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## NEWSLETTER

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21st April 2016

### From the Principal's Desk

#### Term 2

Welcome back to another term at Dalby State High School. I am feeling especially positive about the term ahead. Term 1 was very successful largely due to strong student attendance and a great effort from the student body in terms of work rate in class and focus on learning. Let's keep that up!

#### ANZAC Day

Our ANZAC Day ceremonies will be held on Tuesday 26 April, after this edition of the newsletter is distributed. All students will be present at these ceremonies. We can also expect a large contingent of staff and students at both the Dawn Service and the Dalby March and Ceremony on Monday 25 April. Our school is always strongly represented on ANZAC Day and I am confident that this year will be no different. Lest we Forget.

#### Grade Point Average (GPA)

GPA is an expression that you will hear often used at this school, largely around the process used to determine Academic Awards winners. GPA is of course, an average of all your subject levels of achievement. Did you ever consider why the GPA, and constantly working to improve it is so important? GPA influences EVERYTHING! The higher your GPA, the more likely it is that you will attain a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and / or achieve a high year 12 Overall Position (OP). The link with attendance is also obvious. The more students attend school, the more likely it is that their GPA will improve. I have asked all students to consider what they will do to improve their GPA this term.

#### NAPLAN

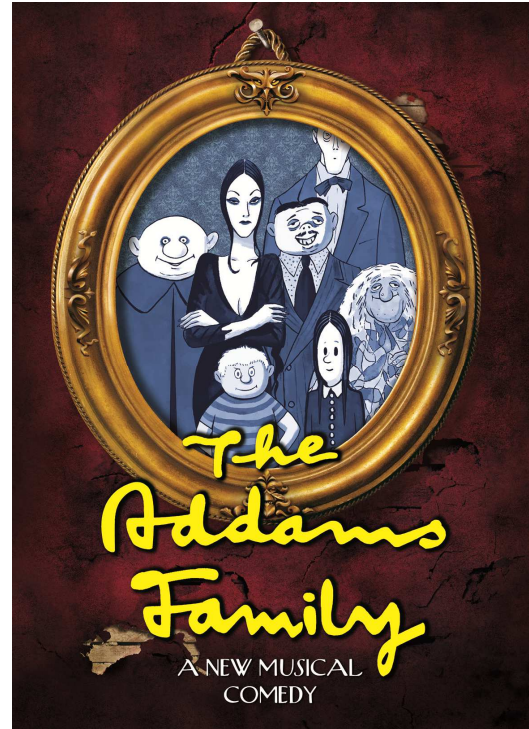
Our year 7 and 9 students will complete their NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy) tests on May 10, 11, 12. I look forward to reporting back to you later in the year with their results. I know they will do their best and have worked hard on their literacy and numeracy skills in preparation.

#### Until Next Edition

Please do not hesitate to make an appointment with me at the school office, if I can be of assistance with any matter.

Dr Dean Russell  
Principal

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#### Date Claimers

##### April

19 School Social  
20 Year 10 Cheesemaking  
25 ANZAC Day Holiday  
28 Clontarf Camp Yrs 9 & 10

##### May

3 P&C Meeting  
5 - 6 Senior Geography Trip  
9 Yr 10 Sci 21 Biol  
Cheesemaking  
10 - 12 NAPLAN  
16 - 21 Musical Week  
25 Yrs 7 & 8 Vaccinations  
27 Yrs 7 & 8 Vaccinations Catch  
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## QCS Community Representatives

Year 12 QCS test will be conducted on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 August. Two chief community representatives are appointed to every test centre. The chief community representative position is a paid position. Each chief community representative is required to observe and report on the conduct of the test and to:

- keep custody of the key for the cases
- make sure that the secure test materials are received in accordance with instructions given by the QCAA
- unlock and lock all cases
- assist with checking all secure materials
- be independent observers and report to the QCAA on the administration of the test
- ensure accountability
- supervise community representatives during the administration of the test.

If you are interested in being a chief community representative at Dalby SHS, please contact the school on 4669 0900.

