Principal News

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

We are half way there! Almost 5 weeks down, with about 5 weeks to go. There is still much to achieve within the next 5 weeks. Remember, every day counts.

Curriculum and Reporting

We are working hard to ensure that classes are focussing on the important aspects of their work, in the lead up to Christmas. Staff are in the process of completing Report Cards, along with sorting out Award Recipients for the Awards Morning. It will be held on Monday 5th December (Week 10) at 9:00am.

End of Year Awards

It is that time where we are gearing up for the End of Year / Final Week Celebrations. Part of this is the Awards Morning, on Monday 5th November at 9:00am. It is here we will recognise outstanding academic, cultural, citizenship and sporting achievements throughout 2016. A number of special guests will hopefully be in attendance. Additionally, we will announce the 2017 School Leaders / Student Council and, with the help of Josh Arnold, unveil our School Song (which is currently being developed with Josh Arnold between the members of the Choir and Student Council).

I am very excited about this!

One of the Awards, the Cissy Devonshire Award, has been reviewed (in terms of the awarding criteria). From this year onwards, instead of the making it an essential requirement that the Year 6 student receiving it has been a student at Drayton SS for the first time in a number of years, it will be a requirement for the award recipient to have demonstrated long term enrolment. This small change ensures that most students are given the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to Citizenship, Responsibility and Care and Compassion for others, with a focus on our values of Honour and Success.

Also, please keep the School Concert in your diary. It is at this stage scheduled to begin around 5:30pm/6:00pm near the hall!

That’s right, we are hopefully going to have an ‘outdoor concert’ this year, complete with stage and sound/lighting. Watch this space for more information, but it isn’t a fun time of the year.

School Song

This week saw songwriter Josh Arnold return to Drayton SS for the first time in a number of years. He is specifically working with members of the Choir and Student Council, in concert with staff, to write and record a School Song for Drayton SS. I was fortunate enough to garner ‘inside information’ from their initial session on Monday and I am absolutely blown away by what our kids have created! It is amazing! The song will debut with our Senior Choir performing it with Josh Arnold on the Awards Morning. It will then be performed with gusto for our wider school community at the Concert Evening on Wednesday 7th December.

Swimming

Please remember that monies are due for swimming lessons. If you could please make payment ASAP to the office, that would be greatly appreciated.

Dirt for Donation

We have a huge mound of dirt that we are now in a position to ‘give away.’ This has come from the earth works that occurred at Drayton SS earlier in the year. Hence, we are going to advertise this as much as possible (and if you could please do the same thing). Next Wednesday 9th November, from 1:45pm – 3:45pm, a staff member will oversee the ‘first in first served’ process. You may enter the school through the Oval Gate and will be directed to the ‘dirt mound.’ Please note you will need to bring your own shovelling means, as we cannot have a bobcat in operation during this time.

In return, it would be greatly appreciated if you could leave a donation to the school. This could be received when you collect the dirt.

Should you require a receipt, the School Office will be able to help with that.

If you have any queries, feel free to speak Chris Jones in the Office on (07) 4637 7444.
Life Education
Notes will go home this week. If you could please watch for these, that will assist everyone.

Prep Parent Afternoon Sessions
Just a reminder that Session 2 of the Prep Parent Welcome and Information Sessions is on this afternoon from 5:00pm with a BBQ in the Off-Campus Prep. All prospective Prep parents and carers are welcome to attend! Please spread the message and we hope to see as many people here as possible! Please contact the school office for more information.

Students Enrolling or Departing for 2017
If you have any children who will be leaving Drayton SS next year, or who are enrolling at Drayton SS for next, could you please let the office know ASAP. This will greatly assist our planning and preparation for classes. We are really excited at the prospect of adding a 14th class to our school for 2017. However, we do work on student enrolment numbers. Hence, if your children won’t be here, or if you know of children who will be here next year, please contact the Office on (07) 4637 7444. Thanks in advance! We are excitedly looking forward to next year.

Chaplaincy BBQ at Bunnings – Saturday 12th November
On Saturday 12th November, the Drayton SS / Bunker’s Hill SS Chaplaincy Programme will be running the BBQ at Bunnings. We are in need of a number of volunteers. Please find attached the form in this newsletter which can be returned to the Office by Wednesday 9th November. For more information, please contact Carol Campling on 0407 127 301 or Chappy Kate at the school on (07) 4637 7444.

On That Note …
I will be on Leave next week. Chantelle Bauer will replace me in the Principal chair. Additionally, we have a key professional development activity during Week 7 that will involve some staff (and me) attending a 7 Habits of Highly Effective People session in Brisbane. This work, coupled with our emerging focus on what to do with student data (and really knowing the students behind the data), will be pivotal to our Explicit Improvement Agenda for next year.

Finally, Drayton SS will also pause for 1 minute next Friday, 11th November, as we pay our respects to those who gave their all, as we commemorate Remembrance Day. Lest We Forget.

