Principal News

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

As I attended the Cambooya District Track and Field Carnival at Bunker’s Hill SS last Friday, I took a time out for a couple of minutes, just to observe our school ‘in action.’ I looked around the grounds to see students taking amazing pride, an amazing set of parents supporting their children and our school, along with an extremely dedicated staff pulling the entire event together.

Principal’s Reflection

That got me thinking... If we take that example from Friday, and generalise it across our school, we see examples on a daily basis of students working well. I often receive a number of student workbooks in my office, with students showing me proof of how they have given their best effort, usually in spelling, handwriting and mathematics. Giving your best EFFORT is also one of our Drayton Dragon Rules and it is something that we are all focussing on at Drayton SS.

Additionally, we see examples week in week out of parents giving up their time to support our students. From classroom volunteering, to helping in the tuckshop, serving on a Committee or simply being there at an event with their children, Drayton has amazingly wonderful and positive parents and families. Finally, a school cannot operate without a dedicated staff. It is no secret that being part of a school is like being part of a family. Each member has a part to play, but each day, every member grows and develops to make the family even better. Drayton SS is no different.

To those parents who have supported our school, thank-you. To our students who continue to represent themselves, their school and their family with pride, thank-you. As we settle in for the 5 months of school left this year, I look forward to the many activities and events that typify Semester 2 at Drayton SS.

Community Liaison Officer

I am pleased to announce that Kate Johnston has been appointed as our Community Liaison Officer at Drayton SS. Kate comes to us having worked in a range of fields, including in education support roles across a wide range of age groups. Kate will be a support person to a number of classes, along with getting out and about at lunch time on the oval. Through this, Kate’s role will be to act as a support person for students and families, with a focus on student attendance and engagement at school.

Kate will also act as the key contact for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander events, such as NAIDOC Day and relevant sporting and cultural activities. As a member of the school’s Senior Leadership Team, Kate will be at school on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and will attend on Friday afternoon’s at this stage to participate in Assemblies. Kate can be contacted by phoning the School Office and will be all to happy to meet and engage with families. We look forward to working with Kate in this role.

On That Note ...

I note we have a Cent Sale meeting for interested members of the Drayton SS community tomorrow afternoon, from 3:15pm. Also, for parents who don’t have internet access and would like to complete your School Opinion Survey at school, we are opening up the ICT Lab from 3:10pm – 3:40pm tomorrow afternoon, and putting on Afternoon Tea should you wish to take up that opportunity. Please note that the survey closes on Friday.

Finally, given the weather, I would ask everyone to ensure that students have appropriate warm (and uniformed) clothing, such as jumpers and long pants. There is nothing better than walking around the school and in classrooms seeing all our enthusiastic ‘Drayton Dragons’ wearing full and correct school uniform.

Have a brilliant fortnight.

Kind Regards,

Aleksandr

Aleksandr Taylor-Gough.

PRINCIPAL
ATHLETICS REPORT

Interhouse Athletics Carnivals
At the end of last term, Drayton held our Interhouse Athletics Carnivals. Many thanks to all the staff who assisted in the running of these days. Congratulations to all students, who showed great sportsmanship and dedication to their events. The winning house was…… SOWDEN!!

Well done to our 2016 Athletics Age Champions:
- 7 Years: Pyper Moore/Bella Duncan & Paiton Heilig
- 8 Years: Breanna Morton & Sam Neale
- 9 Years: Abbey Lavers & Brodie Hilt
- 10 Years: Charlotte Ladyman & Dylan James
- 11 Years: Hannah Parkinson & Ben Roche
- 12 Years: Jade Morton & Tyler Collins

Cambooya District Athletics Carnivals
Our top athletes were selected to attend last week’s Cambooya District Athletics Carnivals. These students were aged from 5-12 Years and competed to a high standard. Well done to all of our students who attended these days. Many students placed in the top 3, but only the following students (aged 9-12 years) have met qualifying standards and have been selected in the Cambooya District Athletics Team. They will compete at the Inner Downs trials on 9th August and we wish them all the best.

Abby Lavers, Ella Parkinson, Charlotte Ladyman, Wesley Macey, Hannah Parkinson, Isaiah Heilig, Jade Morton, Jordan Burrow, Tyler Collins, Hailey Brady, Kaleb Collins, Keaton Monagle, Ben Roche, Angus Canning, Annie Briese, Liam Crocker, Brodie Hilt & Keeley Roche.

Congratulations also to Hannah Parkinson, Isaiah Heilig and Tyler Collins, who were awarded District Age Champions! What a fantastic achievement.

Yours in sport,
Chantelle Manteufel
PE Specialist

FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM

Curriculum News
As part of our explicit improvement agenda, the Curriculum News section of the newsletter will continue to highlight aspects of the fantastic work happening at Drayton State School around the teaching of reading.

This week as I walked around our school during our Literacy Blocks, I was overwhelmed by the on-task, engaged behaviour of the students. I quickly realized that this was due to the explicit, focused teaching that was occurring around the teaching of reading in all classes at Drayton State School. So this week, I thought parents and community members would like to see and learn about what aspects of reading were being taught this week.

Our next group was working with Mrs Kelleway finishing their activity learning about action verbs and their use.

This group was working very hard with Mrs Liriges learning about acronyms, making great use of the iPads.

Regards,
Chantelle Bauer
Acting Head of Curriculum
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 all those who received Drayton Dragon Awards on the day.


Congratulations to our award winners!!!!!
New Tuckshop Mural – Donations and Help needed!!

