Principal News

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

As this week marks the half-way point in the term, it is important to take the time to reflect on the many events and activities that have occurred, or are occurring, in our school.

Takatsuki Students from Japan

Last Tuesday, students from Year 5/6O and Year 6S had the opportunity to participate in learning experiences during the morning and middle session with a number of students from Takatsuki City area, near Osaka in Japan. The 2 week exchange programme, organised by the University of Southern Q ueensland, included a visit to Drayton SS, which was a highlight for all involved. The lessons tied into Humanities, Literacy and Physical Education very well. There were a number of tears from our students at 1:00pm when our new friends departed. It was a great morning that had an emphasis on cross cultural priorities, something we actively encourage through our curriculum.

Police Talk

Last Monday, our Adopt-a-Cop, Senior Constable Rod Slatter and Senior Constable Darelle Dawes from Toowoomba Scenes of Crime delivered a 15-20 minute session with all students in their year groups. On the agenda was how to continue displaying appropriate behaviour, personal safety within and outside our school gate and communicating respectfully to others. I look forward to Rod’s continual involvement in our school as we continue to work in partnership with our Adopt-a-Cop.

Activities Around the Corner

Additionally, we have a number of activities that will involve students across Drayton SS in the coming 5 weeks. These include:

- Harristown Drama Production (Today)
- Grandparent’s Day – next W ednesday (W eek 6)
- Read-a-Thon – starts next week (W eek 6)
- Bookweek – W eek 7
- Parent-Teacher Interviews – Tuesday W eek 9
- Creativity Expo – W ednesday W eek 10
- TY M E Music Festival – Thursday W eek 10

This is on top of a number of year level excursions to Amaro o Environmental Education Centre, Cobb and C o Museum and the Year 2 Police Pantomime. Best of luck to all students participating in our Read-a-Thon, raising money for school resources, whilst fostering a love in and for reading. Finally, we look forward to welcoming as many Grandparents and families to our annual Grandparent’s Day next Wednesday from 9:00am – 11:30am.

Staff Development

Just as there are many events coming up for students, a number of staff will be involved in regional workshops and meetings. These include topics such as ‘putting the faces on the data,’ Principal Business Meetings and professional development in areas of special individual learning needs.

Outsidescholl

- Outside School Hours Care
- Camp Australia

Coordinator
Keryn Drake
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UPCOMING

Check out the W ebsite

THURSDAY 11 AUGUST
• HSS Drama Production
MONDAY 15-19 AUGUST
• Read-a-thon
TUESDAY 16 AUGUST
• Amaro o (2G and 2C)
W EDNESDAY 17 AUGUST
• Grandparents’ Day

UNIFORM STORE

Monday 8:30-9:15 am
Friday 2:30-3:15 pm

TUCKSHOP

Friday
Term 3
As I mentioned to staff, please keep an eye out for Patrick Tiernan (son of neighbouring Bunker’s Hill SS Principal, Jim and wife Karen) who will be competing in 5000m athletics event. Of course, you may have other connections as there are many athletes from Toowoomba participating, so if you do, perhaps you could share and let us know so we can support them as well.

Have a brilliant fortnight.

Kind Regards,

Aleksandr Taylor-Gough.

PRINCIPAL

FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM

Curriculum News

Each week in the Curriculum News section of the newsletter we have highlighted aspects of the fantastic work happening at Drayton State School around the teaching of reading. It is important that you as parents, carers and the wider Drayton community understand why reading is the number one priority in our explicit improvement agenda.

Literacy (reading and writing) is at the heart of a student’s ability to learn and succeed in school and beyond. It is essential we give every student from Prep to Year 12 the best chance to master literacy so they can meet the challenges of 21st century life. Children in Queensland’s state schools come from diverse backgrounds. While many students perform well, the priority is to enable all students to progress to a higher literacy standard, taking into account their diverse circumstances.

Regards,

Chantelle Bauer

Acting Head of Curriculum

CREATIVITY EXPO – SEPTEMBER 14TH

WE ARE ALL BUSY PREPARING FOR OUR CELEBRATION OF STUDENT CREATIVITY IN THE FINAL WEEK OF THE TERM. SOON YOU WILL SEE POSTERS AROUND THE SCHOOL (CREATED BY OUR STUDENTS) ADVERTISING EXACTLY WHAT THE EXPO IS ALL ABOUT.

WE STILL REQUIRE CD AND RECORD DONATIONS FOR THE TUCKSHOP MURAL THAT ALL STUDENTS WILL BE ADDING TO WITH THEIR OWN ARTWORK.

ON THE NIGHT OF THE EXPO WE HOPE TO CONDUCT A LIVE AUCTION OF A FEW PIECES OF POLISHED ART. DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO DONATE A PIECE TO THE SCHOOL FOR THIS AUCTION?

