Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

During the up-coming week, I will be continuing to work with some of our Year 4, 5 and 6 students on the School Opinion Survey. This gives our students a chance to let us know what they like about our school and what they think we could do a little better. I also sent home information regarding the Parent Survey a couple of weeks ago. If your child did not give you a blue coloured letter, please visit the office and collect another survey with a new password. Thank-you to the parents and staff who have already completed the survey. The closing date is August 25.

I would like to congratulate our Year 3 and Year 5 students, as well as their teachers, for their efforts on this year’s NAPLAN assessments. Our school demonstrated strengths in the areas of numeracy, spelling, as well as grammar and punctuation. The students have clearly grasped the building blocks required to develop their writing skills, with a higher percentage of students in Upper 2 Bands (U2B) for spelling and grammar and punctuation than the nation and Queensland State Schools. It was pleasing to see that our results were similar to that of the national cohort overall.

Next year our school will be one of the trial schools completing NAPLAN on-line. A big thank-you to Ms Syms and Mrs Gallaher for the preparation they have done with regards to our School Readiness Tests, that will occur on September 5th and 6th. Our Year 3 and 5 students will have the opportunity to experience what it is like to complete 2 practice NAPLAN on-line assessments, as part of the School Readiness Tests.

I always look forward to our P&C meetings, as I get the opportunity to speak with parents about the school’s direction and the children’s learning. Delaneys Creek SS is very fortunate to have such a conscientious group of parents who attend our meetings. I would especially like to thank Emma Pryer for her tireless contributions she has made to the school, in the role of P&C secretary. Due to other commitments, Emma has recently resigned from this position and I would like to welcome Kirsty Sadler-Bridge to the role of P&C secretary. Emma has left big shoes to fill, but I am sure Kirsty will do a fantastic job.

In addition to our hard-working P&C, I would like to extend my appreciation to the parents who gave up their time over the past 3 weeks transporting our touch players to interschool sport. Your assistance enabled the costs to be kept to a minimum, as well as providing valuable support for our students.

A number of our students and staff have been struck down by colds and flu in the last couple of weeks. It is important for our students’ learning to attend school everyday; however, if they are unwell, please keep them at home until they have recovered. We look forward to having our full cohort back on deck, all fit and healthy in the near future.

Yours in Education, Mrs Allyson Seymour, Acting Principal
Weekly Behaviour Expectations for Term 3, 2017
The focus for Week 7 & 8 is:

~*~ Be Respectful ~*~

When entering a room
Knock on the classroom door. When acknowledged, open the door. Enter the room quietly and walk to the class teacher. Speak to the teacher respectfully. Leave the room quietly and close the door if you opened it.

Week 4: Prep  Week 5: Yr 4/5 L  Week 6: Prep & Yr 3

Enrol in Tennis Lessons now for Term 4
Tennis Coach: Peter Bourne

Where: Delaneys Creek State School’s Tennis Court

When: Monday and Friday mornings (before school) and Tuesday afternoons (after school) in Term 4.

Please don’t hesitate to contact Peter on 0417 779 102 for further information or to enrol your child/ren for tennis lessons commencing in term 4.

Mr Peter Bourne, Tennis Coach

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.

Mrs Allyson Seymour, Acting Principal

Sport News - Swimming Term 4
Swimming letters and medical consent forms have been sent home with every student. Please return both before end of term 3.

Thank you.

Mrs Louise Sanderson, PE Teacher & Mrs Maria Sharp, Business Manager

☆☆☆☆ Celebrating 125 Years ☆☆☆☆

Fun Rides / Student Carnival Alley (0-4yrs free)
1. Large Super Slide from 2:30pm - 6:30pm
2. Trackless Train Rides from 3pm-6pm
3. The Smashing Bumpkins will start the Bush dance at 6:45pm main-stage (Free)
4. Fashion Show (from the past to the present) starts 5:15pm main-stage (all clothing provided by the historic village) - prize drawn at the end of show (clowns handing out tickets)
5. Official Ceremony (Cake Cutting / Burying Time-capsule / Speeches) eXplore area 3:30pm
6. eXplore centre transformed into a Museum Display (step back in time 1892 - 2017) open from 2:30pm-5pm
7. eXplore kitchen transformed into DCSS ‘2017 Classroom Displays’ open from 2:30pm - 5pm
8. Delaneys Creek State School P&C - Country Bake Sale
9. Class of 2014 YR6 - Roaming vintage clowns (handing out tickets for main stage prizes every hour)
10. Class of 2014 YR7 - Running the Student Carnival Alley
11. Class of 2015 cold drink stand (throughout the whole day $2 Can and $1 water)
12. Class of 2017 Athletes Auction (With Mr Smith - every hour from main stage)
13. Chappy’s Cafe’ – $5 for a plate of goodies and tea or coffee (In the very first Delaneys Creek School building & an art gallery display of what the building use to look like)

$10 Package Deal per child
- Unlimited Super Slide ride
- 1 train ride (if you want another ride $2.00 tickets are sold at the 'Ticket Booth')
- A choice of only 2 (Fairy floss, popcorn, snow-cone, donuts or potato twister)
- 1 Ten pin bowling game
- Student Carnival Alley (Face Painting, Throw the hoop over the bottle and so much more...)
- Complimentary sample bag at the Student Carnival Alley

