From the Principal's Desk

Welcome

Welcome to the final edition of the newsletter for term 1. It has been an extremely busy term that has seen students achieve success in the academic, vocational, sporting and cultural fields. It pleases me greatly to see so many of our students stepping up and doing themselves, their families, their community and their school proud.

Attendance

I am delighted to report that our whole-school attendance for the term is slightly above 92%. This is the strongest term 1 attendance the school has achieved for many, many years. I encourage all students and their parents and carers to carefully think about attendance and the impact it can have on overall achievement. If a student has one day off per fortnight, that adds up to four entire weeks off school in a year. Even the most talented of student will struggle to achieve their best if they miss that much school. Attendance is best chance of achieving your best; simple as that. As you can see though, the vast majority of students are doing the right thing and making their school attendance a priority. Well done!

Parent-Teacher Interviews

While we are on the topic of great news and records... In the five years I have been at this school, I have never seen so many parents and carers in attendance as there were at our recent Parent-Teacher Interview Evening. This was absolutely wonderful to see. These interviews are the BEST way for students and their families to receive meaningful feedback about how results can be improved. Thank you for your support.

Aerosols

I included this information in the previous edition of the newsletter and I am going to go over it again as there have been further incidents at our school (involving) two students that have resulted in 000 calls to the ambulance and hospitalization. This is an issue we take very seriously and I ask for the support of all students, parents and caregivers in keeping our school aerosol free.

Aerosols are unsafe in a school environment for many reasons and as a result have been banned for several years at Dalby State High School. The following is an extract from our Responsible Behaviour Plan, which can be found on the school website:

Prohibited items may include, but are not limited to, the following: aerosol cans, chewing gum, illicit substances, objects that may be used to intentionally cause harm, explicit images.

Year 7 Building

The new Year 7 building is in its final stages of construction and should be ready for use within weeks. It will be wonderful to have access to a state of the art learning space. The building will be primarily used for Year 7 students in 2015 but other grades will also spend time there.

School Holidays and Student Free Days

Just a reminder that there will be no Student Free Day in term 2 this year. School resumes for all students on Tuesday, 22 April 2014.

Until Next Term

Thank you to all students for your behaviour and work effort this term. Thank you to all school staff for your ongoing commitment. Thank you to all parents and community members for your support and encouragement. Please enjoy your break and I look forward to seeing you next term.

Dr Dean Russell
Principal

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We have already reached the end of term 1. It has been a big and busy start to the year. The Year 11 cohort has worked very hard to cope with the massive workload increase this year. It is early days though, so they must make sure they are keeping up with study and assessment. At the end of term they should be studying especially hard... some of them told me they had seven exams last week! Considering this, they are working really well. During Pastoral Care this term, we have been working through specific study skills and making sure they are prepared for exams and assessment. Having a ‘to-do’ list or a study timetable will be so helpful for all students. This will enable them to be prepared and less stressed at a very stressful time.

Speaking of stress, camp preparations are going well! Camp will take place from the 5th to the 9th of May, week 3, term 2. Students need to be aware that this is a very busy time. They have assessment due in week 2; some of them also have Geography camp at the end of week two and then the musical performance will be during week 4, the week after they return from camp. It is a massive start to the term. Please keep an eye on your students to make sure they are coping with their school work at this busy time.

Well done to all students who have been going to representative sport over this term. There are some very successful sportspersons in this grade. Also, congratulations to all students who helped out for various student council initiatives throughout this term. The Social, red food days, handing out water at the Dalby triathlon are all great events and those of you who came and helped out - your contribution does not go unnoticed.

Year 11 is a very stressful time, but I encourage students in Year 11 to continue to get involved in all of the extra activities this school has to offer. Keep on top of your study, homework and assignments as well.

Alicia Spanner
Year 11 Coordinator
aspan14@eq.edu.au

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**Cattle Showing**

On the 15th of March, Dalby State High School was proudly represented by our largest Cattle Showing Team at the Oakey Show. The day was a big one starting in the early hours of the morning and not returning until early in the evening however the students handled it beautifully and were acknowledged in the following email from a parent and Chief Steward at the show:

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the members of the cattle show team on their efforts & achievements at the Oakey show. Considering this was the first show for the 2014 team, their organisation, efforts & ability as a team were outstanding. The way the students presented the cattle, conducted themselves & represented the school are all very commendable. These comments were also shared by many of the show sponsors & committee during the course of the day. Dalby should be very proud to have such a confident & capable team. Congratulations once again to all the team.

