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NEWSLETTER

Seek the Truth

From the Principal's Desk

15th October 2015

Welcome

Hello everyone and welcome to the first edition of the newsletter for term 4. After a term 3 that was tough for many families with colds and flu, I am looking forward to 'pressing the reset button' with the prospect of warmer weather and a ten wonderful weeks of learning.

Attendance Update

Even with the aforementioned colds and flus keeping many sick students at home, the school is still performing well attendance-wise compared to last year:

	7	8	9	10	11	12	School:
Term 1, 2, 3 (2015):	89.2%	88.1%	86.7%	83.5%	86.9%	90.2%	87.3%
Term 1, 2, 3 (2014):	NA	NA	87.5% (yr 8)	86% (yr 9)	83% (yr 10)	86.6% (yr 11)	85.9%

School Opinion Survey

All state schools in Queensland are involved in this very extensive survey each year. It measures the satisfaction level of parents & carers, students and staff over a wide range of areas. I am very pleased to report that the 2015 results are extremely strong (as they were last year). Some highlights (satisfaction level in brackets):

Parents:

- The school is well maintained – 97.8%
- Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best – 95.7%
- My child's learning needs are being met at this school / My child feels safe at this school / My child is getting a good education at this school / My child's English skills are being developed at this school / The school keeps me well informed – 93.6% (all items were 93.6%)

Students:

- I use computers and other technologies at my school for learning – 97.5%
- My school looks for ways to improve – 96%
- I can access computers and other technologies at my school for learning – 94.8%

Staff:

- Students are encouraged to do their best at this school – 100%
- Students are treated fairly at this school – 100%
- I feel this school is a safe place to work / The school is well maintained / I am aware of the occupational health and safety procedures in the school / Students with a disability are well supported at this school / The school keeps me informed on things that are important to my work / The school encourages me to take responsibility for my work / The school encourages coaching and mentoring activities / This is a good school – 96.2% (all items were 96.2%)

One item of interest for me, was this response from Parents:

- The school asks for my input – 64.3%

This is actually the lowest rating the school has received for this item for some time. With that in mind, can I encourage all parents and carers to consider becoming a member of our P & C Association? Our P & C is an active association that plays a key role in the decisions that happen at the school. All are welcome and all opinions are taken seriously. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month from 5.30pm at the school.

Report Cards and Parent Teacher Interviews

After lengthy and ongoing conversations between teaching staff at the school, a new idea is being proposed to improve our current report card process and parent teacher interviews. This would include:

- Reporting four times per year instead of three.
- Parent teacher interviews (and a 'meet the teacher session') four times per year instead of two.

- Removal of teacher comments from report cards but an inclusion of a significant set of elaborations to explain what each rating means (A – E in the areas of achievement, effort and behaviour).

It is anticipated that the school will trial this model next year to see how it progresses. The school's P & C Association has endorsed the trial but the views of other parents are welcome. Please contact me at the school if you have any thoughts about this proposal. There will also be opportunities to provide feedback next year.

Until next edition...

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

Dr Dean Russell
Principal

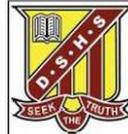
Dalby State High School Sports Awards Dinner

Special Guest: *Lucy McCullough*

Tuesday 27th October, 2015 at 6pm
Adults \$32.50
Students \$24.00



Tickets on sale now at school office



Year 7 in 2016

You are welcome to an information evening for students entering Year 7 in 2016

2016 enrolment packages will be available on the night

Dalby SHS Great Hall

Tuesday, 20th October at 6:00pm

Date Claimers

October

16 Yr 7 2016 Transition DSSS
19 Student Free Day
20 Yr 7 2016 Transition DSS
20 Yr 7 2016 Information Night
19 - 23 Yr 11 Hospitality block training
21 - 23 Year 7 Camp
26 Yr 11 & 12 Music Concert
27 Sports Awards Dinner
30 Bunya Campus Showcase

November

3 P&C Meeting
4 Instrumental Spring Concert
9-13 Yr 12 Exam Block
13 DSHS Art Show
17 Annual Awards Night
19 Yr 12 Formal
20 Yr 12 Valedictory
23-27 Yr 11 Exam Block
27 Yr 10 Dreamworld trip

'A Brush with Youth' – DSHS's Art Exhibition!

