

THE DAGUN DIGEST



The Newsletter
of the

DAGUN STATE SCHOOL
and
P. & C. ASSOCIATION



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"P. & C. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month"

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Our 2014 School Improvement Goal: to improve student outcomes in Writing, Reading Comprehension and Spelling.

Our 2014 School Rules: Be RESPONSIBLE * Be RESPECTFUL * Be SAFE * Be a LEARNER

DATES TO REMEMBER

13/14/15 May NAPLAN
16 May Gympie Show Holiday
15/16/17 May Gympie Show
6 Jun Mini Sports @ Amamoor
9 Jun Queen's Birthday Holiday
13 Jun Mary Valley Athletics @ Imbil

From the Principal....

NAPLAN....

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week are very busy days for our students in Years 3, 5 and 7 as they will be sitting NAPLAN tests on those days. As we strive for our children to work to the best of their ability, could I remind parents to please ensure their child/ren:- (a) have good sleep each night, (b) wake up early enough each morning to eat a good "brain food" breakfast which includes some protein. It is **amazing** the difference we see in the classroom with students' learning when they have a substantial breakfast before coming to school.

Please also ensure children are on time to school—by 8.40a.m. each morning - to ensure they have enough time to be well organised and ready to start school at 8.50 a.m.

Attendance....

Good attendance at school every day is directly reflected in your child's learning progress. If parents ensure children attend school every day you are helping them to learn good personal disciplines which become lifetime habits and will stand them in excellent stead as reliable, future employees in the workforce. Statistics prove that learning progress is dramatically improved when students attend school every day.

On the other hand, if students are late or do not attend regular schooling, it not only reinforces the wrong lifetime habits, but impacts on everyone else in the classroom. It places an extra burden on staff who go above and beyond their duties to try to "catch up" students with missed work. With regular in-attendance, it becomes very difficult for students to "catch up" as well as "keep up" with current learning. So please, help us to help our children at Dagun to achieve the very best possible education we can offer, by not being late for school, and having them attend school

every day.

If your child/ren is unavoidably late for school, parents are asked to please bring them to the office to sign them in for the day. This procedure is in line with Education Queensland policy.

Athletics....

Athletics and ball games training has begun in earnest for our Mary Valley sports days later this term. A BIG thank you goes to Ashley Grant who has kindly marked our running tracks and ballgames for us to practice on.

Edible (Butterfly) Garden....

Next week, on Tuesday 20th May, we have a very special day of planting out our new edible garden. Cindy and staff from the Barambah Environmental Education Centre (BEEC) have worked with us to provide advice on a suitable garden and path design, which happens to be in the shape of a butterfly. Our garden will incorporate paths that lead to a central, circular meeting area. We plan to use local hardwoods to create natural "stump" seating to create spaces for children to both learn and play.

BEEC staff have propagated seedlings and will be bringing many native plant varieties for us to plant into our new garden area. From **10.00am to 1.30pm** all our students will be working in groups to help with this great project. Parents are very welcome to come along and help us—many hands make light work!! Besides, the kids shouldn't have all the fun!

Student of the Week.....

Congratulations to the following students who have been responsible for their learning, trying to the best of their ability, and achieved some great progress:

Week 2 Jorja
Week 3 Violet

Congratulations also to many of our students who have started the term with great enthusiasm for their own learning and been recipients of a range of awards: for consistent reading practice each night, awards for progressing ahead with reading levels and sight words, and also for students who diligently practice their spelling each night. Their improvements have been a pleasure to witness.

Jane Desmarchelier
PRINCIPAL

From the P & C Committee....

P&C Meeting

Thank you to all who attended our recent P & C meeting. We had great discussions around a number of issues, but our main focus was the Gympie Show.

Gympie Show....

We have completed our roster for the show - that is 59 shifts (volunteers) we needed to fulfil our contract to provide Traffic Control (pedestrian) for the Gympie Show Society. I understand we are all very busy with our home lives, working and juggling our children, so we thank every family who has made a commitment to support this key fundraiser for our school. The P & Cs goal in the past has largely been to subsidise camps so that every child in our school can afford to attend camp. Without these fundraisers, and the commitment of families over past years, our **amazing** biennial camps (Canberra, Sovereign Hill/Melbourne, and Daydream Island) would simply not have been affordable.

Information Packs for every volunteer will be available on Tuesday afternoon. These will be sent home with children, or delivered to our many Dagon community members who have also supported our fundraiser.

Tuckshop....

We won't be having tuckshop this Friday due to the Gympie Show Holiday.



In the vegie garden



*PE with
Mr. McEnery*



*Music
lessons with
Mrs. Palm*

