Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the third term of the school year. We’ve welcomed the cooler weather again this week, making it harder to get up in the mornings. I have been impressed with students still arriving on time for the beginning of the school day.

Term Overview

Attached to this Newsletter is the term overview. While some scheduled events may change or new events may be added this calendar will assist you to remain informed about the activities happening at school.

School Opinion Survey

The 2016 School Opinion Survey is to be conducted between 14 - 25 July. The information needed for parents to log on and complete their Opinion Survey is being sent home to parents who have been randomly selected. Please take 10 minutes to log on and complete the survey as it provides valuable information to future school planning.

Playgroup

Playgroup will commence on Monday July 18. It will operate every Monday morning between 9.00am and 10.00am in the Prep building. The 2016 Prep class will attend library lessons at this time, which allows Mrs Buss (our Prep teacher) and Mrs Wade (our prep teacher aide) to run fun, educational and hands on activities with the parents/care givers and children who attend playgroup.

There is a one off cost of $5 to join the playgroup and a weekly gold coin cost to cover costs of materials. Please share this information with anyone you may know who has non-school aged children.

Student Carnival

In 2013 the Student Council developed the idea to hold a Carnival as a small fund raiser towards their projects during the year. The carnival is being held again this year, on Friday 2nd September, details as follows:

- Mixture of free and paid activities
- Performance by finalist of ‘Delaneys Creek Got Talent Show’
- Begins at 2.30pm and Finishes at 4.00pm

Students remaining after school (from 3.00pm) must have arranged with their parent how they will travel home. Bus students are to catch the bus as normal if this is their only method of transport.

Glasshouse District Athletics Carnival

The students who were successful at the small schools sports day will be representing our school at the upcoming District carnival.

DATE: Thursday 28th & Friday 29th July 2016

VENUE: Skippy Park, Beerwah

TIME: 9.00 a.m. - 2.30 pm each

FORMS: Please bring back to school by Wednesday 20th July

P & C Meeting

The first P & C meeting will be held on Monday July 25th. One topic being discussed is the introduction of an official school sports uniform and possible alterations to the daily uniform.

Yours in Education, Anita Judge, Principal
Delaneys Creek State School

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support
The focus for **Week 1 & 2** is:

“**Make Wise Choices**” - **Be Responsible**

*Be responsible for your own actions. All actions have a reaction whether good or bad.*

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**Congratulations Class Peg Weekly Winners:**
Term 2 Week 10: Prep

**Weekly Class Peg Tally**

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**Congratulations Term 2 Overall Peg Winners:** Year 6

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**Valley Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to our junior and senior spelling teams, for their efforts at the Mountain Schools competition. Our junior team won the overall junior competition. Mikaela Hewitt-Filian won the Junior Individual category.

Sarah, Bonnie, Mikaela and Jasmine

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**Recycling Cans**

Thank you for all the cans community members have bought into school. These are always being accepted in the bag near the tuckshop. If you are able to crush them prior to bringing them in, it would be a great help.

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**Cow Pat Lotto**

Congratulations to our Cow Pat Lotto Winners:

- Donna Grigor
- Robyn Atkinson
- Adrian Watson
- Vicki
- Carmen Smith
- Amanda Knight
- Kristy Challen
- Barbara McClintock
- Luciana Vidoni
- Tony Gilliland
- Jack Reason
- Mick Filian
- Gabrielle Trudgett

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**Order Jumpers Now at The Uniform Shop**

Please make sure your child/ren are not caught out by not having a warm jumper this winter.
Teaching Reading Comprehension
Our teaching of reading comprehension strategies continues for the first half of the term with **Summarising**.

**Summarising** is a strategy where students demonstrate their understanding of a text or a section of a text by identifying the main ideas and then combining these ideas into an oral, written or a visual summary. Summarising applies to both fiction and non-fiction texts.

Students require multiple opportunities to practise the strategy of summarising as it is an extremely useful strategy for them to master as they continue on to higher levels of study.

The bookmark above lists sentence starters that will assist students in verbalising the main ideas and key information from texts and then combining them together to form a summary.

*Jodie Cousins, Master Teacher*
Delaneys Creek’s Got Talent Show

Starting soon!! Come and show your Stuff!

Can you sing? Dance? Juggle or do Circus Acts? Play an instrument or do a comedy routine? Are you a very good Artist? This year we have a section just for Art (painting, drawing etc.)

Entry Forms and Parent Permission Forms are available from the Office or from Miss Barnes’ Room from Week 2. They must be returned with permission and payment to the Office by end of Week 4 (5th August).

Judging to start in Week 6 and the Finals are in Week 8 (2nd Sept)

Cost is $2 per student per performance.

Prizes: TBA

Performance Section First Prize: TBA
Performance Section Second Prize: TBA

Art Section First Prize: TBA
Art Section Second Prize: TBA

Upcoming Parent Teacher Meetings - Week 1-3
The parent/teacher meeting is an important time to share ideas and information with your child’s teacher.

You can also discuss ways to help your child develop strengths and overcome challenges. These 10 tips will help you get the most out of your time with the teacher.

Remember: at many parent/teacher meetings, your time will be limited, 15 minutes passes very quickly when you are reviewing 6 months of learning.

➤ **Ask yourself questions.** Focus on what you want to get out of your parent/teacher meeting. For example, "What can I do to get involved in my child's learning?" "What methods are being used to teach my child and does this work for me at home?"

➤ **Talk to your child before.** Ask your children what they are good at and what needs improving.

➤ **Arrive ready.** Arrive in positive frame of mind to share and receive information - bring the questions you prepared in advance.

➤ **Relax and feel confident.** You know your child best and want what’s best. Remember, the teacher also wants your child to be successful and your child often displays different personality traits at school to the home environment.

➤ **Be clear about what's being said.** If you need clarification or have concerns about an answer the teacher gives, ask the teacher to explain it further.

➤ **Think about what was discussed.** Take some time to think about what you and the teacher talked about. If you are still unclear about something or want to ask more questions, don’t be afraid to call the teacher to talk further.

➤ **Follow-up at home.** Talk with your child after you have met with the teacher. Discuss what was talked about in the meeting, focusing on the positive and how to achieve the goals that set at school and during the meeting.

➤ **Keep a log or journal.** Write down the actions you take and any observations about your child. This is important information that can be shared with the teacher at the next meeting.

➤ **Arrange a next meeting.** Set a date when you will call the teacher for an update on your child’s progress or to arrange another meeting during the next school term.