Principal News

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

As we reach the middle point of Term 1, I would like to continually stress the importance of the message that the only way students learn at school, is to be at school. I have been impressed at our attendance rate steadily increasing, and I would like to thank parents and families for your work in ensuring school attendance is a priority here at Drayton SS.

If your child is absent please send in a written note or telephone the office. An example of what is required in the note is found on the last page of this newsletter, please feel free to use this as a template.

With my commitment last year to ensure the Newsletter is succinctly produced, I have a couple of brief key messages I would like to share.

Assistant Regional Director, School Visit

Last Tuesday, I had the privilege of welcoming our Assistant Regional Director, Debbie Halls, to our school. Debbie and I discussed school planning, reviewed school data and walked through many classrooms. As our supervisor, Debbie then had an opportunity to discuss with all staff about Regional Priorities and her expectations of our school. She commended us on the immense work from the past 12 months, and also commented on how lovely the grounds are looking. I look forward to working with her again over the course of the year as we strive to enact the vision of Every Student Succeeding, Every Day.

Explicit Improvement Agenda

I am pleased to announce of Explicit Improvement Agenda (EIA) and Priorities from the Annual Implementation Plan are:

- Reading
- W riting
- Numeracy

We will be continually working to ensure that all students reach not only minimum standards, but exceed those standards—striving for success in these areas. Staff professional development will be directly focussed around these three key priorities. Coupling the EIA priorities, Drayton SS will continue to strengthen behaviour management processes, transitions into and within school and community partnerships.

Investing for Success

Also known as the ‘Gonski’ money, the new State Government has retitled the former Great Results Guarantee (GRG) to Investing for Success (I4S). For us, this represents an additional sum on money used to focus on investing for student success. This year, with a major focus at Drayton SS to improve results within Reading, Writing and Numeracy, we have seen a major investment into increasing the number of Teacher Aide hours across the school. Additionally, we will be financially supporting teaching staff in their planning and preparation (Team Approach to Teaching and Learning) and resourcing the literacy rotations across the school. This ‘Gonski’ money is vital to ensuring we continue to invest in all students.

Cent Sale

As you know, the inaugural Drayton SS Cent Sale will be held this coming Sunday morning. A lot of time has gone into this event, and I pay a special thanks to Jennifer Cartmill who has worked tirelessly along with other staff and members of the P&C to ensure it is a great success. I look forward to the sense of community engagement and spirit at the Multi-Purpose Hall this coming Sunday morning, with doors opening at 9:30am.

Student Leaders Presentation Ceremony

This will be held on Friday, 11th March. Naturally, all parents are welcome to attend, but it would be great to have as many parents as possible from Year 6 attend.

On That Note …

I am working hard to configure the online SO BS booking system for our Parent Teacher Interviews, which will occur from 3:30pm –
6:30pm on Tuesday 22nd March (Week 9). I will advise by note in the coming days when the system is open, along with instructions as to how to log in and create a booking.

There is a real buzz in the school at the moment, and everyone is positively contributing to this. Thank-you for your involvement in our school and of course, if you would like to volunteer for any amount of time (great or small), your contribution is greatly valued.

Finally, on behalf of Drayton SS, I would like to thank Bluey Gordon and his team of helpers for their work in ensuring the longevity of our ANZAC Remembrance Garden around the school bell tower near A Block. Donating time and resources, Bluey and his team professionally edged around the gardens and the stone that he donated last year. It is a lasting tribute to those who gave their all so we could regain our freedom.

Kind Regards,
Aleksandr Taylor-Gough.
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PE News

Hi everyone,

**Inner Downs Sport**
If you are wanting your child to trial for Inner Downs in their selected sport, please email me ASAP so that arrangements can be made. Your child may miss out on trials if I am unaware that they are wanting to attend.

**Inner Downs Softball Team** Congratulations to Bianca Markham and Ben Roche who have made the Inner Downs Softball Team. They will compete at the Darling Downs trials on 6th-7th March. Good Luck!

**Inner Downs Swimming Team** Well done to Morgan McAlee and Brodie Hilt, who have made the Inner Downs Swimming Team. They will now compete at the Darling Downs Trials. Good Luck!

**Cross Country**
The school cross country will be held in the last week of school on Wednesday 23rd March (weather permitting). All students will be involved and it will begin after 1st break. More information to come.

