Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to the last term for this school year. Term four promises to be action packed with many activities planned between now and the summer holidays. I would like to thank everyone for ensuring their children are dressed in school uniform, have supplies required for completing classroom activities and have lunches to cover the three eating breaks we have during the school day.

This term will see our students attending swimming lessons at the Woodford Pool. Please ensure your child has a rashy swim shirt and either has long hair tied up and clipped away from their face or wears a swimming cap.

Our Year 5 students will be involved in our annual ‘Leadership Camp’ this week, which will assist students to determine if they have the ‘right stuff’ to apply for a 2017 school leadership position.

In classrooms the focus will continue to be on providing high quality instruction for our students with individualised instruction levels as required. It really is wonderful to see the dedication of the teachers at this school. Class Information Brochures will be sent home this week to share what information your child/ren are learning about.

School Uniform Policy will also be sent home this week.

Staffing changes for 2017
On the final day of term three, 3 of our teaching staff were informed they had received a transfer. Mrs Sanderson and Mrs Jarret’s transfers will move them closer to their homes, while Mrs Bycroft will have the experience of working in a newly established school. While these staff have their own unique skills and are assets to our school community, it is an excellent opportunity to reduce travel time and to work in a school in its beginning years. We all thank these staff for their work at our school and wish them all the best in their new school settings. We will welcome new staff into our school in 2017. They will be teaching years 2, 3/4 and job share one day a week with Mrs Buss in Prep.

Finally, I would like to request families to please complete and return the ‘where will you be in 2017?’ form attached to this newsletter. In order to accurately plan classes for 2017, we need your help. We need to know exactly which students WILL and which students WON’T be returning to our school to begin the 2017 school year with us. Thank you so much for your assistance with this process.

Enrolment Session for all students beginning in 2017:
3rd November - 9am to 10am

2017 Prep Orientation Program Dates:
Small Group “A” Sessions
8th November and 10th November
(9am-10am) Meet Parents and Students

Small Group “B” Sessions
5th November and 17th November
(9am-10am) Meet Parents and Students
(Small Group session are 1 hour sessions with a limit to 8 children per session). Children are invited to attend two small group sessions.

Orientation Program Dates:
Whole Group Induction Session (9am-11am) – Children are invited to attend this session.

Yours in Education, Anita Judge, Principal
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

The focus for Week 1 & 2 is:

“Eat My Bubbles” - Be Responsible

Label all of your belongings, even your bag. Keep your belongings in your bag. Make sure that all items of clothing are put into your bag as soon as you get changed. Wear sun-safe swimmers and apply sunscreen before swimming.

Congratulations year 2, our overall class peg winners for Term 3

Ticks in the Playground

Please check your child/ren for ticks as we have been made aware that a few students and staff members have found ticks on themselves.

Prep will be compulsory from 2017

The Queensland Parliament recently made important changes to the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. From next year, it will be compulsory for all Queensland children to undertake the Preparatory (Prep) Year, prior to entering Year 1. The legislation identifies specific exceptions that can be determined by principals on a case-by-case basis. To minimise disruption to schools and families, the new requirement will not apply to children already enrolled in Year 1 for 2017. We have seen such positive learning outcomes since the introduction of Prep and I am pleased all children will now enjoy this important start to their learning. Read more on the Education website.

Playgroup

Thank you to the families that have joined our playgroup earlier this year. Our Prep Teacher and Teacher Aide, will continue to operate playgroup between 9:00 am to 10:00 am every Monday.

While your children will still be able to attend playgroup every Monday, in our enriching Prep environment, the final playgroup session will be held on November 21.

We thank you for your understanding about the need to finish playgroup prior to the end of the year and look forward to seeing you and your child/ren in when playgroup returns in 2017.

Finally, a reminder, our 2017 Prep orientation days will begin in November and for your child/ren to participate in these, the school needs to have received your child's enrolment forms. Invitations to these sessions will be sent out next week.

Finance News

Friendly Reminder: Please ensure you have paid for your child/ren to participate swimming. Swimming starts next Friday 14th October. Thank You!

Mrs Maria Sharp, Business Services Manager

Library News

Friendly reminder: Library is on as usual on Monday 10 October 2016. Please check your child/ren’s library books are in their bags ready.

Mrs Bobbie Gallaher

P&C News

Delaneys Creek SS P & C are excited to offer a sports shirt as part of our school uniform. After consultation with the school community, an optional sports shirt has been designed for the students.

