

THE DAGUN DIGEST



The Newsletter

of

**DAGUN STATE SCHOOL
&
P&C ASSOCIATION**



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

DATE: 22nd April, 2015

Our 2015 School Improvement Goal: to improve student outcomes in Writing, Reading Comprehension and Spelling.

Our 2015 School Rules: Be RESPONSIBLE * Be RESPECTFUL * Be SAFE * Be a LEARNER

DATES TO REMEMBER

25 April	ANZAC Day
1 May	PetPEP Visit
7 May	Life Education—Amamoor SS
12-14 May	NAPLAN (Year 3 & 5)
14-16 May	Gympie Show
15 May	Gympie Show Holiday
8 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
26 June	End Term 2

From the Principal....

Welcome back....

What a great start to Term 2, with a day at the beach!! The weather was kind to us, and the children enjoyed a marvellous day of beach activities at Mooloolaba. The laughter, energy, cheering and squeals of delight said it all. Our lifesavers provided an excellent program, teaching our children skills and safety awareness at the beach. We are very much looking forward to our next Surf Awareness day in December.

The term ahead is already busy and these are just some of the planned events. This week we will prepare our wreath, song and poem for the Mary Valley Anzac Day commemorative ceremony on Saturday. Our P&C are planning and looking for volunteers for our major fundraiser at the Gympie Show and students will prepare a display for the show in week 4. Our students will practice for NAPLAN, train for athletics later in the term, and will have visits from PetPEP (a local vet on pet care) and the Life Education Van.

ANZAC Day....

Today Mr. Phil Jensen, President of the Mary Valley RSL and returned serviceman, visited our school to talk to students about Anzac Day. On Saturday our school children will be marching, singing and reciting a poem at the 100th anniversary of Anzac Day. This years service will be held at Imbil. The RSL will have a display open to the public which will include AIF kit with Waler horse, tanks and army vehicles on display and other entertainment. I hope to see as many of our students as possible to represent our school on this very important occasion.

To show our respect, students need to wear full school uniform (green shirts and shorts/skorts), representing our School in neat attire. We will meet at 11.00 a.m. outside the RSL Hall. Students will sing at 11.30 a.m. then join in the Parade down the main street to the Cenotaph. The service will commence at 12.00 noon and our older students will recite Rupert McCall's poem "A Hundred Years From Now" as a part of the service. Please remember to bring water bottles, as it can be very hot during the service. It is expected that the service will conclude around 12.30 p.m.

Life Education Van....

In Week 3, we have been very lucky to be invited to participate in the Life Education Van activities at Amamoor School. Harold the Giraffe has been delivering excellent lessons on life skills over many years and is very sought after. As the school values these sessions it will pay for student participation. Please read more information in the attached letter.

Our children will attend in 3 groups over the day, so that age appropriate topics are directed at students. Our students will join with Amamoor students for these sessions:

Wednesday 6th May

1.45 to 3.00pm Year 6 Think Twice

Thursday 7th May

10.00 to 11.00am Prep to Year 2 Clued Up
11.30 to 1.00pm Year 6 On the Case
1.45 to 3.00pm Years 3 & 4 Harold's Diary

Given we have such small numbers in each group, we are looking for volunteer drivers. Please let the office know if you would be available to transport children for a session. Please complete the Permission Note on the bottom of the attached letter if you would like your child/ren to attend.

PetPEP....

One of our local vets will be visiting on Friday, 1st May to discuss with children 'good' ways to look after pets. Our presenters usually bring along a very loving dog or two for our children to pat.

NAPLAN....

Students in Years 3 and 5 across Australia will be participating in annual NAPLAN testing on Tues 12th to Thurs 14th May. These tests provide a 'one off' snapshot of knowledge and understanding of children across the nation and inform future curriculum planning and development by ACARA.

Gympie Show.... (3 weeks away!!!)

If you haven't already done so, please respond to our request for volunteer workers at the Gympie Show. Please chase up your friends, relatives and neighbours who may like to help with a shift to support Dagun School fundraiser in exchange for a **free pass** to the show. Remember this is a major fundraiser for our school and we need every family to contribute and work at least one of the shifts on: **14TH, 15TH, 16TH MAY.**

Tuckshop....

Watch for our NEW menu to begin in Week 2!

Playgroup....

Our Playgroup will start again this Friday. Please invite your friends and neighbours who may be interested in joining our group for an hour of organised activities on a Friday morning.

Jane Desmarchelier,
PRINCIPAL