Yours in sport,
Chantelle Manteufel
E: cmant26@eq.edu.au

Canberra Update

Just a quick update regarding our 2017 Canberra trip: we are currently waiting on final quotes from tour providers. Once we have these quotes, we will be able to begin the process of sending out requests for deposits.

Keep watching for more information as it comes to hand.

Regards Mrs Ormsby
Canberra Camp Co-ordinator

Cent Sale

Cent Sale this Sunday 28th February
Doors open at 9.30am
Adult $5, Child $2
Ticket includes Lucky door prize, 1 Sheet of tickets and morning tea.
There will be Baked Goodies for Sale as well as other fun activities.

Around the World Day

Will I wear a Turban, a Sombrero, a Fez, or a Stetson? That is the question that will be answered by all Drayton State School students and staff alike for the final day of this term, Thursday 24 March. It is Around the World Day for 2016! Please start to think about the costume that you will wear for this day - A costume based on a country other than Australia. There will be judgings and prizes for those dressed most accurately like their chosen country.

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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:


Congratulations to our award winners!!!!

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

Eftpos Available

Enquiries to 1300 991 443
Grant Success

We have been successful in receiving grant money of $35,000 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to upgrade our oval. We will keep you updated as to how we intend to improve this area of our school.

Tuckshop Volunteers needed

As explained in last week's note, our tuckshop can not open until we have some reliable volunteers to assist our convenor Kirsty on a Friday.

Please contact Kirsty Wall or Julie Inskip through the office to volunteer.

P & C Date Claimers

Annual General Meeting - March 9th at 6.30pm

Local Council Election BBQ/Bake Sale - March 19th 9-12pm

Cent Sale Baking - This Friday 26th (drop at office) or bring on Sunday

Sincerely,

Diana Ruhle
P & C Secretary

2.30-3:15pm. Starting next week (29th February). We will be reducing the price on much of our second hand items, so if you need to stock up on spares or you a looking for a bargain now is the time! We now also have the polo shirts available in the size 3, and in adults sizes - small and medium.

As always we can only accept cash or cheque, so come in and see what is available, and with summer drawing to a close it isn't too early to consider our winter items.

Please also be aware that as of TERM 2, we will be increasing the price of most items in the uniform shop, and a new price list will be available in the coming weeks.

If you are unable to attend the shop in regular hours, please advise me and we can arrange items to be collected from the school office.

Thanks

Alisha O'Neill
Convenor
alisha_oneill@hotmail.com
0412675038

UNIFORM SHOP

Already we are half way through the term and most have already organised their supply of uniforms, but for those who are still chasing some items remember the Uniform Shop is open Monday 8.30-9:15am and Friday
Resilience Training

Resilience is an essential trait. Building resilience is a key trait that we encourage our students to learn. Handling difficulty or a setback, practicing new skills until we are competent and not giving up. Letting others take a turn or take the lead and being a helpful team mate, not always having to be the leader. Trying new things and giving things a go. When you are thinking about resilience, situations that are challenging are an opportunity to show and grow resilience.

Parentline and Kids Helpline and the Raising Kids Network are resources available to parents and kids. As well as their helplines, they have lots of resources on their websites on many helpful topics.

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.

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). Cereal and milo. Everyone welcome.

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!

Parent Morning Tea

18th March 9.30am-11am
Thanks to all the parents (and siblings) who came to the parent morning tea last week. It was lovely to see some new parents and we had around 12 parents attend.

Our next morning will be Week 8. However if you want to talk to Chappy Kate, any week after parade you are welcome to meet up with me then.

Chappy Pancake Fundraiser!

Wednesday 2nd March First Break
It’s time for another Chappy Pancake Fundraiser! Please place your orders for pancakes and/or milo by next Tuesday so we can have your pancakes and milo ready to go at First Break on Wednesday 2nd March. Any parents willing to cook and serve would be very appreciated.

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”
Scripture Union Queensland is a member of the worldwide Scripture Union International community.
Chappy Pancake Fundraiser
Next Wednesday 2nd March 2016 Chappy Kate will be serving pancakes and warm milo at first break at the Tuckshop.
Pancakes will be $2 each and it will cost $1 for a warm milo.
Please complete the form below and return to the office by Tuesday 1st March to pre-order.
Any volunteers who could help out on Wednesday morning with preparing and serving pancakes would be much appreciated.

Thanks for your support,
Chappy Kate

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