Principal News

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Given the Easter Holidays are fast approaching, and are only a day away, I would like to reflect on two key activities that occurred recently, in what has been an extremely eventful, yet productive Term 1.

Parent Teacher Interviews

These were held last night and it was a great way for teaching staff and parents to discuss the progress of their child/children. I really enjoyed hearing the many positive messages that came out of a large majority of conversations – and that was reflected in the sense of pride and community spirit on show last night. The number of interview bookings was up and the level of engagement was strong. Thanks to everyone for your support through the interview processes.

Student Leadership

What a fantastic Leadership Presentation Assembly to all students in year 6, and our Student Leaders. Thank-you to the families who attended assembly especially for this event. Following on from it, our 12 Student Councillors and formal Student Leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Conference in Highfields last Tuesday. Thanks to our parent drivers, Charmaine Parkinson and Amanda Deme, along with Mrs Stevens for a great day. Your support is greatly recognised and appreciated. I look forward to working with all students in Year 6 as they further their leadership capability.

On That Note …

Tomorrow is our celebration for Harmony Day, known at Drayton SS as Around the World Day. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to dress up as a person from another country. The focus is on looking at cultures from around the world. I’m looking forward to all that tomorrow will bring. Thank-you to teacher Jennine Laird for organising this event again, and I can’t wait to see what each classroom has prepared!

Have a fantastic Easter Vacation. Remember, this Friday is Good Friday and hence, a Public Holiday. School will return on Monday 11th April – a big term including events such as District Cross Country, Music Events, ANZAC Commemorations, Athletics Carnivals and Report Cards to say the least. Have a happy and safe break and we look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Remember to keep an eye on our school. Please contact School Watch on 13 17 88 should you see something suspicious. Happy Easter to you and your family. Easter is a time to share with family and friends. I trust that you take time to celebrate Easter in your own special way.

Happy Easter and have a Safe Vacation period.

Kind Regards,

Aleksandr Taylor-Gough.

PRINCIPAL

2016 SCHOOL PHOTOS

Class Group photos will be taken at school on Tuesday 19th April, second week back after the Easter holidays. For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to school.
Envelope Orders: photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.
To place your order visit [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code: RHX YTY VZ4. This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that Sibling/Family Photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off at 12.00 a.m. the night before our photo day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family Photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.

All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.

The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

**All orders placed online will be delivered to the school for collection**

**Footsteps Dance**

Each Monday during Week 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 during Term 2, all students in all classes will be participating in Footsteps Dance. This is a whole school program that engages professional experts to explicitly teach Dance and all students will participate.

The cost is $15.00 per student, which is required to be paid prior to the program taking place. Last year the students involved in the program had an absolute blast and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, as well as learning essential aspects of the Dance curriculum and developing performances for their class.

Please make sure you have paid.

Thank you

**Who is involved?** Prep-6

**Around the World on Harmony Day**

**When?** Thursday, March 24

**What do we do?**

DRESS UP to represent another country
BRING GOLD COIN to donate to Fiji cyclone appeal
PARADE & DISPLAY 8.45am start in the Hall.

**What will happen?** We will enjoy performances, presentations, a parade of cultural fashions and 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 and respect for other cultures around the globe and within our country!

**Pink Stumps Day**

Thank you to all parents, students, and staff for their support with our First Pink Stumps Day last Friday. The students loved the fashion parade and many said their favourite part was when the staff had to get on the runway, too! We raised nearly $600 which smashed our goal of $250 – so a fantastic effort from all involved.

Mrs Janice Stevens

YEAL 6 TEACHER – DRAYTON STATE SCHOOL

**NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM**

**Drayton’s Got Talent** will be held in Term 2. If you have not already registered, we will set up in Week 1 during 1st break, under B Block on the Tuesday and Thursday to collect names. You can perform by yourself or in a group. Groups of no more than 6 students. So practise, practise, practise!! You need to be ready.

**Sing Out** for Drayton Senior Choir will be on Wednesday, 15th June. All choir members are excited to be involved in a full day workshop at the Empire Theatre singing with at least 15 schools. There will be a Twilight Concert from 5.30 – 7.30 that evening where we perform in a massed choir of about 500 students!!

All choir members should have received a note with information last week. Please check with the class teacher if your child is in the Senior Choir and has not received that note. Choir Uniforms (long black pants/long sleeved white business shirts & black shoes) will be needed for the evening concert. This is the same uniform the School band wears and we wear it at the TYME Festival in September.
Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to work with some of our boys to do some simple/basic manual arts type activities.

