Principal News

Reviewing our Explicit Improvement Agenda

At Drayton SS during 2016, our focus is on Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Within this, we are expecting all students to reach minimum standards, whilst increasing the number of students achieving in the Upper 2 Bands. Essentially, this is another term for allowing students to excel in these areas. All teaching staff will continue to focus on their Term 2 planning and student data analysis during Team Approach to Teaching and Learning (TATAL) meetings over the next 2 weeks.

Cent Sale

W hat a great success this was! Congratulations to Jennifer Cartmill, the staff and P&C of Drayton SS, our school community, and the broader Toowoomba Regional community. All monies raised will go towards sporting equipment and mathematics resources for our students, which is tremendous. Thank you to everyone for your tireless efforts. Who knows, this may be an annual event!

Student Leaders Presentation Ceremony

A reminder that this will be held this Friday, 11th March. Naturally, all parents are welcome to attend, but it would be great to have as many parents from Year 6 attend.

Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder that Parent Teacher Interviews will occur from 3:30pm - 6:30pm on Tuesday 22nd March (Week 9) in the Multi-Purpose Hall. A note went home detailing the process for booking, and the link is up on the website and on Facebook. If anyone is having any trouble with making a booking, please call the Office for assistance.

Congratulations Creative Generation Selected Students

In 2016, Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage (CGEN) will celebrate its twelfth year as Queensland’s largest youth performing arts event at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre with four performances on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th July. More than 1500 students from Prep to Year 12 will represent state schools from across Queensland.

CGEN aims to mentor and foster the next generation of performers and provides opportunities for them to work with and learn from professional artists. This annual entertainment event has launched the professional careers of many students who have gone on to star in theatre, television and musical productions.

I can confirm that at Drayton SS, we have four students who will be taking part in this event. Whilst there are still rehearsals and specific roles to work through, a major congratulations goes to Reid McAleer, Ella Morgan, Mai Lan Ruhle and Morgan McAleer. We’ll know more about their specific roles in the coming weeks. W ell done from everyone at Drayton SS and all the best at CGEN!

On That Note …

We have a number of upcoming events at school in the lead up to the end of Term 1. Next Tuesday sees the student leaders head to Highfields for the GRIP Leadership Conference. On Friday 18th March, we will participate in the School Performance Tours arts presentation, along with a Student Council initiative called Pink Stumps Day. The following week, our Cross Country will take place on Wednesday 23rd March and leading into the final day of Term 1 is Harmony Day.

There is much happening, and the only place to join in on all the fun is here at school! We look forward to seeing student attendance continuing to increase right through until the last day of Term 1.

Kind Regards,

Aleksandr Taylor-Gough.

PRINCIPAL
Cent Sale

On Sunday 28th February Drayton State School along with the P&C Association held a Cent Sale raising funds for educational and sporting equipment for the students of Drayton State School. This event was hugely successful with over 200 people attending. It was wonderful to see many of our school community involved and it was a pleasure to welcome local community members into our school. We received a lot of positive feedback from people attending and many asking when Drayton will be hosting another Cent Sale. In total we raised an amazing $3180.83. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in making this event successful. A special thanks to the P&C Association who were very supportive of this event from the very start. Many parents and staff helped in the lead up to the day. Thank you also to all the businesses who contributed items for donations and vouchers. We also had many people busy assisting on the day itself with different jobs. Your help and support is much appreciated and without this the event wouldn’t have been as successful as it was.

Bookclub News

Issue Two bookclub is due back at the office tomorrow - Thursday 10th of March. Please fill forms in carefully, and remember to add your child’s full name and class, not just year level. If paying by credit card, remember to fill in the slip and include the reference number. Cheques should be made out to Scholastic Australia. If paying by cash, please include the correct amount. There are still some orders coming from issue one, as there was an error and one order did not arrive. I have rung Scholastic, and this matter is being addressed and the missing orders will arrive in due course.

Around the World on Harmony Day

Who is involved? All of the primary school.

When? The last day of first term Thursday, March 24

What do we do? Dress up like you come from another country in the world and bring a gold coin to donate to a country in need.

What will happen? We will enjoy a performance and parade of cultural fashions then go from class to class learning about different countries and cultures in an interactive and fun way.

Why do we do this? To promote harmony between and respect for other cultures around the globe.

Re: ‘Pink Stumps Day’ Fundraising Event

This year, Drayton State School is taking part in ‘Pink Stumps Day’ on Friday, 18 March 2016.

