Principal News

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Well, who would have thought that we are coming to the end of Week 3! There is much going on at the moment, which includes a team of staff (inclusive of me as Principal and an Instructional Leader of Drayton SS, Chantelle Bauer as Head of Curriculum, Lisa Maslen as Business Services Manager and Janet Cosgrove & Kate Long as Classroom Teacher) attending our second workshop with Dr Lyn Sharratt around Putting FACES on the Data.

As you may be aware, we commenced this process last year whereby we worked with Dr Lyn Sharratt, the DDSW Region and a number of other schools to look at our Explicit Improvement Agendas and the relationship between our work and literacy instruction. The FACES team was yesterday and today in Highfields to continue on our learning journey, where we will take our reflections back to staff, classroom and student level. This is a really exciting stage in our development at Drayton SS and I look forward to sharing our learning journey with the community as the year progresses.

Day 8 and Staffing

I can formally announce that at the conclusion of the Day 8 Count last Thursday, our ‘official’ enrolment number for Drayton SS for 2017 is 326.2 Full Time Enrolled students. This meets our predictions from last late year, and represents a total net growth of around 10 students. Thank you to everyone for making sure that your child was effectively enrolled and attending school over the past couple of weeks.

To that end, given we reached the 325 student number, I can also confirm that Drayton SS is now eligible to staff a Deputy Principal (DP), instead of a Head of Curriculum (HOC). This is welcome news to the many parents and community members who continually raise this issue with me. Hence, an Expression of Interest advertising for the role of DP closes this afternoon, allowing a recruitment process to ensure continuity of expectations is maintained throughout this period. The role will not change dramatically, as this person will continue to support me as Principal, and our school in a number of areas. Whilst an uncommon process of the Department that occurs from time to time, changing from HOC to DP is a transition that has the support of our Region and Drayton SS Senior Leadership Team.

Of course, this change doesn’t prevent the possibility of an applicant currently in the HOC role from applying for the new role. However, I would like to publically acknowledge and thank Chantelle Bauer for her work as HOC over the past 2 years. Chantelle has brought enthusiasm, experience, support and a depth of knowledge in a range of areas to our school. She has worked tirelessly as a member of the Senior Leadership Team and has been involved in a range of whole school initiatives that have better positioned our school to maximise student outcomes, academically, behaviourally and culturally.

I appreciate your support and patience during this time, and hope to be able to announce the successful applicant within the next fortnight!

Also, in some other planned news, you may recall that our Music Teacher, Adele McKenzie has been with us for W eeks 1 and 2. From this week onwards, Adele is moving into a period of well-deserved Long Service Leave, as she transitions to retirement over the next 12 – 24 months. I would like to thank Adele for her years of service to Drayton SS and our community. Katy Goodall takes over from Adele as Music Specialist. Adele will continue to service Toowoomba North SS each Thursday.

On behalf of the entire community, enjoy your time off Adele! Whilst this is not a retirement announcement, you have been an asset to our school and the culture of our school, and for that, we say thanks. We look forward to keeping in touch and hearing all your stories from your 2017 adventures.
Year 6 Student Leadership Presentation Assembly

Please note this in your diary for Friday 24th February (Week 5) at 10:15am. Following the Assembly will be a morning tea for parents, staff and invited guests. Note that there will be NO Whole School Assembly at 2:30pm during that week.

School Supervisor Visit

Last week, Chantelle Bauer and I had the pleasure of hosting our school supervisor, Assistant Regional Director, Debbie Hails. Debbie, Chantelle and I spoke about our current strategic directions, Explicit Improvement Agendas, along with reviewing current school data. We also had an opportunity to visit classrooms, students and staff. She was extremely impressed with the presentation of the school, the engagement of students and how “calm” the school was.

Debbie was noted the level of ‘consistent practices’ start to take shape from classroom to classroom, an ongoing, yet exciting journey. This truly is a credit to all involved, including our wider community for the ways in which you have helped to ‘settle’ your children back into routine. I look forward to my further conversations with Debbie and the Region around continuing to ensure that Every Student is Succeeding at Drayton SS during 2017.

On That Note …

Please remember that the first Drayton SS P&C Association General Meeting for 2017 is being held this afternoon, from 5:30pm in the Library. We look forward to seeing as many new and familiar faces as possible. Enjoy the upcoming fortnight and if you haven’t, make sure you pop in to have a look at your child’s classroom. You’ll be sure to be impressed with the learning that’s taking place, and it’s only Week 3!

Regards,

Aleksandr Taylor-Gough.

PRINCIPAL

Canberra 2017 Update

There will be a Canberra meeting for ALL students and their parents next Wednesday (15/2/17) afternoon from 3.30 – 4.00 in the Hall. There will be some key information delivered around behaviour expectations and payments that is important for all parents and students to be aware of. Have a great week, and I look forward to seeing you all next W ednesday.

Mrs Ormsby

School Drop Off and Pick UP Times

At Drayton State School, we offer limited student supervision from 8:15am. From 8:30am, students are able to play on some of the playground equipment as we have 2 staff members on duty. I would like to remind parents and caregivers that there is no supervision for students who arrive before 8:15am (45 minutes before the start of the school day). Before school, classroom teachers and school staff need preparation time for the day ahead. This is vital and I thank all parents for working with us on this, trying to keep their drop-off routine after the 8:15am timeslot.

