Principal News

Welcome to 2016

As we move into the middle portion of the term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the students, staff and parents at Drayton State School for a fantastic start to 2016. As Acting Principal, it has been an absolute pleasure to witness the enthusiasm and excitement for learning from staff and students alike.

Our Drayton Dragon Rules have been strategically implemented over the past year to enable all students in all classes the best chances to achieve success academically. However, it is important to note that at Drayton, much has been done to encompass learning for the ‘whole’ child – academically, physically and behaviourally (spiritually). We continue with our “Gotcha” system, which rewards positive behaviour and allows children to collect tokens to save for ‘purchases from our reward’s menu. All classes additionally maintain their own classroom behaviour system.

You as parents and caregivers are always welcome to speak with the school and/or class teacher about student progression and ways in which you can support your child at home.

School Drop Off Times

At Drayton State School, we offer limited student supervision from 8:15am. From 8:30am, students are able to play on some of the playground equipment as we have 2 staff members on duty. I would like to remind parents and caregivers that there is no supervision for students who arrive before 8:15am (45 minutes before the start of the school day). Before school, classroom teachers and school staff need preparation time for the day ahead. This is vital and I thank all parents for working with us on this, trying to keep their drop-off routine after the 8:15am timeslot.

If you are experiencing difficulty in sending your child to school, feel free to make a time to speak with me. However, from what I have observed here at Drayton State School, all students enjoy and cherish the opportunities they receive from school. Of course, attendance is often coupled with a good nutritious lunch that enables students to focus on their schoolwork.

Classroom Parent Talks

It has been pleasing to see the high level of engagement our classroom talks have been. Many teachers have organised these activities as a way to connect with you directly, as parents and caregivers and to ensure we are all on the same page in regards to your child’s learning. Please take the time to speak with your child’s teachers should you be unavailable to attend these after school sessions, as the information is highly important for you and your children. Well done and thank-you to all who have embraced these short, yet powerful sessions.

Yours in education,
Chantelle Bauer
(Acting Principal)
program with a focus on identifying student learning needs through purposeful use of data, identifying diagnostic questions to verify student thinking and developing learning ladders to inform student goals. Teachers will then use levelled questions to ensure students learning moves beyond understanding and fluency. We will then analyse student data and reflect on questions such as—what learning has occurred? What do we need to polish our practice? What is our next step? This will guide the planning for second cycle of implementation.

A number of teachers will also be completing a 6 month online program facilitated by a Darling Downs South West Online Project Officer, participants connect with a practiced online teacher to experience a series of Explicit Problem Solving Lessons. The first 5 strategies in this series provide teachers with evidence-based high yield strategies from problem solving in NAPLAN.

After the success of Project Read last year, our Literacy and Numeracy programs kick off this week from Prep to Year 5. Classes have 2 teachers and 2 teacher aides for a number of one hour sessions each week for literacy, as well as 1 ½ hours of support for Numeracy. This enables us to purposefully use the data to cater for individual student learning needs.

At home, many of the daily activities we do can help children. Reading is one of the most important.

☐ Reading to children: This would have to be one of the best ways to help children. Reading regularly (at least 3 times a week) to young children is vital to help them begin to understand the patterns of English, and build their vocabulary. Read a range of texts; stories, comics, your favourite magazine article, letters and emails from friends. As your children get into the middle years of primary school, reading longer books and chapter books, which they may not be able to read themselves, are a great way to continue to build these skills.

☐ Listening to children read: Whether it is the home reader, or their favourite story (which you have heard 150 times!), letting children read to you is great for developing confidence and knowledge. It doesn’t always matter if they are totally accurate; learning the flow of the words and understanding what they are reading about is also very important.

There are also many educational apps for mobile devices and websites which may also assist with Literacy skills.

If you would like further information or ideas for assisting your child, please talk with their teacher, or contact me at school.

Yours in education,
Chantelle Bauer
Head of Curriculum (HOC)

PE News

Inner Downs Sports

If your child is aged between 10-12 years of age and has played club/representative sport and you would like them to trial for Inner Downs, please email me ASAP so that arrangements can be made. Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics is open for 9-12 year olds, but qualification is dependent on performance at school carnivals.

