From the Principal...

In the Gardens....
You will be pleased to see that we have started the preparation and planting of our vegie garden for the year. The ground was very dry and hard, but students cleared, chipped and dug …...and hopefully will be ready to plant seedlings in the next few days. As part of our Funday Monday afternoons, we will include gardening as one of our activities. Parents are very welcome to come along and join in activities in the vegie garden from 2.00p.m. to 2.50p.m.

Next Monday, 17th February, the team from Barambah Environmental Education Centre will be visiting to help us design, plan and eventually plant out our edible garden at the front of the school. Again, parents are very welcome to come along and listen in, and join discussions with the children around the planning process.

School Website Permissions....
Our new school website is now live and has a new format! Visit www.dagunss.eq.edu.au and check it out. As part of school policy and Education Queensland’s policy, all parents are required to indicate their consent, or otherwise, for information and pictures of their child/ren to be included in newsletters and posted on the website. Attached are photos which are currently on the website as well as Consent Form for any future information and pictures for newsletters and website. Please complete the attached Consent Form and return it to school as soon as possible.

Religious Instruction....
Religion Instruction classes will be held on Mondays 2.15p.m.—2.45p.m. this year. At this stage there will be no Bahai classes; there will only be the Co-operative Christian Faith program provided by Iain McGill and Beth Julius. Could all parents please complete the attached Permission Form to indicate whether or not you would like your child/ren to attend lessons and return the form to the school office by this Wednesday. As per EQ policy Prep students are unable to attend RI lessons.

Swimming....
Swimming lessons will commence next Friday, 21st February. Whilst the school will pay for bus fares between school and the Kandanga pool, we ask that parents contribute towards pool entry at $4.00 per child per week. The bus will leave school at 11.30a.m. and return to school around 2.30p.m. Lessons will be conducted by qualified swim instructors—our PE teacher, Mr. Phil McEnery and Neil, swim instructor, lifeguard and lessee at Kandanga Pool. They will be assisted by two teaching staff, two teacher aides plus any parents who would like to help out. Students need to bring their togs, towel and water bottles—as well as usual morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

As our swimming session is not until after lunch, students are not to wear their togs to school. They will be given time to change and apply sunscreen before we leave for the pool. Children with long hair must have it tied back if they don’t have a swimming cap. The Education Department has a policy of “No Rashie No Swim”. Therefore, students must wear a rashie (sunshirt) or shirt to cover their togs for extra sun protection. As well, children must change out of wet togs into dry clothes and underwear after swimming has finished.

Please complete and return the attached Permission Form to the school office by this FRIDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY.

Tuckshop....
Tuckshop will recommence this Thursday, 13th February. Attached is our Tuckshop Order Form and instructions for filling out the order. Please return your tuckshop orders to the school office BEFORE SCHOOL WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The menu for tuckshop is being reconsidered in an effort to include more fresh and home made foods. We will advise the new menu soon.

Student of the Week....
Congratulations to the following student who received a Student of the Week Award:

Week 2

Eli

Jane Desmarchelier

PRINCIPAL
**SWIMMING LESSONS PERMISSION**

TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY THIS FRIDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 2014

I, ____________________________________________________________________________________ give permission for my child/ren, _____________________________________________________________________________ _____________________________________________________________________________ to travel by bus to and from the Kandanga Pool each Friday from the 21st February, 2014 for 5 weeks to participate in swimming lessons. Cost $4.00 per lesson, per child - a total of $20.00 per child.

☐ I enclose $___________ being payment for all 5 lessons  OR

☐ I enclose $___________ for the first lesson and will continue to pay for lessons each week.

Signature: ______________________________________________________________________________ Date: __________________

(Parent / Caregiver)  (Date)

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