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP WITH EITHER OF THESE PROJECTS!

Finally, in the next few newsletters we will leave you with some tips about what you can do at home to nurture creativity in your children.

Provide the resources they need for creative expression. The key resource here is time. Kids need a lot of time for unstructured, child-directed, imaginative play—unencumbered by adult direction, and that doesn't depend on a lot of commercial stuff. Space is also a resource your kids need. Unless you don't mind creative messes everywhere, give them a specific place where they can make a mess, a place in the garage for painting, or a corner in your family room for Lego. Next time someone asks for a gift suggestion for your kids, ask for things like art supplies, cheap cameras, costume components, building materials. Put these in easy-to-deal-with bins that your kids can manage.

If you are interested in reading more: http://greatergood.berkeley.edu/raising_happiness/post/7_ways_to_foster_creativity_in_your_kids

Stay tuned for further updates in our school newsletter and on our Drayton Facebook page!

The Creativity Expo Team
Making Insectabots!

Up in the land of Makerspace, we have been busy making Insectabots.

Using the power of science we have created insectabots!! They will buzz your mind!!

Come to the Creativity Expo in Week 10 to buy your very own insectabot from the insectasquad!! For a limited time …

READATHON NEWS

We are now less than one week away from the reading part of our READATHON and we hope that students are doing well getting their sponsorships.

Remember you can win a tablet by setting up your student profile online. If you are having trouble with this or your online fundraising, feel free to get in touch with the READATHON TEAM on 1300 733 788.

Thanks for supporting Drayton READATHON raising funds to support your school library resources.

Wendy Liriges
Librarian

Notes from the Music Room

Year 3s are now learning to play the recorder. Since the Year 7s are now at high school we are able to offer instrumental music lessons to Year 4 students, therefore we need to prepare them. Learning the recorder is an introduction to reading and playing.

Any Year 3 student who owns a recorder should bring it to music lessons but those who do not will be able to use the school recorders. These instruments are thoroughly rinsed with disinfectant after use and prepared for the next time using Milton Bacterial Solution.

Later on we will again be selling second-hand recorders and cases at the Uniform Shop.

Adele McKenzie
Music Teacher

Grandparents’ Day

Attention all Grandparents—You are invited to visit Drayton State School for our annual Grandparents’ Day next Wednesday, 17th August starting in the School Hall at 9:00am with a presentation by the school choirs and winners of our Drayton’s Got Talent Show 2016. Visitors are welcome to bring something from their past which may be of interest to the students.

Grandparents will be able to visit their grandchild’s classroom and join in the activities. At 10:45am there will be a Morning Tea in the Hall for guests, finishing at 11:30am. Your grandchildren may join you after they have had their own lunch with the other students. Please come along and help the students to celebrate their education with you.
Our ‘Drayton Dragon Awards’ program exists in every classroom & aims to build the capabilities of every student with positive messages & lessons in each class about our school rules:

Be SAFE - Give your best EFFORT - Show RESPECT - Take PRIDE - Be RESPONSIBLE

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

**Week ending 29th July:** Congratulations to all those who received Drayton Dragon Awards on the day.


Uniform Shop

At the beginning of this term the uniform shop sent home a survey for all parents of current year 5 students to complete regarding the Senior Polo shirts, please if you haven't already returned this survey, we would appreciate if it could be returned this week. This will help us ensure that we have enough shirts ordered and on hand for next years seniors.

If anyone has good quality second hand clothes that they would like to sell on, please bring them in and have us sell them for you! We only charge a small fee, and we currently have plenty of space for second hand clothes and would be happy to display them for you.

As always, we only accept cash and cheque in the uniform shop, and if necessary orders can be placed through the office or by contacting me directly.

Alisha O’Neill Convenor
0412 675 038

Tuckshop

Kristy is in real need of volunteers for the tuckshop. There have been many orders which have been FANTASTIC, however, it is a huge workload for 2-3 people each week. If you can spare 2 hours on a Friday (any Friday), your help would be greatly appreciated. We have come to the situation again where if we can’t find volunteers, there will be no tuckshop for Term 4. Please contact Kirsty if you can help.

Car Parks

Can parents please note to take care with the 5 minute car parks outside of the school grounds (near the highway). It would seem that there are many parents who park there for a lot longer than 5 minutes. Also, if using the 5 minute drop off zone (2 park zone), please be considerate of other parents, and drive up to the first car park if it is available, to keep the flow of traffic going. Your courtesy with this will be greatly appreciated, as we are aware that the car parks in the area are limited.

Karyn Kleidon Secretary
5GK Poems

Our class has been working on poetic devices and I have been super impressed with the creative poems that the students have been making. So far we have covered similes and metaphors. Take a look at some of our work below!

What happens to the lost sock?