Pink Stumps Day encourages clubs, businesses and schools to show their cricket skills and play for the McGrath Foundation. We will be hosting a ‘Think Pink’ themed day where students are encouraged to get dressed up in their best ‘pink’ costume, at the cost of a gold coin donation. A fashion parade will allow classes to strut their stuff on the stage, with a prize going to the best pink-themed class! We will also host a senior (Yr 4-6) cricket game at first break, and a junior (Yr 1-3) cricket game at second break – all in our fancy pink attire for a bit of lunchtime fun with equipment provided by the Glenn McGrath Foundation.

Students are reminded that their attire must still be sun safe: shoulders must be covered by sleeves, and enclosed shoes (no sandals, thongs, or ballet flats) must be worn. For those that are seriously lacking pink in their wardrobe, a Hair Stand will also be run by the Student Council where students can bring a gold coin donation and get their hair sprayed pink!

The funds raised will help place McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities across Australia as well as increase breast awareness in young women. The McGrath Foundation’s breast care nurses have helped support over 36,000 families experiencing breast cancer in Australia, providing free invaluable physical, psychological and emotional support from time of diagnosis and throughout treatment.

Our goal is to raise $250 and we need your help!

We would appreciate it if you would kindly support our Pink Stumps Day, by donating a gold coin on the 18th March, or donating online, so that together we can make a much bigger difference.

To donate online, please visit our fundraising page on:


Thank you for your support.
Class 3/4V and 3BG have been writing to our pen pals in Wales.

Two weeks ago when we were writing to our pen pals in Wales, Europe, we had a visitor to our room, Ms Hails. We took a photo of Ms Hails, Mrs Vaschina, Mr Taylor-Gough and 3/4V together in front of our beautiful display of Welsh postcards! We have since sent it to our pen pals.

Most students also had their photo taken with a message on a whiteboard to email to their pen pals.

We have already heard that the Yr 2 class that we write to, have received their letters from us and are absolutely delighted to be able to communicate with children on the other side of the world to them! We’re delighted too!

OUR ‘YOU CAN DO IT!’ PROGRAM EXISTS IN EVERY CLASSROOM & AIMS TO BUILD THE CAPABILITIES OF EVERY STUDENT WITH POSITIVE MESSAGES & LESSONS IN EACH CLASS ABOUT BEING:

- Organised
- Confident
- Persistent
- Resilient
- Able to get along with others

This past fortnight has once again seen many of our students earning certificates for their efforts. They are as follows:


Congratulations to our award winners!!!!
Music Note

We would like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Ann Kelleway for donating an electric keyboard to our school for use in the classrooms. This will be useful and fun.

Thank you Ann.

Our AGM has been postponed until the last Wednesday of Term March 23rd at 6.30pm in the Bendigo Building.

Thank you to those people who have kindly offered to help out in the Tuckshop. The tuckshop will reopen on Fridays in Term 2 with a new and improved menu.

We need volunteers to help at our Sausage Sizzle and Bake Sale at the local council elections (Multipurpose Hall) on Saturday March 19th from 8am -12noon. Please deliver baked goods (labelled with ingredients and prices) to the office on the Friday afternoon.

Hi All,

Just a little note to introduce myself. My name is Kathleen Fitzpatrick and I am the Guidance Officer at Drayton State School.

I am new to the school and am available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and some Mondays.

My role as Guidance Officer is to assist in supporting students identified by the school. Students that I see are prioritised by the Student Services Team. These students are referred to the committee by the classroom teacher.

Another area of my role is to assist you with accessing various support services in the Toowoomba community. This region has a wide range of fantastic services available. If you are interested in finding out more about these family centred services, please feel free to contact me through the school office.

I am looking forward to working at this friendly, community minded school.

If you see me around, please feel free to say hello and introduce yourself.

Kathleen Fitzpatrick

UNIFORM SHOP

We would once again like to remind families that the Uniform Shop will need to increase the price of most uniform items beginning from term 2, so please take advantage of the last few weeks of term 1 to come in and stock up on shirts, pants, jumpers, hats, etc. We have recently received in some stock in smaller sizes such as the girls skorts, so if you are on the lookout for anything in a small size, pop in and see us or send me a message and I can let you know what we have.

As mentioned previously, we have also got a large amount of second hand items that have been further reduced, so it is an excellent time to come in and grab those extra items to keep on hand or to find yourself a bargain! As always, if you are unable to come see us on a Monday 8.30-9.15am, or Friday 2.30pm-3.15pm please let me know and I will arrange a suitable alternative, and remember we can only accept cash or cheque at the Uniform Shop.

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