Hello everyone and welcome to latest edition of the newsletter.

**Important Change to 2015 School Uniform Regarding Hats**

At a meeting last week the Dalby State High School Parent’s & Citizen’s (P & C) Association endorsed a change to the school dress code for 2015 and beyond that will impact on the vast majority of students. From 2015, students will only be allowed to wear an official school hat. Students will have a choice of either a school ‘bucket’ hat or a school cap. The good news is that the P & C will be providing every single student at the school with a free hat, at the start of next year. Students can choose between the ‘bucket’ hat or the cap and these will be issued alongside the student diary. After that initial distribution of hats, all new students to the school (including all incoming year 7 students each year and year 11 students from our neighbouring P-10 schools) will be issued with a free hat. If students happen to lose their hat, replacements in either style can be purchased from the uniform outlet for $12. This change to the school dress code is an extremely positive step. Our uniform has been ‘evolving’ over recent years and the new hats will go a long way in improving the current standard of student dress while providing a sun-smart alternative for students.

**National Secondary Schools Computer Fund (NSSCF)**

For three years now, the school has operated a scheme where Year 11 and 12 students have had the option of being allocated a laptop to take home with them each day. Regrettably, this will not be an option after 2014. Our current year 11 students are able to ‘roll over’ their laptop to 2015, but incoming Year 11 students will not be allocated a lap top. This decision has not come easy for the school. With growing enrolments and changes to the way computers are funded at the school, new options need to be found to ensure that we can continue to provide computer access to the students at a ratio that is effective. Based on that, the laptops that would normally have been allocated to the Year 11 students will be reallocated to rooms and buildings within the school. I understand that this decision will impact on some students who had been planning on accessing a take home laptop next year. I regret the frustration this may cause but assure you that this decision has been made in the interests of the whole school.

**2015 School Captains and Vice-Captains**

The process to select our 2015 school captains will start shortly. The current selection process is being completely renewed this year. By the next edition of the newsletter I will be able to advise the school community of the successful applicants. Best of luck to all those who have taken the brave step of applying for a captain position.

**Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test**

This critical event on the year 12 academic calendar will be held on September 2 and 3. Students have been working very hard in preparation for the days, in a long series of focussed QCS lessons. Best of luck to all year 12s sitting the test. I know you will do your best!
**Year 11 News**

We are getting towards the pointy end of the term and we have reached the half-way mark of the year. Pretty soon, the Year 11s will be the leaders of the school and they will have added responsibility, more pressure to succeed and the end of school to think about. It is a very exciting time. But, before they can get there, they’ve got a lot to get through. This term we are beginning to get ready for grade 12. Jerseys, school captains and DIP leaders have been on everyone’s mind since the beginning of term 3.

Senior Jerseys - Jersey preference forms went out at the beginning of the term. The Year 11 cohort had 6 jerseys to choose from; they chose wisely and the 2015 Jersey is excellent. You will see it attached to this article. The Senior Jersey order forms went out this week. These are due back to the School Resource Scheme by the 12th September 2014. These MUST be returned by this date so that we can get them by the first or second week back in 2015. The cost of the jerseys is $80. Students need to return the completed order form and the $80 to the resource scheme in an envelope. The order form outlines the permitted names allowed on the back of the jersey. Students are only allowed to have their first name, last name, or preferred name (according to the school’s database) written across the back. If you have any questions about this, please contact Deputy Principal, Jason Marini.

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DIP Leaders - An important part of our Year 7-8 transition program is the Dalby Interschool Program run by selected Year 12 DIP Leaders. This program, trains Year 11 students to become leaders to assist the incoming Year 8 students as they transition into high school. Selected DIP Leaders need to be responsible, reliable, empathetic, and excellent role models for the incoming Year 8 cohort. If students are selected to be a DIP leader, they will undertake training in the form of leadership skills, proper conduct of a mentor and how to engage students in orientation activities. Those students who wish to apply for this program must complete the application form and return them to Miss Spanner by Thursday 21st August. Spots are limited to approximately 15 Year 12 students in 2015, so the selection process will be tight. Students will be selected based on their application form and their conduct in relation to the following:

- School dress code
- Attendance
- Behaviour in and out of class
- Active support of school activities
- Positive work ethic

If selected, it is expected that students will attend all upcoming transition activities and continue to work with the Year 8 cohort during throughout 2015. The school encourages students to apply for this worthwhile program. The skills developed during the training sessions are skills that will benefit students at school and beyond.

School Captain Nominations - School Captain Nomination forms went out at the beginning of week 3. These forms are due back to me on or before Thursday 28th August. Speeches will take place on Monday 1st September during PC; then students and teachers will vote! After that, nominees will be shortlisted and the interviews with Mr Russell will take place on Thursday 4th September.