Inner Downs Swimming Trials

Congratulations to the following students, who have qualified to attend the Inner Downs Swimming Trials: Morgan McAleer, Molly Hain, Ory Bruski, Brodie Hilt, Ben Rankin, Mai Lan Ruhle and Ruby Conn. These students will be swimming at Pittsworth on Friday 19th February and we wish them all the best of luck. These students need to have their permission slip and money returned to the office by Wednesday 10th February. Student Medical forms must be handed in on the night of the carnival.

Inner Downs Softball Trials

The inner downs softball trials are coming up on Thursday 18th February. If your child has played club or representative softball, please email me ASAP so arrangements can be made for them to attend.

School Equestrian Team

Drayton State School is in the process of becoming an affiliate with Equestrian Queensland. Please contact Mrs Peta Fenton-Anderson or myself for more information.

Yours in sport,
Chantelle Manteufel – cmant26@eq.edu.au
SENIOR CHOIR TO PERFORM AT SING OUT

Drayton Seniors are excited to, once again, be participating in Sing Out at the Empire Theatre in June. It will be held between June 14 & 16 (2nd last week term 2). Practices start this week for interested students from Year 4/5G, 5RG, 5/6O & 6W Wednesdays 1.45pm.

Sing Out is a non-competitive choral festival which involves 1500 students over 3 days. Our school will be on one of those days – workshopping with a visiting Conductor and other students – then returning that evening for a concert finishing with a massed choir of about 100 students filling the Empire Stage. This is quite a sight to see, and it will provide an amazing sound. As this only occurs every 2 years, it will be the last opportunity for our Yr 5 and 6 students. There is a cost involved (as there is with any excursion) to cover Empire Theatre costs and transport to the workshops, but it will be well worth it.

This is just a “Date Claimer” and forward notice. Notes will be issued later this term with further information and a request for payment. The school has to pay registration and participation fees this week but students have several weeks to save up their pocket money.

JUNIOR CHOIR WILL ALSO PREPARE SOME EXCITING SONGS FOR VARIOUS PERFORMANCES.

Cent Sale

There is only 3 weeks to go until our Cent Sale! Just a quick reminder for those who were interested in donating prizes, could you please have your donations to the office by Wednesday 17th February. We will be wrapping prizes for the cent sale on that Thursday. We are also after ice-cream containers to use for the tickets, if you have any at home we would really appreciate the use of them. If you would like them back please label with your name. On the day, we will also be hosting a bake sale. We are currently looking for volunteers who would like to contribute to this bake sale. If you are interested could you please email the co-ordinator Jennifer C artmill on jcart237@eq.edu.au. We are asking you to price your baked goods and also list the ingredients used in the baking as buyers may need this information. We hope to see as many families as possible at the Cent Sale, it is sure to be a great day with lots of fun and prize winning!

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that we have a breakfast club each morning here at Drayton SS.

It operates out of Julie Inskip (CLO) and Chappy Kate’s room at the back of the library.

Students come between 8:15 and 8:45 for a cereal breakfast with hot milo. Students are also welcome to come for the company or a quiet play. All are welcome.
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:


**Week ending 5th Feb:** Fletcher C, Larnie S, Cody W, Billy H, Mackenzie V, Mia Lan R, Charlotte L, Brinalee H, Jade M, Alex A, Drew N, Phoeinx A, Cooper M, Tallara D, Amelia S, Sam M, Jayda D, Jedd S, Cooper A, Bridgette H.

Due to technical difficulties photos will be published in the next newsletter.

**Congratulations to our award winners!!!**

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Welcome back to the new school year! The uniform Shop has been kept very busy both in the lead up to the first day back and on the days we’ve opened since. Special thanks must go to the outgoing uniform shop convenor Trisha Ott, you have left me with some big shoes to fill and I only hope I can serve our school half as well as you have. Also to Julie Sneddon, thank you so much for the mammoth effort you put in over the last few months, it is certainly noticed and appreciated.

We would like to inform parents that as well as stocking all the new uniform items, we have a vast amount of good quality second hand items as well, and soon for a short time we will be further discounting some of these second hand items up to half price, keep an eye out for when they will be available.