Does the sock escape the washing machine like a prisoner escaping prison?
Does it live under the bed like a homeless man?
Does it rebel like a hero?
Does it hide like a coward?
Does it fly away like a leaf in the wind?
Does it stick out like a sore thumb?
Does it blend in like a ninja?
Will it run?
Will it hide?
Will it be found?

By Justin M

What Happens to the Lost Sock

Does it escape
Like a convict on the run?
Or run away like a rat?

Does it blow away like a leaf in the wind?
Or disappear
Like a wizard with a wand?
Maybe it just dies
Like a headless chook.
Or does it explode?

By Ash K

Football

They like playing, winning and tackling
It is hard as
A bull running at you and running over you
Hard brutal pain
It is hard like a dump truck
Flat and knocked out
Crazy
On the
Field

By Liam C

Spiders

Watching, spinning, hiding
There as creepy as walking into a deserted old house
Colourful, crawly, critters
They are tiny aliens taking over the world

By Aidan S
Dealing with Anxiety

Later this term and in term 4, we will be offering three parenting seminars focused on understanding behaviour, working on a parenting plan and developing skills and competence for our children.

The Triple P Parenting program was developed in Queensland and has a good track record of helping families improve their family life. We are looking at offering two lots of seminars, one during school hours and another in the evenings.

Chaplaincy at Drayton State School

This November will be the 4th anniversary of Chaplaincy at Drayton State School. The Chaplaincy service has a variety of roles, including student support for individual students, supporting staff and families of our students, visiting classes to do social and emotional development or to provide educational support, running the Breakfast Club, providing supervised play for students at Playspace in the Chappy Room on Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes and organising positive development programs such as Bella Girls and Rock and Water for the Year 6 students.

SUQld Training Conference

Each year, the 700 Chaplains working with SUQld get together for a training conference. It’s a time to gain experience from training and also from connecting with other Chaplains. This year I completed training around Strategies to address Bullying, Supporting Students through Parental Separation and Families and Disabilities. We also had several main speakers including Steve Biddulph who is the author of several books including Raising Boys, Raising Girls and The New Manhood.

One of his key messages is the importance of mentoring for boys. Key to positive development for boys is time spent with fathers, uncles or other male mentors. These key figures provide affection, example and teaching opportunities. I look forward to applying this training in the Chaplaincy Programs here at Drayton.

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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“SU Qld … bringing hope to a young generation”
TUCKSHOP MENU

Commences Friday 22 April 2016

H O T  F O O D

- Dragon Burger                    $5.00 (homemade beef patty, lettuce, tomato, beetroot, cheese & sauce)
- Chicken Wrap (chicken tender, lettuce, cheese and mayo) $4.50
- Homemade Spaghetti Bolognaise    $4.50
- Chicken and avocado Sushi Roll   $3.50
- Tuna and Mayonnaise Sushi Roll   $3.50
- Dino Snack Box                    $3.50 (6 nuggets, carrot and celery)
- Tomato and BBQ Sauce             $0.40

F R E S H  S A N D W I C H E S

- Ham or Chicken & Salad           $4.00
- Ham or Chicken                   $3.50
- Salad                           $3.50 (Salad = lettuce, tomato, beetroot & cheese)

T O A S T E D  S A N D W I C H E S

- Ham or Chicken & Cheese          $4.00
- Ham or Chicken, Cheese & Tomato  $4.00

F R E S H  S A L A D S

- Salad Bowl                      $4.50
- With Chicken                    $5.00
- With Ham                        $5.00
(Salad = lettuce, tomato, beetroot & cheese)

COMBO

Sushi Roll, cup of yoghurt, bottle of water  $7.50

TUCKSHOP - FRIDAY - 1ST BREAK ONLY

- Chocolate Milk                  $2.00
- Strawberry Milk                 $2.00
- Water                           $2.00
- Juice Poppers (apple, orange)   $2.00
- Homemade Muffins                $1.50 (Banana, Apple/Cinnamon)
- Cup of Yoghurt                  $2.00
- Cup of Custard                  $2.00
- Carrot and Celery Sticks        $2.00
- Fresh Fruit Salad Cups          $2.50
- Corn on the Cob                 $1.50

WHO TO CONTACT

- Please feel free to contact Kirsty on 0417 076249 with any enquiries.
- We welcome feedback and new ideas.
- Should you want to volunteer for a few hours in the Tuckshop, please do!! We are always looking for new people - mums, dads and grandparents. Your children will love it!

HOW TO ORDER TUCKSHOP

- Please complete a brown paper bag with your child's name, class and lunch order.
- Please make note on bag if eg. “no beetroot” is required.
- Place money inside brown paper bag.
- Deliver to tuckshop. In the case of tuckshop not being attended, there is a locked box outside to place orders. Please note on bag “not attended" no exception to place orders.
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- Ice Blocks - purchased by students after the play bell.