We are hoping for some great male role models—fathers, uncles, grandfathers etc. with some spare time a couple of afternoons a week.

You will need a volunteer blue card or we can support your application for one.

Please get in touch with the school.

Rock and Water

This term the year 6 boys have been participating in a program called Rock and Water. Rock and Water is specifically for boys and introduces the concept of grounding, centring and focussing as a way of increasing confidence and resilience. The program addresses social concepts such as boundaries, dealing with confrontation, honour and self-control. We were fortunate to have a visit from Matt George an American cage fighter who took us through some sparring exercises and talked about integrity and respect with regard to his sport.

Julie Inskip – Community Liaison Officer

YOU CAN DO IT - CERTIFICATE EARNERS

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 11th Mar: Congratulation to all our student leaders and those who received You Can Do It certificates on the day. (Apologies, due to the busy day there is no list or photo of our awardees)


Congratulations to our award winners!!!!

SWIN TRAX Sports Tour

On Thursday the 17th March all students at Drayton S.S had the privilege of being involved with the South West Indigenous Network TRAX tour. SWIN is a not-for-profit organisation which is dedicated to increasing the health and wellbeing of Indigenous communities in South West Queensland. SWIN was established to provide targeted and cohesive sport and physical activity opportunities for Indigenous people across the Darling Downs and South West. Its team of dedicated sport and recreation officers delivers activities, events and programs for the community in cooperation with state sporting associations, local clubs and community groups.

Nine different sports were set up on the oval and most classes got to try at least four of them under the guidance of sports and recreation officers. It was a great afternoon and the students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity.

Julie Inskip – Community Liaison Officer
Thank you to all the terrific volunteers who helped with the BBQ on Saturday. Our donated goods for the bake sale were exceptional and received many compliments from eager buyers.

Please join us at the Annual General Meeting tonight at 6.30pm in the Bendigo Building. We will be accepting nominations for all executive positions. The AGM will be followed by a general meeting and items on the agenda include:

- Canberra trip 2017
- Grant priorities
- Anzac Day

We welcome all interested parents and community members at our meetings.

Diana Ruhle
Secretary
druhl1@eq.edu.au

Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service

Twilight Talks

Wednesday 13 April 2016

Your child with fever: when to call the doctor and how to manage.

Presented by Paediatrician Dr Jeff Prebble.

6pm to 7pm, light supper provided, Complimentary parking, Unara Conference Centre, Toowoomba Hospital, Peachey St

No bookings required— for more information call 4616 5563

As we approach the last week of school for Term One, we remind parents that if you have had any items of clothing not come home during the last 9 weeks, head to the lost property located outside the computer lab to see if any of your items are waiting to be collected (or have a good look around your child’s classroom!). Any items that have not been collected by the end of the term and do not have a name on them will be taken to the uniform shop, and if still unclaimed will be donated to the second hand clothing pool. Please always remember to label all of your children’s clothing clearly so that we can return these items to you!

Hope you all have a safe and happy Easter break,

Alisha O’Neill
Convenor

Have a Happy Easter and restful holiday!
HOLIDAYS and PEAK EXPERIENCES

AS the holidays are just days away, it is a great time to think about the time we spend together with our children. While work commitments mean that we don’t always get to spend time together, those opportunities we do get to do special things form memories that endure. Our children are always learning, watching and growing their understanding of the world from the adults around them. Holidays can be a special time to do something different – a walk to the park, trips to the pool or a trip away. They are all learning experiences.

Year 6 Celebration Events

Last week we finished up our Bella Girls and Rock and Water programs with our year 6 students.

We will be celebrating the end of these programs in Week ONE next term with a Rock Climbing event for all the year 6 students with their Dads or other significant adult 5-7pm on Wednesday 13th APRIL and a High Tea for all the year 6 students and their Mums or other significant adult 4.30-6pm on Thursday 14th APRIL.

Apologies for the typo in the information notes which put the dates in March instead of APRIL. We look forward to seeing you there.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is on each school day 8.15-8.45am in the Chappy Room (entry is up the small stairs at the back of the library, opposite the hall). Everyone welcome. We appreciate the support of Drayton Woolworths who donate all the cereal, milk and milo each month.

Parent Morning Teas

Thanks to all the parents (and siblings) who came to the parent morning teas this term. We will be running them again next term in Week 4 and Week 8.

Chappy Pancake Fundraiser!

Thanks to everyone who had pancakes and milo. We raised $234 for Chaplaincy and your support is very much appreciated.

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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