Belinda Hess
Chief steward stud cattle Oakey show.

They truly did the school proud in both the way they conducted themselves and their achievements. I would like to congratulate all the students and organisers.

Kate Masson
Acting Head of Residential Campus

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**AG NEWS**

The Year 10, 11 and 12 students in our certificate courses have been focussing on working with cattle and sheep, and developing the Horticulture area over the last month. They have gained many skills that align with their Certificate II in Agriculture namely learning how to weigh animals, working with livestock in the yards and developing the fencing for the vines. The students have not only been involved in the practical side of these skills but have also had to learn to plan their activities and work as a team through effective communication skills to achieve a desired outcome.

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**SCHOOL MAGAZINE**

The school magazine for 2013 is available for sale from the office for $22. This full colour magazine is a lasting memento of the school year.
SOSE Department

Years 8-10 SOSE: 2014 has seen many changes to our SOSE curriculum. As many parents are already aware, students from Years 8 to 10 will be studying a semester of History and a semester of Geography. Within this discipline, students will also study elements of Legal Studies, Civics and Economics.

In Year 8, students have studied: Deserts or Medieval History (and begun Shogunate Japan).
In Year 9, students have studied: Biomes & Food Security or Movement of Peoples (and begun Making a Nation – early Australian history.)
In Year 10, students have studied: Wellbeing or World War II (and begun Apartheid.)

*SH will be re-grouping this week. They will be continuing their SOSE study, with a focus on Geography with Miss McEwan.

Assessment Calendar Amendment: Due to unforeseeable clashes, the following changes have been made to assessment due dates:
Year 10 History - Research Assignment is due week beginning 5th May 2014.
Year 11 Legal Studies - Extended Research Response is due week beginning 16th June 2014.

Senior Geography Excursion: Students have received letters with advice on the upcoming Geography excursion to the Sunshine Coast on the 1st and 2nd of May. This excursion will provide the basis of a field report focusing on sustaining biodiversity. This field trip also allows students to enhance their understanding of geographical patterns and systems. It would be greatly appreciated if the permission slip, medical form and payment for this excursion could be returned by Thursday 16th April.

SOSE Tutorial: Every Monday morning the SOSE department opens the Support Space for students to utilise. Students can use this time to work on homework, assessment or generally get assistance with their schooling. We are fortunate that this space is supported by Arrow Energy, who provide breakfast for the students that attend these tutorial times.

Rhianna Commens
Head of Department (SOSE & LOTE)

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Can you believe first term is nearly gone already? As most of you would be aware, we are going on tour again this year. The preparations for this are underway and we will be having a meeting about the tour on Tuesday May 6th after our band rehearsal from 5.00pm. While I may not have all details for the trip at this meeting, I will be able to give you an idea of prices and a rough itinerary at this meeting so I would appreciate full attendance at this meeting if you have any intention of your child attending this trip to Melbourne.

The DSHS ANZAC service will take place on Monday April 29th and we will be performing the National Anthem at this. Students will need to be in formal uniform.

This year we are not performing at the Biggest Morning Tea as the date is the same as one of the technical rehearsals for the musical. I will be required at the rehearsal and many instrumental students will also be in attendance. If anyone is wishing to attend however, it is taking place on May 4th at Jimbour House from 11.00am.

Fanfare is taking place on Wednesday June 4th in Chinchilla. We are busily preparing for this at the moment. Both Concert and Stage Bands will be competing. All students will be expected to attend and a bus will be organised to take students out and return them but any interested family and friends are invited to attend. I do not have times yet.