Students can choose to wear this shirt to school on days they have PE, sports day, cross country or when representing the school off campus in extra curricula activities.

As the uniform shop will not hold stock for these shirts, parent and care givers will need to order the shirts when the bi-annual large stock orders are placed. Payment will be required at the time of ordering.

Large stock orders are completed late November/early December and July. If demand for the shirt exists at other times of the year, additional orders will be placed in lots of 20.

These shirts are manufactured by the same company who makes our traditional school polo. The manufactures suggest you order one size larger than your traditional school polo. E.g. If your child is a size 6 in a school polo order a size 8 in the sports shirt.

Keep an eye on Facebook or the P & C notice board for dates when orders are being taken and size samples are in the office.

This shirt is ‘sublimated’ and the material is similar to the year 6 shirts. They will cost $40 each.

Order Forms are available from the Office.
Holt Bolt – P&C Event

What is the HOLT BOLT?
The HOLT BOLT, is a family friendly obstacle course. Kids, Parents and Teachers will have the opportunity to take part in the Holt Bolt’s family obstacle course event; a 400-500m course with:

- GIANT INFLATABLE OBSTACLES,
- Military scramble nets,
- ROCK CLIMBING WALL over the back of a ute,
- A FOAM PIT,
- Spiders web,
- GIANT SUPERMAN SWISS BALL PIT,
- Strength and agility challenges,
- ROPE & NET CLIMBS,
- Keg walls, laser tag and heaps more!

Kids and parents can Bolt together with both kids’ and adults’ obstacles and challenges!

The event runs from 9:30-11am with unlimited laps!

Cost is $25 per person

Register your child as an individual or register the whole family!

Get your tickets sooner rather than later as these events sell out fast

Saturday 19 November 2016
Delaneys Creek S.S.

Get Your Child Ready For Reading!
Literacy Anytime, Anywhere, Any Day

Looking, talking and doing things with your child does make a difference to their understanding of words and numbers.

Try some of these ideas to help get your child ready for prep when:

**Shopping**
- **Looking** to see what things you need to buy.
- **Investigating** what money you have in your purse/wallet and talking about the coins and notes.
- **Looking** through catalogues to choose what you will buy. Talking about how much money you have to spend and comparing the items.
- **Reading** the signs outside and inside the shops.
- **Talking** about the similarities and differences of items and comparing them.
- **Reading** the labels and information about various items.
- **Getting** children to cross items off the list as they are found.
- **Talking** about the size and shape of the items and the space needed to store them as you put them away.
- **Recycling** empty grocery containers to make things, for example, trees from milk cartons or puppets from boxes.
- **Greetings**: Model appropriate conversation skills when greeting shop attendants.
Delaneys Creek State School

Parent Direct and Chalk Toy Catalogues

**Last Chance to get your orders in!**

**Orders Due: Monday 10th October 2016.**

Every Order helps, no matter how big or small, our goal is to get 20 orders.

Our Prep class sent home Parent Direct and Chalk Toy catalogues, both filled with educational toys and games that make great gifts.

**Payment:** – You can pay by credit card.

(Details on Order Form in middle of Catalogue)

**We cannot accept cash**

**Cheques/Money Orders made payable to:** -

- Chalk Pty Ltd
- Parent Direct Pty Ltd

**Please make separate payments for each company**

Products will then be received and distributed before the end of fourth term.

We appreciate your support and ask that you return your order form and payment by the due date.

Kerry Buss & Karen Wade

Debating News

At the end of Term 3, Delaneys Creek SS entered two teams to compete at the final interschool debating contest. The debaters from all schools demonstrated great skill in researching and persuasive speaking.

The results for our teams were as follows:

**TV Gambling advertisements should be banned.**

MT Mee: affirmative Delaneys Creek: negative

This was an extremely difficult topic to debate and our team of Imogen, Aila and Mekaila had a tough time coming up with reasons why they shouldn’t be banned. In the end, they just missed out but it was a close contest. Thanks must go to Adam on the day for standing in for Aila who was sick. Mekaila won an award for being an Argument Ace.

**Pocket money is a right for children and all parents have a duty to provide it.**

Delaneys Creek: Affirmative Kilcoy: Negative

Well done to our team of Sophie, Kat and Amber, who won this debate even though there were some hitches that were admirably overcome. A great team effort was exhibited.

The debaters enjoyed meeting like-minded students from other schools and would like to encourage students to try out for debating teams next year.

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.