP** - The new tuckshop team have settled in nicely to the New Year and wish to thank everyone for their support. The new menu has been well received and it’s been wonderful to see the children embracing the new healthy choice items.

**SCHOOL BANKING** - School banking is every Friday. Children earn a reward for every 10 deposits they bank - it’s a great incentive to start them on their saving journey. Signup packs are available from the school office.

**UNIFORM SHOP** - The uniform shop will no longer be open one day a week, instead you will be able to purchase uniforms whenever it is convenient for you from the school office, with the understanding that our wonderful office staff are busy in peak times. EFTPOS is great, cash and cheques are also accepted. Old polo shirts are now on sale for $15. New polo shirts are $30 - the new polos are cotton on the inside and polyester on the outside so they are more fade resistant and have the new emblem on the front as well as the school name around the collar. Children can still wear the old polos, however they will be phased out over the next two years.

**NEXT MEETING** - Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting which will be held in the Explore centre at 3.15pm on Monday 27th March.

The P&C is about people – people just like you – parents, care givers and community minded people who want to help their school. We work very closely with the school, building a stronger school community, where all of our children benefit.
Why join the P & C? A lot can and has been achieved through the P & C and school working together towards common goals. To continue the great work, P & Cs need people from all walks of life and with a range of talents who are committed to delivering great outcomes for our children and the school. Everybody has a role to play and your ideas will be heard. The more people who are involved, the more exciting and successful it will be. We would love to welcome some new members to the P & C in 2017. Our meetings are friendly and welcoming (and did we mention there’s cake and coffee?). Children are welcome to attend and play in the adjoining explore centre or unsupervised outside.

P&C President Mary Carter

Say No To Bullying

17th March 2017

What can YOU do?

There are some important things you should do if you think you are being bullied.

Tell someone

- Tell your Mum or Dad, one of your family, a grandparent, teacher, friend or someone else who you think will listen to you. Ask them to help you work out if it is bullying and what to do.
- Tell a teacher. It doesn’t matter where it happens - in school, out of school or online, teachers want to stop bullying when they know about it.
- If bullying is happening on your phone or the internet, keep messages and posts that hurt you or write down what happened and show an adult.

Stay positive - be confident

Think about positive things:

- what you like doing at school and away from school
- what you are good at
- the people who like you and care about you.

Try some things yourself

- Tell the other person 'I don't like that'. Use a strong and confident voice. Even if you don’t feel strong and confident, fake it!
- Talk with the person who is bullying you (if you think it’s a safe thing to do). Ask them if there is a problem that you might be able to sort out together. If you feel too scared to do it alone, ask a friend to come with you.
- If possible, ignore the person bullying you. When they’re ignored kids who bully often lose interest. If that doesn’t work, tell someone and ask for their help. Don’t try to get back at the person who bullies you. It usually doesn’t work, and you can end up in trouble too.
- Hang around people who help you feel good about yourself

Friends don’t bully you. They care about you and are fun to be around. You might also make new friends by caring about others.

If it happens on the phone or internet

- Don’t respond to the message.
- Tell your Mum or Dad, one of your family, or someone else who can help you work out what to do.
- Ask for help to put a block on your mobile device (iPod Touch, iPad, phone etc.) or social networking page so you don’t get the bullying posts or texts.

Visit the Top Tips for Kids on the National Centre Against Bullying website https://www.ncab.org.au/bullying-advice/bullying-for-kids/how-to-deal-with-bullies/

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. On the day students can come to school with crazy hair designs and bring a gold coin donation. The Student Council will be in charge of collecting the donations.

Chappy Lisa

Help Support Delaney’s Creek State School

For every loan settled Jessi will donate $200 to Delaney’s Creek State School to assist with fundraising efforts. This offer is available to friends and family, just mention this post.

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