Due to the musical being only a couple of weeks before Fanfare, I would like to have a shorter Concert Band rehearsal on the Monday of musical week (Monday May 19th) from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. There will be no rehearsal on the Tuesday of this week due to opening night the same evening. Please be aware that there may be a rehearsal on the Monday of the following week (week 5), I will inform you about this as soon as I know for certain if this is the case. If students may potentially have work on these days, I am asking that they inform employers now of their unavailability for these dates as I will expect full attendance at both these rehearsals.

We are also attending the Brisbane Ekka again this year as the school performances are back on again. This will be after the eisteddfod in Term Three so more details about this trip will come out closer to the time.

If anyone has any questions regarding any of the above, please contact me.

Katie Commens

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Free Mobile Women's Health Service
4th & 15th April
Daisy Health Services (Daisy Hospital)
8.15 am—2.30 pm (Appointments 4656 0517)

Netball Come and Try Day
Saturday 5th April.
Player Come & Try Activities 8.30—10.30am Ages 8—18
Foundation Coaching Course 9am—1pm
Level 1 Umpires Course (2pm—6pm)
Register for coaching & umpiring course online at http://
RSVP to Kennil Allen at p.allen12@bigpond.com or 0488 650 123

Holiday Basketball Clinic
7—9 April 2014 from 9—3pm
This school holidays we are running a Get into Hoops holiday clinic for beginning players aged 6—14 years old. Mountaineers Head Coach Farley will lead a team of coaches at St Joseph’s College off Coronet Street, Toowoomba. $170 for 3 days or $50 per day. Register online at www.toowoombabasketball.com.au

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange
Has four new scholarships available for 2014 semester programs for USA ($4,000 discount) and France, Germany Italy ($3000 discount). Applications close 14th April. Visit us at our website www.scco.com.au email scoossutch@scco.com.au or phone us on 1800 500 501.

Queensland Police Service Expo 22nd & 23rd August
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Mervalee Street, South Brisbane from 9am—7pm on Friday 22nd August and 9am—4pm on Saturday 23rd August. Gold coin donation. Active displays from a range of policing units and sections.

Mad Hatters Biggest Morning Tea Party
11th May at Jimbour House at 10am
Hat Challenge entry fee—gold coin to benefit Cancer Council. Prize money donated by Mr Bill Fitzsimmons of Fitzsimmons Real Estate.

Lucky door prize, multibuy raffle, fashion parade, jumping castle, face painting, musical entertainment, dance, market stalls, sausage sizzle and barbecue.

Entry $10 adults $5 for children.

Texas State School Horse Sports Day
Hosted by Texas Pony Club Friday 5th May 2014
Starting 9.30am with March past at 3pm sharp. Entries close Friday 16th April. Horse Sports Coordinator 4653 6108 or 4653 3333. Email beebobb@bigpond.com or
ccpsca@eq.edu.au

WANTED!

Library Books
aka C. Verdoo
These cunning resources are
wanted (read or unread).
Suspects vamoosed weeks (and sometimes months) ago to places unknown (try under the bed, drawers etc).
If you are harbouring ANY suspects, please return them to the library asap!
Sports News

Darling Downs Cluster 3 Trials—The Darling Downs trials that were to have been held on Monday this week were postponed after the rain that hit Toowoomba on Sunday. The new dates for these trials are:
- 18 years Rugby Union Wednesday 2nd April at St Mary's College Oval, Herries Street, Toowoomba
- Golf, 15 years Soccer, 15 years Rugby Wednesday 23rd April at designated venues
- Orienteering Wednesday 30th April at Leyburn State Forest
For more information see the DD School Sport website - www.ddschoolsport.eq.edu.au

Darling Downs Cluster 2 Trials

A number of students participated in the Darling Downs Cluster 2 trials in Toowoomba recently. The school had students at the Rugby League, Netball, U19 Soccer, Squash and Under 15 AFL trials. Congratulations to Beau Fermor & Tom Boland for being selected in the 18 years Rugby League team heading to the State Championships in Mackay 22-25 May, to Katy Rathmell & Kiara Hedge for selection in the Darling Downs Squash team to go to Maryborough 22-25 May and to Sam Daff for his selection in the U15 Boys AFL team heading to Morningside 22-25 May.