This Term all students will be contributing to a new mural around the tuckshop by painting a recycled CD or record. Bronwyn Palmer, will be working on the background for the mural and the student creations will be added to this background. You will all be familiar with Bronwyn’s work as she has painted our terrific Respect and Pride murals at the end of C Block. We are still asking for donations of any old CD’s or records. (Leave these in the office) **We also need someone who has the skills to cut some wood to specific dimensions.** The mural will be painted onto the wood and then mounted on the wall around the tuckshop windows. Please contact the office if you would be able to help us with this project.

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.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

During this term, Drayton is running the Jump Rope for Heart Program. Students will be learning new skipping skills in PE lessons and will be able to fundraise for a worthy cause. At the end of the program a special Jump Off Day is held to celebrate and demonstrate the skills learnt and health knowledge gained. Thank you prizes are awarded to participants for their fundraising efforts.

**WHY?** Low levels of physical activity have been shown to be associated with increased risk of blocked arteries, high blood pressure and overweight and obesity among children as young as 12 years of age. Jump Rope for Heart provides a unique opportunity to engage children in physical activity in a noncompetitive way and encourage them to develop lifelong heart healthy habits.

**HOW?** Students will be given a fundraising form this week. Alternatively, you can hop online, customise your page with photos and a brief write-up. It’s easy and a lot of fun. You can share your page, and your friends and family can donate and leave comments.

P & C Meetings – Next meeting: The next P&C meeting will be held on **Wednesday the 3rd of August** at 6:30pm. We encourage all parents to attend, it is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening in the school and meet up with other parents.

Karyn Kleidon
Secretary
Helping others across the world!

On Tuesday 26 July, Mrs Ormsby’s 5/6O and Mrs Steven’s 6S had 2 visitors in Geography time. Both classes are learning about ways that we are connected to other countries around the world.

One of these visitors was Peter Rees from Compassion, Australia. He talked to us about what the organisation Compassion does for children around the world who live in conditions decidedly different from our own.

Our students were shocked to see the slums that many children around the world live in.

Compasion as an organisation began in 1952 in South Korea, which was then one of the poorest nations in the world. There was no sanitation or rubbish collection available so the area “stunk!” He saw children dying from diseases en masse and wondered what he could do to make a difference.

He then started an organisation based on child sponsorship, where for about $1.60/day someone in Australia could sponsor a child. This would provide them with an education, food, transport, health services, etc. Life changing. Compassion has played a crucial role in turning around many children’s lives, giving them an opportunity to dream about their future where they couldn’t before.

Our other visitor was a lady from SILA, Christine Brodie. She talked about the United Nations goals particularly in regards to education and equality, and how SILA work in line with these.

She works with various governments in developing countries to create resources and curriculums for their schools.

She explained how tough it can be to use English materials in countries where their language is totally different in structure and sound. She works with locals to change English materials into their own language so that they have a starting point in their education.

Our neighbouring country, PNG, actually has the most languages of any country in the world – over 890 languages!

This session certainly got us thinking about children from across the world and how we could possibly help them.

Kind Regards,

Jennine Laird

Humanities
Dealing with Anxiety

Yesterday Mrs Laird organised some special speakers to talk to the Year 6 students. Compassion is an Australian Aid and Child Sponsorship Agency. Compassion is an essential quality for life. When we care for others and think outside our own lives, we can benefit from an increased connection to our community. We also begin to see what is good in our lives and appreciate what we have, rather than focusing only on what we don't have.

Local Chaplaincy Committee Meeting
Monday 1st August
at Bunker's Hill State School

The next Chaplaincy Committee Meeting will be next Monday 1st August. Parents and staff interested in attending to see what the Chaplain is doing would be most welcome. Thanks to those already attending.

Breakfast Club Monday to Friday

Breakfast Club will be held Monday to Friday 8.15-8.45am. Miss Johnston will serve breakfast Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Chappy Kate will be there Tuesday and Friday. Thanks to Mr Weatherall for serving breakfast last term on several days.

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!

Triple P Parenting Programs

The Queensland Government with the support from the RSL has begun a project to provide Triple P Parenting seminars to parents at no cost.

The Positive Parenting Program was developed by a Queenslander from the University of Queensland and has now been used worldwide with a positive record of helping families and parents. If you would be interested in participating in a Seminar, please contact Chappy Kate on 0412 198 067.

We will be running a series of 3 seminars this term and would love to hear of a time that suits you. There are good resources on the Triple P website as well as the Raising Children Network.

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 term so far the children have been competing in a challenge to build the highest structure using only 50 cups; our winner built a structure a massive 161cm! We have also seen some amazing leadership skills from our Buddy Bear Leaders, they have been helping children with making balloon rockets, laser mazes (made out of crepe paper), and organising and running group games. Children have also participated in making our amazing new display in the foyer of a beautiful ocean scene with a message about littering.

What we have planned for the next fortnight!

Next fortnight we have more science experiments planned including making a fizzinator to inflate balloons using the bubbling reaction of bicarb and vinegar, walking water and tornados in a jar. We will also be looking at some different crafts from around the world such as origami, making Cuckoo clocks from Germany, and windmills from Holland. We will also have lots of group games and outside play (weather permitting).

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:

The weather has once again turned cold please keep in mind the hall can be quite cold particularly in the morning, if your child/ren are attending the service please make sure they have adequate clothing to keep warm.

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 Megan Lawton
2017 Cent Sale Committee Expression of Interest Form

Name: ____________________  
Contact Details____________________________________________________

Please indicate the jobs you would be interested in helping with regards to the organisation of the 2017 Cent Sale.

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