Please consider other parents if you are dropping off your children out the front of the School on Brisbane St. It is a five minute parking zone, but there is plenty of room in Darling St and Rudd St if you want to park for five minutes or more. It would be great if we could keep Brisbane St for quick drop offs. We don’t want to endanger our students or parents.

Afternoon Pick Up

In the afternoon we have staff who monitor the playground area at the corner of Brisbane and Darling Streets from 3.00pm until 3.15pm. All students should remain in this area unless they are being collected from the back gate. Any student who is at school after 3.15pm will be directed to the office. Please collect your children as soon as possible.

As part of safety policies for Queensland Schools, after 3.15pm please do not allow your children to use the playground equipment.

Let’s work together to keep our students safe.

Regards,

Aleksandr
Inner Downs Trials
Inner Downs softball trials: Tuesday 21st February (boys and girls 10-12 years). Return by 16/02/17
Inner Downs basketball trials: Thursday 23rd February (boys and girls 11–12 years). Return by 20/02/17
Inner Downs netball trials: Tuesday 14th March (girls 11 – 12 years). Return by 16/02/17

If your child has played at a club or representative level in any of these sports, please email me ASAP so arrangements can be made for them to attend. Students can also collect forms from me at school on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

Aussie Hoops Basketball Clinic
Pop Dickerson is running the Aussie Hoops Basketball Clinic again this year for students in Years 1 – 6. It runs for 8 sessions each Wednesday at first break, starting Wednesday 22nd February. It costs $95 which includes a ball, singlet and back-pack or $65.00 for returning players which does not include the pack. If your child is interested, please register at: www.aussiehoops.com.au

Yours in sport,
Clare Garrels – crath7@eq.edu.au

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:

Week Ending 27th January 2017:

Week Ending 3rd February 2017:

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Your BOLD ADVENTURE AWAITS
The Summer Challenge
Weekly prizes to be won! Parks and open spaces to explore! Get your Bold Adventures Summer Challenge kit today!

How does it work?
Bold Adventures challenges are located in 26 parks and open spaces across our region. Challenges can be completed online or by filling out a Summer Challenge Kit and returning it to a Toowoomba Regional Council Service Centre.

What are the prizes?
Prizes include a 3D Camera pack valued at $500, a gardening class with renowned local gardening guru Brian Sams and CHANGE Project class passes.
You have until 3 March to join us as a Bold Adventurer!
To find out more and to register, visit http://yoursay.tr.qld.gov.au/boldadventures or call 131872

Congratulations to our award winners!!!!
Uniform Shop

We trust everyone has settled back into the school routine, and while we have enjoyed a busy back-to-school period, and now we are looking for people to bring in any items that they would like to sell second hand, in particular dresses as they are always very popular (as we don't sell new ones at school, only Hanna's do). As always, we can only accept cash and cheque - sorry we DO NOT have EFTPOS. If you are unable to visit the uniform shop on Monday 8.30-9.15 or Friday 2.30-3.15pm, please make contact with us and we will arrange pick up from the school office.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to Kerry Webb who has kindly offered to take over the convenor position from me as mentioned in the last newsletter. She has started to learn the ropes, so you will be hearing from her more in the coming weeks!

Thanks,
Alisha O'Neill
Convenor

Tuckshop Open Friday 17th Feb

The Tuckshop will not be re opening until the 4th week back due to the renovations being done on the front of our tuckshop. The tuckshop menu is attached, or you can find it on the school website.

Thank you for your understanding
Kristy Wall

FELTON FOOD FESTIVAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2017
SUNDAY 26TH MARCH 2017
ENTRIES CLOSE 16TH MARCH

SUBJECT CHOICE
SCIENCE CHANGING AGRICULTURE OR GROW GATHER ENJOY
(Please note website only shows one subject)

SECTIONS
Under 8 Years
9-12 Years
13-18 Years
19 Years and Older

ENTRANTS MUST RESIDE WITHIN 200K FROM FELTON
Further information available from DIANNE TURNER
dianneturner8@iprimus.com.au
Home Phone 46332849 (leave message if no answer)
Mobile Phone 0407 584 534 (text preferred please)

TO ENTER PHOTOS:-
GO TO Felton Food Festival Web Site
Program/Photo Competition/Follow Instructions

CraftAlive is back in Toowoomba on the 10th to 12th February at the Clive Berghofer Centre. We are holding a Family Fun Day in conjunction with the show. Sunday Family Fun Day will be held on Sunday 12th of February from 10am to 3pm. We will have a jumping castle, Cleo the clown, giant bowling, arts and crafts and much more for the kids to enjoy. Proceeds go towards Quilts of Hope and supporting kids with cancer.

TOOWOOMBA RUGBY LEAGUE PRESENTS
SOUTH WEST QLD EMUS
TOOWOOMBA RUGBY LEAGUE ALL STARS
SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2017
CLIVE BERGHOFER STADIUM
MAIN MATCH KICK OFF 6.30PM
CELEBRATIONS OF INDIGENOUS CULTURE
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Draughton State School Absence Note

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