On Friday November 13th, Dalby State High School's Art Department will be showcasing some of the school's finest art talent in our annual art show, 'A Brush with Youth.' With a range of artworks across all medias including drawings, paintings, sculptures, mixed media and digital art, this year's exhibition is a highly anticipated one after a two year absence. The exhibition will be on display at the wonderful new Gallery 107 on Drayton Street. Starting at 6:30pm, you are welcome to come in and experience the artistic talents our students have to offer, while you enjoy some entertainment from Performing Arts students, followed by the awards ceremony hosted by our guest speaker. This is an amazing opportunity for our Visual Art students to showcase their art at in such a gallery and we look forward to seeing you there.

What: 'A Brush with Youth'

When: Friday November 13th @ 6:30pm

Where: Gallery 107, 107 Drayton Street

Bunya Campus

- Interested in seeing what is involved with the Dalby SHS Show Cattle Team?
- Wanting to see what students do at Horse Riding lessons?
- Curious to see the improvements to Agricultural and Recreational facilities at Bunya Campus?

Then please join us on Friday 30th October at 3.30pm at Bunya Campus. Students and staff will 'showcase' their involvement in the above programs and answer any questions.

If interested in attending this informal afternoon, please RSVP to Sharlene Leeson slees33@eq.edu.au or phone Bunya Campus office on 0746600333 by Monday 26th October.

OPTI-MINDS AUSTRALIAN FINAL ENTRANTS

For the past two months a small group of highly committed and tenacious students, have been preparing and fundraising for their participation in the Opti-MINDS Australian Finals in Brisbane. Laura Anderson (11), Madison Gladman (10), Schaila Morris (10) and Brittnee Smith (10) have had to fundraise over \$1600 AND continue to prepare for their competition performance.

In the Australian Final teams compete in divisions according to age (we are division three, which is just below open) and in categories. We are in the language and literature category which means our focus is on stories, words, and reference to text – as well as creativity which is the underlying principle of all of Opti-MINDS. The vision of the event is not just to compete, but to bring about meaningful conversation and networking about sustainability and a vision for positive change. The various activities improve students' business skills for their future careers by asking them to work in a team (they are judged on how well they do this and are given marks on things like stress-management, emotional support and fair division of roles), problem-solve, and share ideas with others.

The students' idea for the youth forum portion of the event is to present their youth exchange program 'Project Immerse', where students from rural and metropolitan areas "swap lives" for a short period to encourage young people to think beyond their own backyards and give everyone a greater understanding of the people we share our society with.

It is an incredible endeavour to have the drive and commitment to raise such a large amount of money and be so independently organised for such a large event. The team and I are very grateful to the P&C, BMO, and the students and staff who have generously donated to the final amount. Good luck girls – we are already so proud of you!

Instrumental Music News

As we are nearing the end of the year, we have a number of date claimers

- Last parent meeting of the year is on after concert band rehearsal in week 3, Tuesday the 20th of October.
- Spring Concert is on Wednesday the 4th of November from 6.30pm at the hall, both bands will be playing (note handed out this week).
- Year 12 Gold & Silver awards are on the 16th of November - stage band will be playing.
- Awards night is on Tuesday the 17th of November - concert band will be playing.

There will be an expression of interest note coming home in week three in regards to an overnight trip that we may go on at the end of week 9. While year 10, 11 & 12 students will be finished school for the year they will still be able to come on the trip.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Free Mobile Women's Health Service

Dalby Health Services (Dalby Hospital)
8.15 am—2.30 pm Appointments 4669 0517

Halloween Frightful Fun Night at Dalby Library

Friday 30th October 6—8 pm
Prizes for the spookiest costume. Limited places. Book now online, on the phone, email or in person.

