Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to term 3. I have enjoyed talking with students about their exciting holiday experiences and am pleased they are looking forward to building on their learning with their teachers.

At the start of this term, I received notification that Mrs Judge will be working at Mountain Creek State School. I am sure the school community will join me in wishing her all the best.

The annual suite of School Opinion Surveys will be conducted 31 July to 25 August 2017. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

When our school attended Woodford Show on the last day of term, I was very proud to say that I was acting in the role of Principal at Delaneys Creek SS. I observed how students interacted with their teachers, parents, members of the public and each other. All of the students were great ambassadors for the school. Thank-you also to the parent helpers who attended the show. Without your help, our students would not have been able to attend as a school group. I would also like to congratulate a large number of our students who received prizes from the Show. Handwriting, art work and vegetable produce are just a few categories students achieved well in.

You may have noticed some work has been done around the grounds over the holidays. The Lions Club made a generous donation to the school, which allowed for new soft-fall to be spread around the playgrounds, as well as new sand in the Preppies’ newly painted playground. Some work has also been done to improve the oval. None of these improvements would have been completed without the valuable contributions made by parents and staff during their holidays. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to those who gave up their own time to make these improvements possible.

The 125th Anniversary celebrations will be one of our school’s main highlights this term. Local businesses have been very generous in donating towards this event. The organising committee, which is led by Mrs Sharp, will be finalising arrangements over the coming weeks. I encourage parents to promote our celebration in the community and look forward to sharing this special commemoration with past and present students.
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support
The focus for Week 1 & 2 is:

~~ Be Respectful ~~

Play fairly and respectfully – include everyone
Set rules for the game before the game starts. Invite others to join the game. Encourage others during the game. Participate in school approved games in the appropriate areas. Allow students to join in (if possible) if they ask respectfully.

The focus for Week 3 & 4 is:

~~ Be Responsible ~~

You muck up - You own up - You fix up
Everyone makes mistakes. Own up to your mistakes. If necessary, apologise or make amends. Accept the consequences for your behaviour. Learn from this incident and don’t repeat the same behaviour.

Week 1: Year 3

Congratulations Prep! Our Term 2 Overall Peg Winners!

Parade Format
Parade commences at 2:30pm in the Giraffe Shed and concludes at 2:50pm. Students will return to their classrooms to collect their bags and will be dismissed by their teachers, once the 3pm bell has sounded. I encourage parents to continue attending our assemblies, in order to hear about our students’ wonderful achievements.

Tea Bag Tags Charity
The office is collecting tea bag tags for a community member to receive a wheel chair. Please bring in as many tea bag tags as possible to the office for this charity. For more information please talk to Maria.

Mrs Maria Sharp, Events & Business Manager

Would you like to?
⭐ Be a part of the set-up crew and pack-up crew on the day.
⭐ Run the outdoor bowling event.
⭐ Have a display and donate some proceeds to our ‘building a shed’ on the oval fund.
⭐ Invite members to this event who were a part of the school in times past.
⭐ Donate prizes to activities.

Please contact Maria 07 5434 6333 or email mshar48@eq.edu.au.

Mrs Maria Sharp, Events & Business Manager
**Year 2 News**

Hello everyone,

Welcome back after a great 2 week break. We hit the ground running this term with lots planned for year 2. Our first big event is the Legendary Landscapes excursion in early August. Notes are on their way home, but please be advised that due to the variety of places we are going to, our bus departure time is 7.30am (Aug 3rd). It will be a great day for all and a positive way to enhance our learning in the subjects of History and Geography. The children are excited about this day and we hope everyone will be able to participate.

Whilst Term 2 seems so long ago, it is wonderful to share some of the fun that we ended last term with. The students managed to fill our stone jar (whole class rewards) and enjoyed an end of semester party and free choice for a full session in the last week. This was a well-earned reward and the children were delighted. We were also able to attend the Woodford Show for a morning and I’m pleased to report that 2 of our students - Tasmin and Charlie – were awarded certificates of ‘Highly Commended’ for their handwriting exhibits. Well done. Sadly, 2 of our friends left our school (Addison and Jay). We wish them well at their new schools.

