

# 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"*

**DATE: 27th August, 2014**

**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

**5 Sept. Bush Poetry, Amamoor SS**  
**12 Sept. Sustainable Futures Forum, MV College**  
**19 Sept. End Term 3**  
**EVERY FRIDAY @ 9.00 a.m. - PLAYGROUP**

## Mary Valley Bush Poetry....

Our next major focus is the Mary Valley Schools Bush Poetry Competition. Practice....practice.....our children continue practicing their poems and are making excellent progress with recitals and now adding expression and actions. If parents could please encourage children to practice at home and to gather together items for their costumes. Parents are very welcome to attend Amamoor School on this day—it's a great day and very entertaining! Could you please let us know if your child/ren will require bus transport on the day by completing the attached Permission Form for students to travel by bus to and from Amamoor School on Friday, 5th September. These need to be returned to the office by **Monday, 1st September**.

## Sustainable Futures Forum....

On the 2nd last week of term, all students will be travelling to Mary Valley College to participate in the Sustainable Futures Forum. This is very informative for both children and any parents who wish to attend. Further details will be available in due course. In the meantime, parents are asked to please fill out the attached Permission Form for students to travel by bus to and from Mary Valley College, Imbil on Friday, 12th September and return to the office by **Monday, 1st September**.

## NAPLAN Results.....

Congratulations to our students in Years 3, 5 and 7 who sat for their NAPLAN testing earlier this year. It is with great pleasure and pride I can say that all our students who sat at Dagun School have met the National Minimum Standard, and many are well above.

## Playgroup....

This Friday our Playgroup will be discovering the fabulous world of bugs and insects!

## Student of the Week....

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

Week 2 Harry

## Dagun Growers' Market Volunteers....

On Saturdays I have been taking produce from our garden and craft made by students to the markets held on Saturdays at the Dagun Railway Station from 2.00 p.m. If your child/ren would like to help prepare our school cart with their products, I welcome student assistance for an hour or so from 1.00 p.m. The markets run from 2.00 to 6.00 p.m.

*Jane Desmarchelier*  
**PRINCIPAL**

## From the Principal....

### Welcome....

We extend a very warm welcome to Amelia (Yr 5) and her family who have joined our school community recently. We hope you enjoy your time at Dagun School.

### Mary Valley Show Exhibits....

WOW! Congratulations to all our students who entered handwriting, art, photography, paper flowers and cooking at the recent Mary Valley Show. Our students contributed an excellent standard of work and were rewarded with the following places:

### ART

Year 2 1st Charlie  
Year 3 2nd Ellie  
Year 6 2nd Hailie  
Year 7 1st Max  
2nd Sam

### COOKING

Year 2 1st Charlie – cupcakes  
  
Impressive: Kayla  
Year 3 1st Bailey  
2nd Dylan  
Impressive: Zac

### PAPER FLOWERS

Prep 1st Isabella  
Year 3 1st Ellie

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Year 6 2nd Eli

### HANDWRITING

Year 1 1st Bella  
Year 3 1st Dylan  
Year 6 1st Hailie

## From the P&C....

Thank you to all our members who attended our P&C meeting last night; we covered a lot of ground planning ahead for our upcoming family fun **Trivia Night** on **Saturday, 11th October**.

Already tables are filling, so don't miss out! So please get in early, gathering family and friends to book a table of 8. Just a reminder that there will be child minding for younger children, so all are very welcome. It is a family night.

As part of the fun, we hold raffles and give away lots of prizes. We ask all families to help by collecting as many donations, vouchers, sponsors or products you can muster that would be suitable for prizes or raffles. If you would like an introductory letter which you can take to businesses asking for donations, please call at the school office.

# TENNIS WITH MATT



September 15-October 17 2014

MARY VALLEY SCARECROW FESTIVAL

ENTER NOW!

CASH PRIZES

FOR MARY

VALLEY

WINNERS

come out to play

\* scarecrows must be up by sept 15 for judging



### ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE FROM:

Conondale Shop Wendy Shalley 5494 4516; Kenilworth Information Centre Kathy Mullins 0458 047272; Victor and Helga Hill 5447 9288 (Ridgewood); Mary Valley Traders Jo Robey 5484 5178 (Imbil); Kandanga Information Centre Nicky Watson 5484 3010, Lyn Hughes 0409 382868 or online at [www.scarecrows.org.au](http://www.scarecrows.org.au)

A Mary Valley Arts Link event

## Speech Pathology Week (24-30 August, 2014)

In a world where everybody speaks, imagine if you could not. Well, that's the challenge that confronts over 1.1 million Australians every day. Sadly, many people with a communication disorder suffer in silence.

It is estimated that one in five people will experience communication difficulties at some point in their lives (Speech Pathology Australia). This can range from mild to very severe and can impact on the way they participate in family life, the community and education.

Speech-Language Pathologists are specialists in all forms of communication, and work within Education as members of the educational team to determine educational needs of children with communication difficulties. They assist in developing and delivering programs that enhance or support students' communication skills, assist the education team to adjust communication demands of the delivery and assessment of the curriculum, provide professional development in the area of communication, consult with and provide resources to staff and parents as well as liaising with other agencies about shared clients.

Around 20% of four year olds have difficulty understanding or using language. If you think your child would benefit from assistance from the school Speech-Language Pathologist, talk to your child's teacher or the Principal at your school.

**BUSH POETRY COMPETITION AMAMOOR STATE SCHOOL**

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(Parent/Caregiver)

**OR**

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