**Message from the Principal**

**NAPLAN Individual Student Results**

Last week year three and year five students who participated in NAPLAN tests in May took home their individual results.

Their reports are comprised of summative data gathered from one source - a point in time test (results indicate what your child achieved on a particular day in a specific test). The goal of NAPLAN tests are to evaluate student learning and compare it against National standards or benchmarks. If you have any questions around the interpretation of these tests please don’t hesitate to discuss them with your child’s teacher or myself.

Our individual school’s overall results, have continued to grow and demonstrate the dedication Delaneys Creek staff display to ensure our students achieve high results.

Our school results provide parents with an indication of the effect the teaching and learning programs provided at Delaneys Creek School are having on each student’s performance, proving them with the skills necessary for everyday life: reading, writing, spelling and numeracy.

NAPLAN reports are in general, a good indicator of where your child sits in relation to other children of the same year level in Australia and they provide useful diagnostic data to our school. The data gathered does not replace the formative or summative assessments teachers utilise to monitor student learning every day.

**What is formative and summative assessment and data?**

Formative data provides ongoing feedback to students to assist them improve their learning and achieve their individualised learning goals. More specifically, the goal of formative assessment is to help teachers to identify students’ strengths and weaknesses and target areas that need work. The term summative describes assessment processes that ‘sum up’ what a child has learned by reviewing data gathered over time from a range of sources. (One source being NAPLAN).

**What is "Quasquicentennial" in 2017?**

One answer is, Delaneys Creek State School. “Quasquicentennial” is used to describe a 125th anniversary. The word means “one and a quarter,” and centennial. In 2017 the school will have been open for 125 years.

Many past students have returned to Delaneys Creek as parents, when they have enrolled their own children at our school. These past students often look back on very good memories of primary school and I would like to invite past and present parents to work with me and the school community to plan our 125th celebration in 2017.

There will be a special display area for past generations of students to share their different class photos and special items. If you have special memorabilia you are able to share for this event. Please contact the school or send me an email (amead1@eq.edu.au) if you are interested in joining the planning for our 125 year celebrations.

**P&C News**

The 5-cent challenge is in full swing for Term 3, the class that collects the most will win a prize. We have had a few request for another Pie Drive, forms will be sent home in the coming few days. We are also needing donations of large bags of M&Ms or Malteses for our Father’s Day stall this year, these can be dropped off at the office. Miss Nicky is also after volunteers to work the stall on the Thursday and Friday 1st and 2nd of September.

Nicole Hilleard, P&C Fundraiser

**Yours in Education, Anita Judge, Principal**
Walk and Wait- Be Safe
Walk and Wait safely in correct area to be picked up at 3pm. Sit for bus. Wait behind fence to get picked up.

Congratulations Class Peg Weekly Winners:

Week 3: Year 5  Week 4: Year 3

Register for Prep now! Don’t wait.
It is essential that parents register their child for Prep in 2017. This will ensure their child is involved in Prep orientation sessions, visits and activities, prior to the start of school year in 2017.
If the school does not have parent’s/care giver’s phone numbers or email addresses, we may be unaware that your child is coming to Delaneys Creek in 2017.
Registration can be completed in a one minute phone call (Ph. 5434 6333) or an email to msharp48@eq.edu.au.

Get Set For Prep In 2016
If you would like to know more about Prep, we invite you to attend a parent information session.
- Term 3— Wednesday 31st August
- Term 4 – Thursday 3rd November
9:00am (for a 9:15am start) – 10:00am

Parents will: Learn more about the Prep curriculum; meet the leadership and teaching staff; visit the Prep classrooms and have questions answered. Please phone the school to confirm your attendance: 07 5434 6333

If you know a family in the area that has a child eligible for prep in 2017, please encourage them to contact the school.

Order Hats Now at The Uniform Shop
Please make sure your child/ren are not caught out by not having a school hat for outside play at school.

Chappy News
Bush Dance
On the last weekend of July, Delaneys Creek and Woodford State School hosted their second annual Woodford Community Bush dance.

The Rantan Bush Band played for the evening’s entertainment and the dance floor saw many whole families enjoying ‘boot scooting’ the night away.

Great food was provided by the Scouts and the drinks were provided by the Lions Club Woodford.

Tea, coffee and a small plate of supper was included in the entry and I wish to thank all families who donated baked goods towards this. It was really great seeing you there to support school chaplaincy.

Chappy Lisa and Chappy Nikki

Glasshouse District Track and Field Trials
In week 3, the Glasshouse District track and field trials were held at Skippy Park, Landsborough.
I congratulate all students who represented our school during this event and wish Riley all the best when he represents the combined Mountain Small Schools in Long Jump.

Finance News
In week 4 the school office began sending home statements outlining payments still required for upcoming school excursions or activities (swimming, camps, raw art, and science day).