Jewellery and Truancy - There have been a few too many cases of students skipping class and wearing jewellery and make-up to school. As we are about to be the leaders of the school, it is expected that students are displaying exceptional behaviour. If you are at school, you should be following the rules. If you are skipping school, you are missing out on vital learning time. This needs to improve. Next year, students who have unexplained absences will not be invited to the formal. We need to get it right now.

As always, if you have any concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me on aspan14@eq.edu.au or 4669 0900.

Alicia Spanner
Year 11 Coordinator

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All are welcome at our next P & C meeting to be held on Monday 1st September at 5:30pm. (Please note change of day to Monday for September only due to clash with Year 8 Information Night on Tuesday night.)

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**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 2015, join the Resource Scheme. The fees for 2015 are $230 for Years 7, 8 and 9 students and $250 for Years 10, 11 and 12.

Resource fees for 2015 can be paid by instalment now. A $20 discount will apply for fees paid in full before 1st December 2014. Layby of uniforms is also available.

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.

Pay cash, credit or cheque. Eftpos is available.

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.

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Performing Artists Shine!

Over 60 students from Dalby SHS competed in the recent Dalby Instrumental and Speech and Drama Eisteddfods, with great success.

Pictured above are a group of students who were asked to perform their winning items at the annual Winners’ Concert on Tuesday 7th August. The entertaining performances included Tan McKie and Braden Pace playing a trombone duet; India Sturgess and Jessica Quaife presenting dramatic monologues; Georgia Henning playing a concerto on clarinet; Declan Caruso dramatically delivering a poem; Clara Rudd and Catherine Heron on Cellos; a group mime presented by members of the Aeschylus class; and Lachlan Berlin and Callum Caruso presenting a very funny Monty Python duologue.

Pictured at the front of the group are (left to right) Tan McKie with his Instrumental Encouragement Award, Declan Caruso with the Speech and Drama Senior Championship trophy, Georgia Henning with the Senior Instrumental Championship trophy and Dana Scheuerle with a special Speech and Drama Adjudicator’s Award.

Agricultural Department

The Year 11 & 12 Cert II students have been busily working together to get the citrus orchard working. This has involved the replacement of the old irrigation pipes with new pipes, laying out dripper hose and pruning trees. It is starting to look like it used to ‘back in the day’. New fruit has started to develop.

A bunch of Year 10, 11 & 12 students attended the “Experience Science” excursion to UQ Gatton campus last month. They looked at pollination of plants, different soil textures and how they react with water, visited the Vet science building – where they saw animal skeletons, lungs being inflated and listen to a dogs heart beat through a stethoscope.

Lauren Britton & Steven Zell
Agricultural Science Teachers

Year 10 SET Planning

Year 10 students are currently participating in senior subject information talks with all Heads of Departments and the school’s Guidance Officer, Ms Zita Hooke. Students are currently building an electronic plan of their career aspirations, how they are best going to achieve these and have completed subject selections expressions of interest to enable the school to assess subject demand for 2015.

This activity culminates with the students formally selecting their subjects for Year 11 and 12. This is an extremely important juncture in your students’ academic life and as such we request you and your student/s to attend our Senior Subject Selection Evening at the Great Hall from 6:30pm on Tuesday 9th September.

Additionally we require all year 10 students and their parents to attend a SET planning meeting to formally select subjects for Year 11, 2015 with either a Head of Campus (residential students only), Deputy Principal or Guidance Officer. The meetings will occur between Tuesday 7th October and Monday 13th October and will be approximately 20 mins in duration. Further information about SET Plan interviews will be mailed home at the end of this month.

Wonder of Science

Congratulations to Chloe, Natasha, Thomas, Shannon, Sarah, Anthony and Madeleine for contributing to our Wonder of Science project last term. The students represented the school very well at the Chinchilla conference, winning first prize in their division and a new renewable energy science kit for the school!
Applications are invited for the position of Livestock Manager at the Dalby State High School Bunya Campus. This is a Temporary Full Time Position until 18 January 2014, with the possibility of extension. This position will also involve some weekend work.

Applicants should possess the ability to:

- Manage the daily livestock operations of the campus and
- Coordinate the livestock so the animals serve as an efficient and effective production, teaching and learning resource.

Interested applicants should return a copy of their Resume, listing at least two current referees, along with a brief one page letter outlining their experience and qualifications.

The successful applicant must have, or be able to obtain, a Working with Children Suitability Card which attracts a fee payable by the applicant. The successful applicant will also be required to undergo a Criminal History Check. Appointment will be conditional upon a positive outcome of both these requirements.

In the event of subsequent vacancies, applications will remain current for 12 months.