Guest appearance from
(Take a photo with our local community supporters)
- Woodford Fire Brigade (Try out the water hose and receive some giveaways)
- Delaneys Creek Rural Brigade (Giveaways)
- Woodford Police (Giveaways)
- North-pine Motors
- Woodford Historical Society
- Unity Water have a free water station (outside B Block)
- Bush tucker display on the lower junior oval (part of the Train tour)
- Photos will be taken if you are with us on the day you will be in the magazine (place your order in the VIP tent)

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

Mrs Maria Sharp, Events & Business Manager
Year 3 News
On August 3, the Year 2 and Year 3 students participated in an excursion that was indeed ‘legendary’. The ‘Legendary Landscapes’ excursion had 40 energetic and eager students, 4 amazing teachers and many remarkable parents (who were indeed legendary themselves), who scaled Wild Horse Mountain to view the most breathtaking scenery. While surveying the landscape at the lookout, we all learnt how to use a compass. The weather and the view that day was pristine and perfect!

Our next stop was Skippy Park for a bite to eat and a short play. Then we headed off to Landsborough to investigate the Grinding Stones. The students were extremely interested in knowing how the Aboriginal people in the local area used the Grinding Stones to create and sharpen tools. What a magical and fascinating place.

Our final destination was Mary Cairncross Reserve. The students observed many different types of flora and fauna, including birds, bats and pademelons. The rainforest walk was the definitely the highlight. Winding trails, covered by a thick canopy of trees and vines, which provided calm and serenity. I am not sure whether any of us wanted to leave!

Overall, the day was amazing. New knowledge, new experiences and new memories. Thank-you to the wonderful parents for their leadership and support. The students had a great day because of you and your commitment to their learning. Also, thank-you to Mrs Mary for organising the excursion and sharing your knowledge of the local area with us.

Ms Dee Syms, Year 3 Teacher

Father’s Day Raffle Fundraiser
Please return your Father’s Day Raffle tickets (sold or unsold) to the office by Monday 28th August. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 31st August. All monies raised will be going towards the year 6 graduation. We greatly appreciate your support. Thank You.

Kelly Porter and Shae O’Mara

Playgroup
Playgroup operates 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/caregivers 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.

School Fun Run

Tea Bag Tags Charity
The office is collecting tea bag tags for a community member to receive a wheelchair. 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
**Parent Direct Toy Fundraiser**

This year we’re using the Parent Direct Toy Fundraiser to raise $$ to purchase additional educational resources. Parent Direct offers you the opportunity to purchase quality educational & great value toys with a direct benefit to our school.

Just by ordering toys from Parent Direct, up to 25 cents of every dollar you spend will be given back to us to buy educational resources that will be used by your children. Plus for every 20 orders, we get an additional $200 to spend!

Have a look through the catalogue, then place an order at parentdirect.com.au and nominate us for the fundraising voucher during checkout. Also, take extra copies for your family and friends. The more orders we get, the more educational resources we can buy.

We believe that this is a worthwhile fundraiser and are excited about the opportunity to buy lots more resources to extend your children’s learning.

Looking for great educational gifts for Christmas? Parent Direct Toy Catalogues are now available from the Prep Room or the Office for anyone who wishes to order.

Please support this fundraiser as it helps us to continue to purchase quality educational resources.

Thanks for your support.

Mrs Kerry Bus, Prep Teachers
and Mrs Karen Wade, Prep Teacher Aide

**QLD Child Protection Week Colouring in Competition**

Any students interested in entering the colouring in competition can ask for the colouring in sheet from their teacher. Please return the colouring in to the office by 24th August 2017. Please ensure the entry details are completed on the back of the colouring in sheet.

**Stanley River – Wolverines Cricket Club**

Senior & Junior Sign-On Day
Saturday 20th August 2017
10am-2pm
Woodford Sports Ground Complex,
Neurum Road, Woodford (Opposite showgrounds)
Alternatively interested players, both junior and senior, can register online at http://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?id=13809

**P&C News**

We would like to welcome and thank all our new members and their contribution to the association. Special mention to Kirsty Sadler-Bridge and Simone Brodie for their attendance at meetings and their fresh ideas and viewpoints. Kirsty has also decided to take on the role of Secretary, relieving Emma Pryer who has been wearing a few P & C hats for some time. Thank you Kirsty.

It has been a very busy and productive few months for the P & C with great financial outcomes. Thank you to everyone who helped out and supported with these successful events. We made the following profits:- Mother’s Day stall - $480; Cow Pat Lotto – $1011; Pie drive – $522; Bunning sausage sizzle – $2203; Crazy hat day – $75; Uniform side walk sale - $630.

We have also shown our support to the school by making up the short fall from the IGA iPad grant, supplied the NAPLAN breakfast, made our yearly contribution commitment to the Year 6 Graduation and have sponsored the band for the bush dance at our 125 year Centenary celebration so that the event can be enjoyed by all.

Our major goal this year is to help the school secure a sports shed on the oval and improved housing for our sheep Aqua, Fawn and Shaun. We are also compiling a ‘wish list’ of smaller items/equipment our teachers feel would benefit our students.

Father’s Day is just around the corner and we will be running a stall for the students on Friday 1st September to purchase a gift for dad. The students will be visiting during class time and we are looking for volunteers to help with the running of the stall on the day. If you are interested or would like to know more about it please see Simone, Kirsty or Emma Pryer.

Our next meeting is Monday 28th August 3.15pm in the Explore building. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Penny Lee