Bell Junior Show Trivia Night

24th October at Bell Showgrounds
Doors open 6.30pm Questions start 7.30pm
4 - 8 players per team \$10 player. Raffles, Licensed bar, some nibbles provided or bring a plate. To register by 22nd October call Casey 0429 057644 or Todd 0407 321871 or email bellshowsociety@hotmail.com. Child minding available

Reclaim the Night 2015

Thomas Jack Park Dalby Friday 30th October 6pm - 9pm
Ice cream, donuts, sausage sizzle, drinks available for purchase. Movie "Home" (PG). BYO blanket and chairs

Dalby Softball Muster

2pm Saturday 17th October at old cricket fields, Bligh Street. Free bbq. For all ages. Comp for ladies 15 yrs and over. For more info call Sarah or Mick on 4672 2400

Dalby State School Musical Annie

Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th October at DSHS Great Hall
Doors open 6.30pm, Show commences 7.00pm
Tickets \$12 adult, \$8 student/concession, \$5 U5. Tickets on sale at DSS office or Dalby Florist

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.

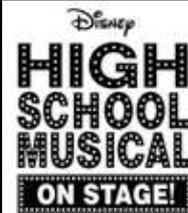
Monday—Literacy and Numeracy

Tuesday—Maths

Wednesday—General

Thursday—Science

Friday—English



A CD of photos from the school musical "High School Musical" can be purchased from the school office for \$10.

A DVD is now available to PRE ORDER. \$20 cash only for a DVD set that includes two performances, one of each cast. To secure your copy please submit an order to the office ASAP.

In accordance with our licence agreement copies of DVDs are authorised for personal, at-home and non-commercial use only. The sale or distribution of such recording is strictly prohibited under federal copyright law.

Archimedes Hospital Excursion

On the last Thursday of Term 3 our Archimedes class went on an excursion to the Dalby Hospital. They received a guided tour of the operating theatre and were able to see how the anaesthetics and sterilizing machinery functions. This supported their work on electronic circuits and robotic systems by allowing them to see its real world applications.



From Left to right. Michaila Wotherspoon, Mr MacAskill, Michael Maloney, Sarah Ott, Jay Foster, Chloe Major, Braden, Joshua Reynolds, Anthony Robertson, Alex Little, Brody Hopkinson

Sports News

Sports Awards Dinner—The annual Sports Awards Dinner will be held on Tuesday 27th October at the Dalby League's Club. This is a chance for the PE staff to showcase the talented students we have at Dalby SHS and acknowledge their performances and publically thank those who assist with coaching and managing teams. Students who are eligible for awards have been sent invitations. Tickets are limited and are available at the school office.

In keeping with tradition this year's guest speaker is past student Lucy McCullough who will present a short informative address about where sport has taken her.

All Schools Touch—Last week 48 students and 4 staff went to the All Schools Touch Carnival at White's Hill in Brisbane. This carnival continues to grow with over 4000 students competing in the 5 day event. Dalby SHS was represented by Under 18 boys, Under 18 girls, Under 15 boys and Under 15 girls teams. All students are to be commended on their behaviour and the sportsmanship shown. Thank you to the teachers who have given up their time coaching these teams.

A special mention must go to the Under 15 boys team, coached by Miss Linnan, who made it through to the top 16 teams in the state. Well done boys.

Congratulations—There have been a few sports trials over the last few weeks and we must to congratulate the following students:

- Ellie Johnston for making the Under 12 Girls Darling Downs Cricket Team
- Chloe Beresford for selection in the Darling Downs Girls Water Polo Team
- William Kropp and Ethan Kucks for selection in the Under 14 Boys Inner Downs Cricket Team

Return of Sporting Uniforms—As the end of the year is fast approaching I am making an urgent request for the return of any sporting uniforms that may be still outstanding. Please return them ASAP. Replacement bill will be issued to students with uniforms not returned.

Good Luck—The U15 boys volleyball team will be competing this weekend in Brisbane at the Junior Schools Volleyball Cup. We wish them and their coach Miss Bettiens all the best and look forward to hearing their results on Monday.

Upcoming Events—15th November Darling Downs Triathlon trials at Helidon Water Ski Park for students who turn 13-19 in 2016. Students who are interested in trialling need to see Ms Henschell in the PE staffroom.

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.

Parents and caregivers can now start paying 2016 Resource fees. A discount of \$20 applies for each student if fees are paid in full prior to 1st December 2015. If it is easier financially to start paying the SRS fees by instalments now, you are welcome to make payments by electronic funds transfer to the P&C bank account BSB 034-177 Account Number 152347 with the student's name as the payment reference.