Jason Caruso  
Deputy Principal

## Instrumental Music News

- Congratulations to all Concert and Stage Band students who attended the performance at the Dalby Show on Friday. We have had some very positive feedback from listeners. It was a great first performance of the year!!
- There are notes going home this week to applicable students regarding AMEB exams. If your child has a note and is interested please return the note by next week. **No money** is required at this stage so please return the **note only** to the Instrumental Music Teachers.
- Invoices have been issued again to families who still have fees outstanding. These were due in Term 1 and prompt payment would be appreciated.
- Fanfare is in week 6 of this term and a letter will go home this week about an extra rehearsal on Saturday May 7. I understand students have other commitments, however I would ask that everyone be at this rehearsal. It is only the one Saturday that I am requesting.
- Any queries do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Summerville, Mr McPherson or Mrs Routley (HOD Arts) at school.

Date	Performance	Concert Band	Stage Band
Sat 7 May	Extra rehearsal for Fanfare. (Pink note)	Yes	Yes
Tues 17 May	Fanfare (Black Band shirt required – in Kingaroy)	Yes	Yes
13-18 June	Piano & Vocal Eisteddfod (school choirs and private entries only)	N/A	N/A
1-5 August	Instrumental Eisteddfod	Yes	Yes
October	MusicFest in Brisbane (Brisbane band comp)	Yes	Yes

## Sports News

**Cross Country**—This week saw the school hold the annual Cross Country out at Bunya Campus. In hot and dry conditions nearly 100 students participated in either the 4k or the 6k course. Thank you to the student volunteers who manned the course and water stations on the day. Congratulations to all students who participated on the day. And showing that participation is one of the keys to success, Bunya house finished up as the overall winners. The house captains will be presented with the trophy on assembly.

Age Champion results are as follows:

- 12 years – Clayton Festino & Ruby Bassingthwaighte
- 13 years – Jake Cosgrove & Brooklyn Dahlheimer
- 14 years – Mitchell Hemmings, Healy Beresford & Chloe Faggotter
- 15 years – Andrew Proud & Chloe Carmichael
- 16 years – Joey Farrell & Chloe Beresford
- 17 & Over years – Charlie Ford & Jessi Henning

**Under 12 Bunya District Cross Country**—The Bunya District Cross Country trials will be held at Dalby State School on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Under 12 students who have been selected to trail for the Bunya District Cross Country team will be given permission forms this week.

**13 – 19 years Darling Downs Cross Country**—Trials for the Darling Downs Cross Country team will be held at Kearney Springs on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Students who wish to trial need to come to the PE staffroom and see Ms Henschell before Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

**Sports Excellence**—Sports Excellence training recommenced this week with training on a Thursday morning at 7am. Students need to listen out to notices to find out what is on each week. All students are welcome to this fitness training session..

**All Schools Cross Country**—The 2015 Queensland All Schools Cross Country Championships will be held at St Paul's School, Bald Hills on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Students wishing to compete need to see Ms Henschell and nominate by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**Athletics Training**—Athletics training has commenced on Thursday afternoons from 3.15 to 4.15pm. Students need to meet at the sports shed.

**Bill Turner Cup, DD AFL Cup and Netball**—Good luck to our Girls and Boys Football teams and the Under 15 and Open AFL teams who are competing in their respective Bill Turner Cup and Darling Downs AFL Cup competitions on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April and 28<sup>th</sup> April respectively. A big thank you to Mrs Damen, Mr Adams, Mrs Ludowici, Mr Collins, Mr Miers and Mrs Melbin for giving up so much time for coaching these teams.

We also wish our two Junior Netball teams all the best in their upcoming matches against Our Lady of the Southern Cross in the next fortnight. A big thanks to Mrs Blyton, Miss McEwan and Miss Ferdinand for coaching these teams.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### 2016 Mothers Day Classic

Sunday 8th May. Thomas Jack Park  
4km or 8km walk or run from 8am. Register online or on the day between 7am - 8am.

Activities include raffle draw, market stalls, face painting, jumping castles and sausage sizzle.

mothersdayclassic.com.au  
Contact Jo Stam 0476 991505

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### Crime Stoppers Breakfast

Friday 6th May at Dalby Leagues Club  
6.30am for 7am. \$25 per person

Guest speaker from Crime Stoppers HQ Brisbane  
RSVP 30th April. Contact Graham 0428 622340

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### PCYC Youth Classes

Monday and Wednesday 4pm. \$5 per session plus \$20 annual PCYC Membership. Classes run for approx 45 mins. Phone Dalby PCYC 4672 2400 or email [dalbvygym@pcyc.org.au](mailto:dalbvygym@pcyc.org.au) for more information.