Homework continues each week, going out on a Monday and due on Friday where possible. Daily reading is very important and I will be rewarding children this term if they are able to increase their reading completion rate. If there are any problems with the homework, please encourage your child to come and see me so that we can work it out together. This encourages problem solving and resilience.

Again I welcome parent helpers into the class to assist with reading, literacy groups, maths, or science activities. Any help is greatly appreciated and I promise that your child will love the fact that you’re one of the helpers. Let me know if you are able to help out in any way.

Have a wonderful week,

*Mrs Mary Sullivan, Year 2 Teacher*

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**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 Week 4 Tuesday 1st August.

Judging is on Tuesday 8th, Tuesday 15th and Monday 21st August. The Finals is on Monday 28th August.

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

*Ms Susie Barnes, SWD Teacher*
Playgroup
Playgroup commenced on Monday 17th July. It will operate every Monday morning between 9:50am and 10:50am in the Prep building. The 2017 Prep class will attend library and music lessons at this time, which allows Mrs Kerry Buss (our Prep Teacher) and Mrs Karen 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.

P&C News
Cow Pat Lotto
Another successful year for our Cow Pat Lotto fundraiser at the Woodford Show. A big thank you to Michelle Hewitt for organising this fundraiser again, and to the volunteers who helped at the stall selling the tickets - Penny Lee, Sally Rennie-Hynes, Emma Pryer & Shannon Carter. And thank you to all of those in the school community who supported this fundraiser and bought tickets.

Crazy Hat/Beanie Day
Wednesday 26th July - Gold coin donation
All funds from this fundraiser will be put to good use replacing the existing memorial plaques around the school. The current plaques need restoring every few years and the P & C have decided to replace them with a new material so that they will never require maintenance. These plaques form an important part of our school’s story with the original intention when they were unveiled that they would be there forever. It’s up to us as a school community to ensure that we honour this intention.

Free Marquee for our school
Thank you to Simone Brodie for the idea that we enter the 'Extreme Marquees' competition. Combined with the wordsmith power of Penny Lee they got us over the line and we won a marquee for our school to use on events such as sports days and community representation days. Some of our old marquees are in need of some repair and are quite bulky so this is a very welcome addition. Here is the winning poem –

Delaneys Creek School needs a tent
They have no money left after paying the rent
With melanoma so high
The kids hide from the sky
And it’s boring if that’s how sports day is spent!

Thank you to Extreme Marquees for their generous donation!

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
Another successful and fun day was had by all at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on the 15th July. This is a great money raiser for our school and wouldn’t be possible without the help of volunteers! Everyone had a great day and a BIG THANKYOU to the following people who gave up some of their precious Saturday to support the P & C and ultimately raise money to go back into school projects - Kim McNamara, Felicity Armstrong, Kirsty Sadler-Bridge, Les Ware, Penny Lee, Rebecca Cassidy, Drew Slowman, Grahame Slowman, Shannon Carter, Mrs Buss and Mrs Seymour.

Our next meeting is on Monday 31st July at 3.15pm - 4.30pm in the explore centre.

What a P&C really does
Parents who cringe at the very mention of the term ‘P&C’ probably have never been to a meeting. What do we really do?

The P & C committee is the voice of the parents. It’s at these meetings that decisions affecting your child at school are made.

Committee meetings are held once a month. Any parent or guardian can attend.

P & C Associations are a great way to:
- get the inside story on what’s really happening in the school (not the gossip). The principal is available to answer questions and gives her own report on school happenings.
- influence school policy
- have a say in the development of school activities
- contribute to the school’s resources through various fundraising projects
- meet other parents

Schools have their own budgets —but invariably they need more than the budget allows. That’s where the P & C committee becomes a really valuable partner.

All money raised by the P & C committee must be used for the benefit of our school. But as a member, you get to vote on how funds are used—and ultimately, that can only benefit your child too.

WE NEED NEW MEMBERS - please if you have ever thought about attending a meeting make it this month! Attending a meeting doesn’t mean you will get lumped with jobs you don’t want. It means you can stay informed, have a say, meet new people, form new friendships and most importantly share in your child’s learning journey and this wonderful sense of community we are so lucky to be a part of here at Delaneys Creek State School. See you on the 31st July!

Mary Carter, P&C President