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. 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.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Friday – 8.30am to 2.30pm

DSHS P&C Association Resource Scheme & Uniform Shop Convenor Position Available 1 person required for job share position

Position offered on job share basis with existing convenor to commence Monday 9th November. Working hours are, but not limited to 8.15am—3:00pm weekdays during school terms plus 3 weeks in January school holidays. Employment is on a casual basis with award wages and superannuation.

Duties will include uniform sales, collection of Resource Fees, ordering of student resources maintaining textbook library, completing financial records for the Scheme, Uniforms, Tuckshop and P&C.

Experience with Quickbooks, Word and Excel programs would be an advantage however full training will be provided. Must have a Blue Card or be able to successfully apply for one.

Applications including resumes and references can be lodged at the Resource Scheme & Uniform Outlet at the School or by email to dalbyhighpandc@bigpond.com

Applications close Friday 23rd October 2015.

You are invited to a night showcasing the
artistic talent of students from
Dalby State High School

A Brush With Youth

Our Annual Art Exhibition featuring artworks
from Years 7 to 12.

Doors open at 6:30pm followed by Visual Art
Awards at 7:15pm. Refreshments will be served on
arrival along with entertainment from our talent
Drama and Music students. We look forward to
welcoming you the exhibition.



Gallery Hours

Tues-Fri 10am-4pm

Saturday 10am-2pm



Year 7 Update

Welcome back to Term 4. The year is certainly flying by and students will have finished their first year at high school before they know it. We have a lot of things to look forward to this term including our long-awaited camp, end-of-year rewards day and subject selection for 2016.

Term 4 Electives - Students have commenced a new term of electives and from all accounts, are settling in well to these subjects. I would recommend that parents and students take the opportunity to sit down with the new timetables and the assessment calendar distributed at the start of the semester (pink form which is glued into their diaries) to check when all of their assessment is due throughout the term. If your student has misplaced their assessment calendar, it is available from the school's website or they can collect a replacement from me.

Year 7 Camp - There were a lot of excited students this week when I was able to finally confirm that the Year 7 camp will definitely proceed from 21-23 October, which is next week. Later this week, all students who are attending camp will be given a final list of the details including reminders of what to bring on camp. All of this information has been provided previously, but it never hurts to have another list of reminders. I am sure staff and students alike will return from camp with many tales of their adventures.

End-of Year Rewards Day - In the final week of the school year, students who have consistently demonstrated positive behaviour from Week 5 of Term Three and throughout Term 4 will be invited to attend a rewards day at the Bunya Campus. Invitations will be distributed to students upon our return from camp. I look forward to spending a fun-filled day with the students who have done an outstanding job of upholding Dalby High's core values of Respect, Learning and Safety as well as maintaining an excellent attendance record.

Subject Selection for 2016 - The process for the selection of elective subjects for 2016 will commence shortly. More detailed information about the process will be forthcoming.

Congratulations - It is so great to see so many Year 7 being involved in all aspects of school life. In recent weeks we have had a number of students participate in sporting events including cricket, touch football and athletics. Ellie was selected in the Darling Downs Girls Cricket Team. Chloe Faggotter was selected in the South-West Queensland U14 Girls Soccer team. This team recently competed in the Youth Cup Challenge, playing against teams from across Australia and New Zealand and were the overall champions for the event. Russien Dale Nisperos and Mitchell Hemmings travelled to Brisbane on the weekend as part of the school team for the Knockout Athletics Challenge. Bella Mc Millan, Karla Sankey, Breanna Tanks and Katie Wirth also travelled to Brisbane to compete in the All Schools Touch Football Carnival. Well done to these students for their efforts. Thank you to all of the staff involved in these events. See the PE Update for further details and photos.

As always, please feel free to call or email me if you have any concerns or questions.

*Sarah Hemmings
Year 7 Coordinator
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Senior Music Class 2015

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Final Public Performance

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Chelsea Atkin, Norton Barbarich, Lachlan Berlin, Shana Caldwell, Marni Ebbage, Sherene Graham, Brandy Hirovanaa, Tayla Hosking, Jamie-lee Johnston, Dylan Lockhart, Mikayla Palmer, Clara Rudd, Amber Smith, Jared Trickett, Laura Anderson, Megan Burnett, Georgia Saxelby, Flora Scarffe

Please come and support us!
Hope to see you there.

**Great Hall
Monday 26th October at 6pm**

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