We have some skorts size 2 and 3 available, so those chasing smaller sizes are welcome to come and try them.

Please remember that the uniform shop can only take cash or cheque as payment *(sorry no eftpos)*, and open Monday mornings 8.30-9:15 and Friday afternoons 2.30-3.15pm. If you are unable to see us within these hours please contact me as we can arrange pick-up from the school office if required.

Thank you

Alisha O’Neill
Convenor
alisha_oneill@hotmail.com
0412675038

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**The Chronicle, Lifeline Darling Downs and South West Qld**

**Toowoomba’s Biggest Recycled Book Sale**

Dolls, Toys & Games

In the founders Pavilion at the Toowoomba Showgrounds Glenvale Road,

**Saturday 5th March and Sunday 6th March 2016**

Saturday 8.00am—5.00pm Sunday 8.00am—2.00pm

Free Admission and Parking

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Enquiries to 1300 991 443
What we've been up to in the past fortnight!

Welcome to 2016! We hope you all had a fun and relaxing break! A lot has happened over the past fortnight, and children have been spending their time cooking banana bread and honey joys! To add to this children have been busy painting a variety of crafts, all of which are on display in the hall! We have also been finger knitting scarfs and have a goal to make a finger knitting scarf the length of the hall! Outside during OSHC children have been creating sandcastles and trenches in the sandpit and have also been playing tennis and volleyball.

What we have planned for the next fortnight!

During the next fortnight we will be starting our sustainability program, where we will be saving the water we are drinking from the bubblers to water Mrs Powell's vegetable garden. We will also be saving our scraps to feed the worms in our worm farm. Furthermore craft, active group games and sports will be provided daily for students to be involved in.

We are still offering homework club if you would like to have your child/ren do it at after school care. We have it running from 3:30 until 4:30pm.

Important Notices:

A reminder to all parents that during BSC and ASC, children will be playing outdoors and will require a hat for all outside play. Sunscreen will be applied to all children prior to them going outside.

What to do if your child is absent from After School Care:

Please remember parents if your child/ren are going to be absent from the service or have gone home sick please call us on 0422 005 470 or notify the customer experience team on 1300 105 343.

Educators: Megan Krahenbring and Taylor Gladman

Service Fees and Times

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Dealing with Anxiety

As the new school year has gotten underway, lots of students (and parents) are dealing with the anxieties of adjusting to new classes, new teachers and growing into the new grade level for the year. While it can be confronting to see our children uncomfortable or upset, it is good to acknowledge the fear or concern, then talk about some strategies to help with the situation worrying them. Sometimes as adults we want to always hold it together. However it is good to talk to your children about the range of feelings we all experience – nervous for a new challenge, tired at the end of the week. Learning to both recognise our more difficult emotions, and then learning strategies to help ourselves cope is an essential life skill for all of us.

Year 6 Development Programs

This term on Fridays 11.45-12.40pm, we are running Bella Girls for the Year 6 girls and Rock and Water for the Year 6 boys. We have our Community Liaison Officer, Julie Inskip running the Rock and Water program and some great community volunteers who come each week to visit our students and help each group learn to value themselves and to make good choices.

More information will be sent home this week. Congratulations to all our new school leaders. Mrs Inskip and I are looking forward to working with you.

Parent Morning Tea

19th February 9.30am-11am

Friday of Week 4 and Week 8 we would love to invite all our parents and carers to join us for a parent morning tea. Mrs Inskip and Chappy Kate really enjoy the opportunity to meet with parents and have a chat.

We host a morning tea in the Bendigo Staffroom after parade on Friday mornings on Weeks 4 and 8. However if you want to talk to Chappy Kate, any week after parade you are welcome to meet up with me then.

Welcome to our New Students

It has been lovely meeting all our new Prep students and some other new faces around the school. We hope that Drayton is going to be a great community for you as a family and that you will enjoy your time with us.

If you have any concerns, please talk to your classroom teacher or you can contact Chappy Kate on 0412 198 067. Otherwise you can leave a message with the office or email me and I will get back to you as soon as possible. We are here to support you!

Chappy Kate can be found at Bunker’s Hill State School Monday and Thursday and at Drayton State School on Tuesday and Friday.

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