For further information or to obtain a Position Description, please contact the Wendi on 07 46600333. Applications close Friday, 22 August 2014 at 4:00pm and should be addressed to:

Wendi Lindsay
Business Services Manager
Dalby State High School Bunya Campus
463 Bunya Highway
Dalby Qld 4405

Or via email to: wwind1@eq.edu.au

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Rugby League

Thursday, 7th August, saw Dalby High play host to the touring Charleville Under 15 Rugby League side. Charleville take on this tour every two years travelling up to 2000 kilometres to follow their passion for Rugby League. This year, besides playing Dalby High they also played against sides from the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba as well as getting to watch the Bronco’s take on the Bulldogs.

However the highlight of their trip was taking on the previously undefeated Dalby State High team and to their credit after a 6 hour bus trip they could have been forgiven for not performing. Unfortunately for the home side too many mistakes allowed the Charleville side to get on top which lead to the first try and from that point on the visitors were never headed. However to Dalby High’s credit they fought back in the second half and scored a great try, but again Dalby failed to hold the ball and Charleville started to run away with the game, eventually winning 28 points to 10. For Dalby, Wyatt Wrigley, Chris Harwood and Allan Davidson never stopped trying.

Following the game the boys got together for a BBQ and afternoon tea to share some of the highlights. Thank you to the parents and teachers who provided afternoon tea as well as Rugby League Development officer Darren Burns. The Dalby boys now turn their attention to the NRL 9’s later in the year. Thanks again to Mr Sankey for coaching this side.

Touch

Last weekend the School was to have participated in the South West All Schools Touch carnival. Due to the rain the event was cancelled. Students who had paid for this carnival will be receiving a refund shortly.

Athletics

Students who qualified for the Darling Downs Athletics carnival in Toowoomba on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September must return their permission forms and nomination fee by Monday 25th August.

Inner Downs Athletics

On Monday 11th August, fifty seven Dalby State High School students travelled to Oakey State High School to compete in the Inner Downs Athletics carnival. Despite the unfavourable track conditions, many students qualified for Darling Downs Athletics trials and set new personal bests. There were a number of outstanding performances throughout the day including:

Kayla Lawrie – 400m, 800m and 1500m runner up
Kirsten Ciurlanti – 800m winner
Daniel Scott – 100m, 200m, 400m, Long Jump winner
David Callow – High Jump winner
Jessi – age champion
Matt Ehrich – Triple Jump and Long Jump winner
Flora Scarffe – 100m, 200m, 400m, Long Jump and Triple Jump winner
Michael Sheehan – 1500m winner
Daniel Ash – 100m runner up
Andrew White – 800m, 1500m and 3000m runner up
Guy Leggett – Discus runner up

The Darling Downs Athletics Trials will be held in Toowoomba on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th of September. All the best to the 44 students who qualified for the trials.

Paint Wanted

The art department is after any acrylic household paint (any colour and quantity) that may be lying around in garages gathering dust. Please bring in any unwanted paint to the school office. Thank you!
This term has proven to be a busy one with many students being involved in extra-curricular activities but also accessing the wider community through work placements. Dalby is a great place as it allows students to access a diverse range of work placement opportunities from rural to urban based settings.

Our student council has been formed with two Senior students, Travis Embrey and Elsa Browning, and two Junior students, Adam Cauley and Emma Anderson being appointed. The group will be a voice for students to express ideas and concerns, and also allow input into life on the campus. I would like to congratulate these students, and look forward to working with them.

A reminder to parents to please ensure that their student returns with the correct school uniform items. Dalby State High School takes pride in its uniform and we require all students to adhere to the uniform policy.

Enrolments for 2015 are growing. If you have a sibling, or friends in the community who are considering enrolment for 2015, could you please ensure that you contact the office and complete the necessary paperwork.

Kate Masson
Head of Campus

Residential Recreation

The halfway point of the term has come around very quickly and students have been working diligently at night to ensure the completion of mid-term assessment pieces. This term is a great opportunity for students to implement the feedback given on their Semester 1 report cards and improve results across their subjects. All students have been encouraged to aim for an award at the end of year awards ceremony, whether it be for Academic Excellence, Academic Improvement, Gold or Silver awards.

Some of our residential students have recently represented the school in both Rugby Union and League teams. The entire campus was present to cheer on the U15 Boys Rugby Union team defeat Our Lady of the Southern Cross College in the local derby at the Dalby Rugby grounds. Unfortunately the U15 boys Rugby League team weren’t as successful against a touring Charleville State High School team. Nonetheless, it’s wonderful to see so many of our boarders getting involved in extra-curricular activities.

Last fortnight, a bus load of students travelled to Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane to watch the Broncos play the Melbourne Storm. The feedback from both staff and students was that it was a terrific night, apart from the Broncos losing! Unfortunately we missed out on a trip to the EKKA due to lack of numbers. However the students have more exciting events to look forward to this term including Laser Skirmish and a Sunshine Coast trip.