Darling Downs U16 Girls AFL Team

On Wednesday 5 March a group of girls went to the trials for the Darling Downs Girls AFL team to train up for the State Championships in Maroochydore 3rd to 6th May. Well done to Jessi Henning, Jayne Finlay and Kali Ross for their selection in the team.

Girls Rugby League

This Wednesday night the Girls Rugby League team are playing Merrimac SHS at 5.45pm at the Dalby Rugby League Grounds. We wish them all the best and hope to see lots of supporters at the grounds for the game.

Any U16 girls (born 1998 & 1999) wishing to trial for the South West Mustangs team to play at the Junior State Carnival in Cairns will need to attend some Come & Try days from 3.30 to 5.00pm on the following dates:
- 1st April at Brothers Senior Rugby League Grounds
- 22nd April at Harristown SHS Bottom Oval
- 29th April at Brothers Senior Rugby League Grounds
The trials will then be held in Toowoomba on 17th and 18th May. For more information contact Chris McEwan 0427 165 910 or cmewan@nrl.com.au

Cross Country Training

There will be some pre-cross country races in Toowoomba as a lead up for the Darling Downs trials. Race 2 Sunday 27th April 2k, 3k & 4k at Newtown Park, Tor Street Toowoomba and Race 3 Sunday 18th May 2k, 3k, 4k & 6k at Kearney Springs Toowoomba. For more information and registration details www.trt.org.au.

Netball Coaching Day

Saturday 5th April the Dalby Netball Association will be hosting a Come and Try session from 8.30am to 10.30am and then a Foundations Coaching Course 9am to 1pm and a Level 1 Umpiring Course 2pm to 6pm. For more information phone Kerryn Allan 0488650125.

Upcoming events

Wednesday 7 May School Cross Country
Tuesday 27 May Darling Downs Cross Country Trials
Thursday 19th June 12 noon half day Inter-house Athletics Carnival
Friday 20th June Inter-house Athletics Carnival Continued
Thursday 26th June Kingaroy Sports Exchange in Dalby

Dalby State High School
P & C Resource Scheme Outlet

To ensure that your student has the books, classroom materials and sports activities for their study areas in 2014, join the Resource Scheme. The fees for 2014 are $220 for Years 8 and 9 students while Year 10, 11 and 12 will be $240.

A Security Bond of $50 is required for each student and rolls over each year. Any queries please phone 4689 0953 or email dalbyhighpanda@bigpond.com.

Pay cash, credit or cheque. Eftpos is available.
Scheme membership is voluntary.

Lockers are also available for hire through the Resource Centre for $40 per annum (cash or cheque only). A Locker Agreement Form must be signed by student and parent prior to hire.

HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday to Friday – 8.30am to 2.30pm

The Hurting Game is a daring look at the hurtful games we sometimes play to give ourselves a false sense of power and belonging. This is an entertaining way to promote discussion about friendship, peer pressure, bullying, body image, our cyber footprint and the way we interact at school and on digital media.

The Year 8 & 9 students will be looking at these issues in Pastoral Care leading up to the presentation of the Hurting Game on the 7th of May.
Dalby State High School presents

Stage adaptation by DEAN PITCHFORD & WALTER BOBBIE
Based on the Original Screenplay by DEAN PITCHFORD
Music by TOM SNOW
Lyrics by DEAN PITCHFORD
Additional Music by ERIC CARMEN, SAMMY HAGAR, KENNY LOGGINS & JIM STEINMAN

Tuesday 20th May at 7:30pm
Wednesday 21st May at 7:30pm
Friday 23rd May at 7:30pm
Saturday 24th May: Matinee at 1:00pm
Saturday 24th May at 7:30pm

Adults: $15.00
Students/Concessions: $10.00
Children under 5 years: $5.00
Groups of 10 or more (Tuesday / Wednesday / Saturday Matinee): $10.00
Dalby State High School Great Hall

Tickets on sale to the public Monday 28th April
Tickets available at the School Office and at Dalby Colour Innovations

MUSICAL PROP WANTED

This year we are seeking a brown gavel (similar to the one pictured) for use in our school production of Footloose. If you have one we could borrow, please contact the school office.

Thanks,
Musical Props Team

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