Principal News

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Thanks for a great Semester!

As we end Term 2, and indeed, Semester 1, I would like to say a mammoth thanks to all families for your active participation in school life over the past 6 months. The Athletics Carnival this week only served to highlight the community spirit that we have at Drayton SS. Thank-you to the mums, dads and family members who have volunteered in classrooms, in the Tuckshop, in the Uniform Shop and/or on the P&C. Together, we are ensuring that Every Student is Succeeding, and for that, I extend my appreciation and thanks to all.

Semester 2 Staffing

Before we break for holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some staff movements for Semester 2. Lisa Maslen, our Business Services Manager (BSM) has been asked to move into DDSW Regional Office in Toowoomba during Terms 3 and 4 as a Business Support Officer, mentoring and working with BSMs, Administration Officers, Principals and School Leadership Teams right across the DDSW Region to help improve the ways in which schools are managed. This is a great achievement for Lisa, and I know she will bring back a wealth of knowledge to our school when she returns in 2017.

Christine Jones, our current Admin Officer, will step up to be the Acting Business Services Manager in Lisa’s absence. Chris is looking forward to the role and I know the entire school community will support her in the transition. Backfilling Chris will be a combination of Vicky Schwerin (who currently is in the office at certain times) and Megan Krahenbring. I look forward to working with Chris, Vicky and Megan in their roles during Semester 2.

Additionally, I have had news that Colin Thompson will continue in his role as Acting Deputy Principal at Crow’s Nest SS until the end of the year. Hence, Belinda Humphrey will remain in Year 1H for the remainder of the year. I wish both Colin and Belinda well in their respective roles.

Enrol Now for Prep 2017

As a reminder from the last Newsletter, if you are considering enrolling a child at Drayton SS for Prep in 2017, now is a perfect opportunity to secure a place on our list. We will be working with our prior-to-school partners, families and new Prep students throughout Semester 2. However, we have a number of students on our list, and we would love to see that number grow. Please spread the word to your friends and family who are considering Drayton SS for 2017. Contact the office on (07) 4637 7444 for further information.

Use of Text Message System and Unexplained Absences

Hopefully families received our End of Semester text message this morning. It is a great system that we can use to notify parents of major activities, disruptions and events that are deemed in the best interests of all families to receive. Each message that is sent out needs authorisation from the Officer-in-Charge, which will usually be me as Principal. Additionally, it will now be a requirement from Semester 2 onwards that our school follow up any unexplained absence (including only the one day).

Hence, I would ask all parents inform the school when your child or children are away. If we don’t receive a phone call or a text, we will need to make phone calls to parents of direct resources away from students as staff needs authorisation from the Officer-in-Charge, which will usually be me as Principal. Additionally, it will now be a requirement from Semester 2 onwards that our school follow up any unexplained absence (including only the one day).

On That Note …

Have a great vacation period. Please remember school begins on Monday 11th July. There are some great events planned for Term 3, including a Read-a-thon and the Creativity Expo. Please keep a watch on our School and phone Police Link on 131 444 should you see something suspicious. However, please note that there will be contractors and staff on site over the break, along with the Drayton Polling Station for the Federal Election next weekend.
Thanks for everyone’s dedication and commitment. I look forward to the tail end of the year, giving us all more opportunity to ensure that Every Student at Drayton SS is Succeeding.

Kind Regards,

Aleksandr Taylor-Gough.

PRINCIPAL

FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM

Curriculum News

As part of our explicit improvement agenda, the Curriculum News section of the newsletter discusses an aspect of the amazing work happening at Drayton State School around the teaching of reading. It also features some tips for parents around the teaching of reading and the important role they play in this process.

Here are some more amazing improvements. This time we see what ‘one year’s improvement for one year at school’ actually looks like. The letters represent students and the numbers are the PM Benchmark reading levels. This time, great work from our Year 2 students and teachers.

Parent tip:

When your child is doing any type of reading, or you are reading to them, ask what it is that is being read. For example, an advertisement, a story, a newspaper article etc. Then ask, why has someone written this? What was their purpose? What were they trying to achieve? This will help with understanding language choice and use later on.

Regards,

Chantelle Bauer

Acting Head of Curriculum

Old CD’s and Records Needed

As a part of our Art Show (new name Creativity Expo) in Term 3, we are painting a mural around the front of our tuckshop. All students will contribute to this mural. We ask families to donate any old CD’s and/or records you may have at home. We are hoping to have about 200 CD’s for this project. Could you hand these in to the office for collection as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Creativity Expo Team

Exciting Announcement

BOOK WEEK READ-A-THON

GREAT PRIZES

August 20 to 26

Start thinking about books to read and sponsors

What do ‘Good Readers’ do?

Good readers are purposeful

Good readers understand the purpose of their reading, and so are able to adjust their reading style accordingly. They know why they are reading and how they should read to accomplish their purpose.

Good readers understand the purpose of the text

Good readers are not only purposeful themselves, but they also understand that writers are purposeful.
Drayton is a Significant Historical Place!

We were reminded of this fact again today as we listened to local historians talk about our region’s humble beginnings.

Today, Monday 13 June, Classes 1H and 1C embarked upon a journey out of the school gate following both a map and a dream. They followed their maps and found Drayton Dragon cards along their route to St Matthew’s Anglican Church at the top of St Matthew’s Hill.

Kindly greeting us on our arrival at the church were historians Helen Moloney and Les Rub. We were relieved to get inside out of the cold wind!

Les, a former student of Drayton State School, told us that there were 70 students and 2 teachers at Drayton when he went there. Many of his relatives were woodworkers who made much of the fine woodwork in St Matthew’s, like the eagle lecturn. Church-going was an essential part of our forefather’s existence!