Please remember payment plans are always available and can be negotiated with our Business Manager, Maria Sharp.

Book Fair News from Mrs Bell
This year DCSS will be holding a book fair in week 7 of term 4.

As an incentive to purchase books, we will be having a “Buy one, get one pre-loved book for free”.

In order to do this, we are asking parents to raid their bookshelves and send in any children’s books that are no longer wanted by the family. They would need to be in good condition and suitable for children up to the age of 12. Donations will be collected and collated in the eXPlore centre. I have previously held a book fair using this incentive and it proved to be very popular. Thank you in anticipation.

Wilma Bell, Librarian
Positive Choices: Do the High Five

When we teach our children to “do the high five”, we are helping them learn positive ways to deal with unwanted situations.

We teach them to be proactive, resilient and to take control of an unwanted situation. We teach them to:

• **Ignore** – Try to ignore the behaviour, unless someone might get hurt.

• **Talk Friendly** – Use a calm, quiet voice and a smile and tell them to stop what they are doing. Tell the person what they are doing that is annoying you – maybe they don’t even know that their silly game is bothering you! Instead of “Stop it, I don’t like it”, try “Please stop interfering in our game. It is annoying us and we can’t play properly. Thanks.”

• **Walk Away** – Go away from the situation. If someone is being mean, don’t play with or near them. Find a new spot to play or sit. Remove yourself from the situation.

• **Talk Firmly** – Use a louder voice and look at the person when you tell them simply to stop what they are doing. This is like ‘Talk friendly’ and usually comes after you have tried that strategy. You might even give a consequence here – “Stop bothering us or we will go to the teacher on duty.”

• **Report** – You’ve tried the other strategies and they haven’t worked, or someone might get hurt if the behaviour continues, so go directly to the nearest person with power and report the behaviour. At school this is a staff member or a student leader. Outside school, this might be a parent, trusted adult or even a police man.

Student Carnival

In 2013 the Student Council developed the idea to hold a Carnival as a small fund raiser towards their projects in the year.

The carnival is being held again this year, on Friday 2nd September, details as follows:
- Mixture of free and paid activities
- Begins at 2.30pm
- 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.

$5 for a hand, children rip off a finger ticket to participate in an activity.

Any unsold fingers can be returned for a prize at 4 pm.

Playgroup

Playgroup commenced Monday July 18.

It operates every Monday morning between 9.00am and 10.00am in the Prep building. The 2016 Prep class attend library lessons during 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.

Delaneys Creek’s Got Talent Show

Judging to start in Week 6 and the Finals will be held in Week 8 (2nd Sept). Remember the winning acts will be performing at the beginning of the Student Carnival.

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.
Telehealth Parent Counselling
As a way of delivering parent counselling to those unable to access a Child Health Centre, a Trial is looking at telehealth video appointments (video conferencing). All counselling is provided by fully qualified professional social workers or psychologists known as Early Intervention Parenting Clinicians/Early Intervention Clinicians.

These Clinicians assist families with children aged 0 – 8 years where they are facing challenges in their parenting/caregiving, they are experiencing difficulties with their child’s emotions or behaviours or are facing other difficulties that are affecting their parenting abilities.

The counselling can be done in family homes or in a local GP or health services anywhere in the Sunshine Coast, Noosa or Gympie area. Parents can self-refer by telephoning the SCHHS Child and Youth Community Health on 07 5319 4824.

Tennis State Championships
Dear Shari-Lee,
We are pleased to advise that we have approved an application from Delaneys Creek State School to assist Shari-Lee attend the 10-12 Years Tennis State Championships in Brisbane.

Aspirations4Kids in Sport Ltd is an independent organisation which has been established to support funding of causes such as the one nominated by Anita Judge. It is chaired by cricket legend Mr Ian Healy and is sponsored by Q.T. Mutual Bank.

Our Aspirations4Kids in Sport program derives its funding from a variety of sources, principally private philanthropic donations and it will pay $250 plus GST to offset some of the cost of Shari-Lee attending this event.

Our aim is to make a difference to young people's lives through the power of sport and we are pleased that we have been able to support Shari-Lee and we sincerely look forward to following her positive progress in life.

Peter Lamb, General Manager
Aspirations4Kids in Sport

Stanley River Cricket Club Sign On Day
Cricket season is fast approaching. The Stanley River Cricket Club (Woodford) is very keen to hear from players new and old who are enthusiastic about cricket. Players can start from 7 years of age, all age groups catered for (including Opens/Seniors), both boys and girls welcome. No experience necessary, come and join in the fun.

Sign on day: 10am-2pm, Saturday, 20th August, 2016
Location: Stanley River Cricket Club, 31 Neurum Road, Woodford 4514 (opposite the Woodford Showgrounds)
The season starts in October, 2016 and finishes March, 2017.
For further information please contact the President, Paul Boxall – Mob: 0499 600 691

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