Regards,

Aleksandr Taylor-Gough.

PRINCIPAL

DRAYTON DRAGON AWARDS

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:


Congratulations to our award winners!!!!
We went to Amaroo!!
On Monday 24 October, Mrs Powell’s and Mrs Vaschina’s classes went to Amaroo to learn more about how nature recycles and subsequently how we can too!

We got there and put our bags away. We passed around a log that was decaying/recycling. We learnt how to make paper from shredded paper and water.

Composting and worm farming, we learnt, helps to give plants nutrients, which is one of the 3 things they need to grow and be healthy. We revised how to reduce, reuse and recycle waste to lessen the amounts of landfill and thus our urban footprint. It was a great day of learning at Amaroo!!

Refunds for Swimming Lessons
If swimming lessons were paid for and lessons were missed due to illness, please collect a Request for Refund form from the office. This form needs to be completed or no refunds or credit amounts will be made against a Students account.

This is an audit requirement; these forms need to be handed to the office by the **18th Nov.**

Refunds **cannot** be made to cash, a credit can be put on your child’s account or an electronic funds transfer can be made to your bank account, if details are provided. If you paid via credit card we can refund to that credit card account.

**Please note Deadline for Requests for Refunds is the 18th Nov**

Uniform Shop
As we hit the half way point of term 4, the uniform shop is getting ready for a new intake of students in 2017. We have some play and stay sessions organised for all of our new Preps, and we would like to remind all parents that the uniform shop will be open on these days so that you can get in early and avoid the wait. These dates are:

- Tuesday 8th November: 9:15—10:15am
- Wednesday 16th November: 9:15—10:15am
- Thursday 24th November: 9:15—10:15am

If anyone has any good quality second hand items that they would like to sell, please bring them in and allow us to sell them for you. We are especially in short supply of girls dresses, so if you have any that are not being worn let us know!

Alisha O’Neill
Convenor

Mango Fundraiser
Thanks to everyone who placed an order in the school Mango Fundraiser, the mangoes are on track to be delivered on the 21st November and we will confirm this as it gets a little closer. For those who missed out on placing an order, we will have a small number of extra trays available to purchase on the day, and if you could leave your details at the office then we will do our best to make sure that no one misses out!

Tuckshop
Don’t forget that tuckshop is open again for Term 4. A big help to those who have been helping in the tuckshop on Friday’s. Your help is really appreciated!!

P & C Attendance and Next Meeting:
Although there is only one meeting left for 2016, please consider coming along to the next P & C Meeting, on Wednesday afternoon 23rd November, starting at 5:30pm at the Bendigo building. It is a fantastic way to get to know other parents and find out what exciting things are happening in our school. Without the wonderful support of our P&C, the students in our school would miss out on many great opportunities to experience and learn with. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Karyn Kleidon
Secretary
Hi everyone,

**Jump Rope for Heart**
Our students finished up their Jump Rope for Heart Program last week and I was very impressed with how much everyone improved along the way. Well done to those students who have assisted the Heart Foundation by fundraising, your efforts are very much appreciated. As a school, we raised a total of $1899.65, which is a fantastic achievement. Student prizes will be delivered to the school in the next coming weeks. As an extra prize, the class that raised the most amount of money will be receiving a bonus PE lesson of their choice. The winning class was.....2C!

**Swimming Carnival**
This week, students have been asked to nominate for the school swimming carnival, which is being held on Friday 18th November from 10.30am – 2.30pm at the Glennie Aquatic Centre. The carnival is opened to capable swimmers aged 8-12 and the students have a choice of either 25m or 50m events. The events will be Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Individual Medley. If there is time, we will hold relays. Please email me if you are unsure or wanting to confirm your child’s events. Students who will not be swimming will stay at school on the carnival day.

**Hockey Development Program**
For the next 5 weeks, students will be taking part in a Hockey development program during their PE lessons. All students will learn the basic skills and play modified games.

Yours in sport,
Chantelle Manteufel

**Tuckshop Mural**
This is our final shout out for old CD's and/or records you may have floating around the house. It would be great if we could get some more of these donated for our students to paint in the final few weeks of the Term. Thank You!!

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**Dirt for Donation:**
We have a large amount of dirt available for those that are interested! Our school groundsman Adrian will open the gates (located at the bottom of the oval) for those that are interested in collecting some of the dirt. Please note that you we need to bring your own shovel to manoeuvre the dirt. The oval gates will be open next Wednesday the 9th of November from 1:45 until 3:45pm. While the dirt does not cost anything, a donation to the school would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to get the word out to the wider community, and remember first in best dressed.

**NAIDOC Celebration**
As we missed celebrating Naidoc week this year we have organised a day to celebrate this term on Thursday the 17th November, the day before the swimming carnival.