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### Quinalow Secondary Department 50 Year Reunion

Saturday 14th May in the school grounds. 10am - 10pm  
Market stalls, licenced bar and food, live band.

Ph 4692 9333 or email [quinalow50years@outlook.com](mailto:quinalow50years@outlook.com)

## Drama Students Enjoy USQ's Shakespeare Festival

USQ's Shakespeare performance this year was "iOthello". Past student, James Hammond performed in the show and a group of 40 Drama students (from years 7 to 12) and teachers took a trip to Toowoomba to enjoy a Friday night performance. James did Dalby High proud with his 'clownish' portrayal of the character, Roderigo.

Some student comments after the show:

"It was really cool! We were sitting so close

Iago's costume kept touching us!"

"I really liked the costume and make-up design"

"Othello being cast as a woman was a bit confusing, but overall I could follow the story"

## DSHS Equestrian Team

The DSHS Interschool Equestrian team is looking for new members.

Sean Geraghty and Dominique Holtkamp competed in March at Scots PGC Dressage, Combined Training and Showjumping qualifying weekend in Warwick and Jess Spencer and Dominique Holtkamp competed at Glennie Showman and Show Horse and Fairholme Showjumping qualifying weekend beginning of this month in Pittsworth. Congratulations on their respective placings and for gaining the necessary qualifiers for States.

The Darling Downs and South West Regional Championships are held at the Dalby Showgrounds from 13th to 15th May. Nominations are open until 29th April 2016. If you are a keen rider and interested in competing for DSHS in any of the above disciplines, you are encouraged to see Bronwyn Henschell, Head of PE to pick up the Equestrian Handbook for further information and how to register.

You can also call Hilde Holtkamp, Equestrian team convenor on 0438637709 for further details.

## Tutoring in the Support Space

Tutoring is on every morning in the Support Space from 8 am until 9 am. Bring your homework, revision sheets, assignments or just yourself! Students can also help themselves to a Milo or breakfast snack. All year levels and ability levels are welcome.

Monday—General

Tuesday—Maths

Wednesday—General

Thursday—Science

Friday—English



## Year 9 Update

Welcome back to Term Two! As I said to my cohort this week, I continue to be impressed by their upholding of our school expectations of Respect, Safety and Learning. Term One was crazy with it being such a short term, crammed full of school work and extra-curricular activities but the majority of students managed to very successfully fit everything in. The end of the term was SO busy I actually missed the newsletter deadline so didn't get a chance to thank both the students and you, their parents/caregivers, for valuing the importance of being at school, putting 100% effort into every task and completing assessment on time. These things all pay off – lots of amazing report cards were sent home, highlighting our cohort's dedication to their learning. If you had a query about your child's report, I'm sure you will have made use of our Parent/Teacher interviews to address this.

Term Two is long and busy (regular classwork, NAPLAN, Musical, Athletics Carnival.....the list goes on) but I know that my Year 9s will continue to put in the time and effort to ensure they meet expectations –their own, yours, their teachers and mine!

As usual, please don't hesitate to contact me on 46 690 900 or at [kmari1@eq.edu.au](mailto:kmari1@eq.edu.au) if you have any concerns – I should always be both you and your student's first point of call if there is an issue.

*Karen Marini*  
Year 9 Coordinator

## Year 10 Update

Welcome to Term 2! We are heading into one of our longest terms to date – yes – 11 weeks! I have full faith in the year 10 cohort that they will make positive behaviour choices and maintain their awesome effort right up until the holidays!

As you are all aware interim reports have been sent out. I would encourage all students to firstly read their report cards and if they are not happy with their results to actively make the appropriate changes to improve them. It is my belief that the subjects being broken down into specific areas is working very well for the learning outcomes of Year 10 students.