He went on to talk about Benjamin Glennie, who began the Glennie School, Toowoomba and held the region’s first church service in the Royal Bull’s Head Inn. His photo was at the back of the church. He would go and visit parishioners, and whoever else too, that needed help, on horseback and was supplied all he needed by the people of the parish.

Les played the pipe organ and explained how it made sound. It was very moving to hear it!

Outside, Mrs Helen Moloney was treating the children to some games from the past, like how to play tug-o-war without a rope, jacks (with sheep bones), quoits, horse-shoe quoits, oranges & lemons and more.

A big thank you to all of our parent volunteers on this excursion and also to Mrs Schwerin who happily lugged all of our morning teas up St Matthew’s Hill!

Another great day to go down in history!
Wednesday 24 June 2016

We value & strive for

SAFETY - EFFORT - RESPECT - PRIDE - SELF-Responsibility
Thanks to Kirsty & volunteers: who helped in the tuck-shop, who cooked and baked, for the wonderful food that was available on Athletics day. It made the day a whole lot easier.
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:

Congratulation to all those who received Drayton Dragon Awards on the day.


Congratulations to our award winners!!!!

**2/3 Playground** – thank you to all of the volunteers who assisted with the pouring of the concrete a couple of weeks ago. With just the sand to spread and the area to be finalised, it won’t be long now until the students can enjoy a new play area.

**Tuckshop** – The tuckshop is still in need of volunteers to be able to keep it running. Please, if you are available to help, even just once every fortnight or month, your help will be greatly appreciated. If you are available to assist, please contact Kirsty, our tuckshop convenor, to discuss how and when you can help.

**P & C Meetings** – If you would like to keep up to date with any changes/opportunities that are happening within our School Community, as well as being part of decisions and being properly informed on what is happening in our School, please come and join us at the Drayton State School P&C meetings. We generally have 2 meetings per term. It is a great way to get to know the staff and other parents of the school. It would be great to see some new faces!

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 3rd August 2106 at 6.30pm in the Bendigo Room. **ALL WELCOME!!**

Karyn Kleidon
Secretary

**Uniform Shop**

With the end of term now on us, we again remind parents to please take the time to have a look around your child’s classroom and in the lost property box for any items that your child may have misplaced throughout the term. Any items not collected will be removed on the last day of school, and if it is named we will do our best to return it to you, otherwise it will be donated to the clothing pool.

We now have enough helpers for the uniform shop for the time being, thanks to those who have helped throughout the term and who have volunteered to assist us in the term to come.

As always we are open Mondays from 8.30-9:15am and Fridays from 2.30-3.15pm so if you require any uniform items please come and see us, we accept cash and cheque only.

Enjoy a relaxing and safe break from school, we look forward to seeing you all in term 3.

Thanks,
Alisha O’Neill Convenor
0412 675 038
We value & strive for SAFETY - EFFORT - RESPECT - PRIDE - SELF-RESPONSIBILITY

Wednesday 24 June 2016

PARENTS

1. Online System | Pay School Invoices
   - Pay School Invoices (SRS; Text Book Fees; Camps; etc.)
   - Access via ANY Computer or Smart Phone

2. Payments Accepted:
   MasterCard | VISA

3. Secure Payment Method
   Easy to Use Interface

BPAY

For parents who have been utilising the BPAY method of paying invoices, we regret to inform you that it will no longer be available. We have removed BPAY to limit the possibility of your payment being applied to the wrong invoice. BPOINT is our preferred method of payment. This is a credit card payment system managed by the Commonwealth Bank. The details for use can be found on page 5 of the newsletter.

Of course, you are still free to visit the office to pay invoices in person by either cash, Credit Card or by using the EFTPOS facilities as per normal. We trust this will enhance and simplify the payments process.

Label all items

Have you lost an item at school? Please ensure all items are labelled, especially lunchboxes and all items of clothing.

It is so much easier to return items if they are labelled.
DRAYTON STATE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP MENU
Commences Friday 22 April 2016

H O T  F O O D
 Dragon Burger                    ... please do!!  We are always looking for new
  (homemade beef patty, lettuce, tomato, beetroot, cheese & sauce)
  $5.00

 Chicken Wrap (chicken tender, lettuce, cheese and mayo)
  $4.50

 Homemade Spaghetti Bolognaise
  $4.00

 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)

TOASTED SANDWICHES
 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

HOW TO ORDER TUCKSHOP

Please complete a brown paper bag with your child's
name, class and lunch order.

In the case of tuckshop not being attended, there is a locked box outside to place orders.

Please feel free to contact Kirsty on 0417 076249

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 a few hours in the
Tuckshop, please feel free to contact Kirsty.

TUCKSHOP - FRIDAY - 1ST BREAK ONLY

DRINKS

Super doughnut
  $1.00

Pretzel
  $1.00

Ice Money - 100c
  $1.00

Ice Money - 50c
  $1.00

FROZEN FUN

Ice Money - TNT Raspberry
  $1.00

Ice Money - Cola
  $1.00

Ice Money - Kabluey
  $1.00

Frozen Yogurt
  $2.00

Super Dooper
  $1.00

S N A C K S

Homemade Muffins
  $1.50
  (Banana, Apple/Cinnamon)

Cup of Yoghurt
  $2.00

Cup of Custard
  $2.00

Carrot and Celery sticks with French Dip
  $2.00

Frozen Fruit Salad Cups
  $2.50

Corn on the Cob
  $1.50

TOTAL PRICE

S P E C I A L S

FRESH SANDWICHES