The activities we have organised include;

- Dusty from the PCYC is coming in to do some Indigenous Games with us. Years 2 – 6 will get the opportunity to play modified traditional aboriginal games, while learning about culture and history of Indigenous people.

- The children will be doing some aboriginal paintings that will be displayed around the school.

- The children will also be performing an aboriginal dance they prepared themselves and a presentation on parade.

**So please come along to parade on Thursday 17th to watch our performance!**

Kate Johnston

**Community Liaison Officer**
**Local Chaplaincy Committee**

**We need you!!!!**

We are looking for parents, carers and staff from Drayton State School to join the Chaplaincy Committee. Meetings usually occur once a term and it would be great to have some Drayton representatives on the committee. *If you would be interested in helping out on the Chaplaincy Committee, please talk to Chappy Kate or Mr Taylor-Gough.*

We are also running the Bunnings Barbeque Saturday 12th November to raise funds for the Chaplaincy Program. This is a great opportunity to raise funds outside the school community. *If you could help for an hour or two, we would love to hear from you!*  

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!

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**Positive Parenting Seminars**

The Positive Parenting Seminars are continuing. Evening Seminars are being held in the Library (access from Darling St)

**The next seminar will be 5.45pm-7.30pm Tuesday evening:**

**Tuesday 15th November –**  
**Raising Resilient Children**

Morning Seminars in the Bendigo Staffroom will continue **Wednesday 9.15-11.00am:**

**Wednesday 9th November –**  
**Raising Confident and Competent Children**

**Wednesday 23rd November –**  
**Raising Resilient Children**

Child minding is available for morning and evening seminars. You can register online at www.triplep-parenting.net.au or leave a message at the office for Chappy Kate or our Guidance Officer.

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**Handling Tiredness in Busy Times**

Term 4 seems to fly by and is such a busy time. Creating some time to rest after a busy day at school or work is important when life gets so busy. Adjusting your schedule to allow for some quiet time or an early night will help students conserve their energy for busy days at school and preparing for special events coming up.

We will be starting the Chappy Train soon. Chaplaincy at Drayton State school is mostly funded by a Federal Government grant and the rest comes from community funding. Your support is appreciated!! More details to come!!

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Chappy Kate can be found at Bunker’s Hill State School Monday and Thursday and at Drayton State School on Tuesday and Friday  
Drayton 07 4637 7444 | Bunker’s Hill 07 4698 5319 email kateh@chappy.org.au  
“SU Qld ... bringing hope to a young generation”
What we’ve been up to in the past fortnight!

This fortnight we have had loads of fun; the children particularly enjoyed our spy day where we made binoculars, telescopes, and disguises. As part of this day we also had invisible writing and a very cool laser maze game which required the children to work as a team to construct the maze and take turns trying to get through without touching the wool. We have also been doing lots of monsters, spiders, ghosts and masks, the children were given the option to make signs discouraging trick or treaters from knocking on their door however the other crafts seemed to be much more fun, they also enjoyed inventing new games incorporating out monster theme. The children have enjoyed making slime and having sensory play with the kinetic sand.

Our Challenge this last week was the most number of skips in a row and it was really great to see the children demonstrate perseverance to try and better their previous attempts. Children have been making cardboard Eiffel towers and Big Ben towers. Our Garden is looking fantastic and we would all like to give Mr Dwyer a huge thank you for helping to clean up the garden areas near the hall and any children who have helped him to do that.

What we have planned for the next fortnight!

Over the next fortnight we will continue our discussions on being a junior global citizen, learning about Bangladesh and the important work Oxfam are doing there to help the community. We will also continue making the presents we will be sending to a school in Bangladesh. This fortnight we will also be looking at some other different cultures such as Japan and India by making food from these regions, playing traditional games and making flags and paper dolls of their traditional clothing. Our next challenges are the water bottle flip challenge followed by a boat making competition.

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 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Important Notices:

Holiday Club is open for Christmas holiday bookings at Toowoomba East and Middle Ridge. Middle Ridge will be closed the first week of the holidays due to building maintenance.

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: Keryn Drake, Bianca Schanz, and Tahnee Stenzel

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Call for Volunteers

BUNNINGS COMMUNITY BBQ
CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISER
Saturday 12th November 2016

This will be the major fundraising event for the Bunker's Hill & Drayton State Schools Chaplaincy Committee this year, and it gives us a great opportunity to raise funds from outside the school community.

If you are able to assist, please indicate on the slip below and return to the school by Friday, 4th November. A timetable will be sent to you next week.

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For more information please contact Carol Campling on 0407 127 301.

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We value & strive for  
SAFETY - EFFORT - RESPECT - PRIDE - SELF-RESPONSIBILITY

Dayton State School Absence Note

Student: ________________________________

Class: ________________________________

Date absent: ________________________________

Reason: ________________________________

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Parent/guardian signature

Name:

Dayton State School Absence Note

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