A snapshot of the overall results for Term 1 are below:

- Level of Achievement: 87% of results were a satisfactory or above
- Effort: 91% of results were a satisfactory or above
- Behaviour: 96% of results were again a satisfactory or above
- Attendance: 90%

These results are indicative of the dedication and commitment that the majority of Year 10 students are showing. As a year coordinator I am very proud of these results.

This term during PC we will continue to implement PBL and our second lesson of the week will focus on 'social responsibility' including topics as cyber-bullying, social media use, sexting, alcohol, drugs and STIs. The School Based Health Nurse will be involved in the delivery of these lessons.

I am looking forward to another great term! As always if you ever have any questions or concerns and need to contact me please do so via phone 4669 0900 or email [dschr15@eq.edu.au](mailto:dschr15@eq.edu.au).

*David Schreiber*  
Year 10 Coordinator

## P&C News

Please support the upcoming production of The Addams Family from 17th May - it will be an amazing event. There has been a huge amount of time and effort invested by the staff and students involved to produce a professional production sure to entertain. Tickets are available from the school office or Stellarossa.

P&C will operate the hall canteen during the interval at each Musical performance. If you are able to help serve in the canteen please contact the school office.

The next General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 3rd May at 5.30pm** in the Common Room under D Block. All are welcome.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning at Dalby State High School

The beginning of the term 2 has seen students engaging in learning activities that encourage them to:

1. Move to designated areas when directed
2. Keep left on stairways walkways and verandas
3. Move to class on the first bell
4. Move in a calm manner around the school
5. Walk appropriately around the school

Students are always expected to move to their classrooms when the bell goes, and they have a warning bell which indicates that they should begin moving to class. The second bell (which rings 2.5minutes later) indicates that students should already be at their class, lined up and ready to learn. If students are late to class, they will have to make up the time they have missed. Some students have fallen into the habit of going to get a drink or heading to the toilet when they hear the first bell which is not acceptable.

To encourage a more harmonious school, students at DSHS have also been taught to kept left on walkways and verandas and walk appropriately and in a calm manner around the school. All students are expected to walk to and from class in an orderly fashion to ensure minimal disruptions to students and staff around them.

Another exciting addition coming soon to our school is VIVO Miles. An online, interactive database where we can reward students for positive behaviours. Students will log their points and then they can cash them in for various rewards. The school will decide the rewards and the reasons for getting them. This is coming very soon!

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. [Aspan14@eq.edu.au](mailto:Aspan14@eq.edu.au) or 46690900

*Alicia Edwards*  
HoD Student Support Junior School  
PBL Team Leader

## 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 2016, join the Resource Scheme. The fees for 2016 are \$240 for Years 7, 8 and 9 students and \$260 for Years 10, 11 and 12.

The Resource Scheme includes much more than just textbooks - for example consumables, photocopying, software licences and subscriptions, cooking and sewing consumables, manual arts materials, access to sporting facilities such as the PCYC, tennis courts and swimming pool fees, transport costs for buses etc. Therefore the Student Resource Scheme represents excellent value for money.

A Security Bond of \$50 is required for each student and rolls over each year. Any queries please phone 4669 0953 or email [dalbyhighpandc@bigpond.com](mailto:dalbyhighpandc@bigpond.com).

Pay cash, credit card or cheque. Eftpos is available. Centrepay now available.

Layby of uniforms is welcome.

**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.

## NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted on May 10th – 12th for students in Years 7 and Year 9. These tests provide valuable information about how your child is performing in Literacy and Numeracy. If your child has grounds for exemption or you wish to withdraw your child, please contact the school for the appropriate form.

## Parents of Indigenous Students enrolled at DSHS

On the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of May, all Indigenous Students will have the opportunity to be involved in a Respiratory Health Study. Permission notes will be sent home with students during the week of 18<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup> April and are due back to Jo Duncan, Mrs Edwards or the office ASAP. Notes can be brought back on the day of the study as well. This study important data capture because there is currently no data about the respiratory health of Young Indigenous people. Dalby State High School is excited to be involved in this study. If you child did not bring home a note, please call or come into the school office to collect one. Students will miss a small amount of class on this day.

Any questions, please ask.

*Alicia Edwards*  
HoD Junior Student Support  
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