

# 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: 20th May, 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

**8 June** Queen's Birthday Holiday  
**19 June** Minisports @ Amamoor SS  
**26 June** End Term 2

**EVERY FRIDAY @ 9.00 a.m. - PLAYGROUP**

## From the Principal....

### Welcome....

We extend a very warm welcome to Ella (Year 5) who joined us last week. We hope your time at Dagun is enjoyable and a great learning experience.

### Student Leaders....

Congratulations to our school leaders, Hailie, Sean and Amelia, who were invested in their leadership roles last Tuesday. Because Dagun School is small, students are encouraged to take on a Student Leader role, which provides an excellent opportunity for them to have a go, learn and develop leadership skills. In a larger school, that opportunity is only for a select few. Historically, many of our past students have gone on to large high schools and in the work place, to take up positions of leadership. I sincerely believe that Dagun School has provided them with an environment where they could develop resilience, strong self worth, confidence and leadership skills. So, I encourage our current leaders to make the most of their time this year. Congratulations again. We wish you every success in the year ahead.

### Anzac Day....

What a wonderful turn out of our students and families for the 100th anniversary Anzac Day ceremony at Imbil. I was ever so proud of their singing and poetry recital and behaviour on the day, and many, many people from outside our school noticed and commented on their presentations and excellent behaviour. Congratulations to our children who represented our school wonderfully, and thank you to our families for helping and encouraging your child/ren be such good ambassadors for our school, and to honour our defence personnel who have made enormous sacrifices. A huge thank you to Mrs Dilger for organising the children to help make such an awesome commemorative wreath. It was certainly outstanding, and clearly reflected the thought and effort that had gone into the making.

### Life Education Van....

Recently our children were fortunate to attend Life Education lessons at Amamoor School. Our junior and middle group lessons with Nikki were excellent. The lesson for our older group was perhaps aimed for more mature students, but nonetheless, it was part of a very strong, sequential program from Prep to Year 6, teaching our children how to look after their health through good diet and exercise, and be mindful and aware of the effects of medications, drugs and alcohol on our bodies. Once upon a time, the Life Ed van came to all schools, but over the past 5 years or so, it has become a sought after resource. Nikki was clearly very impressed with our children's behaviour and showed empathy with the inequity of small school access to such resources. As a result, she will be advocating for the Life Ed van to come to Dagun next year, which would be a wonderful bonus for us.

### PetPEP....

Despite the very wet conditions, our local vet nurse Peta brought the ever faithful Bella and Zela for a great session on how to care for pets. Local Council employees also informed the children of the registration requirements and where to go when their pet is lost or found. As usual, our children loved to pat and fuss over our canine friends.

### NAPLAN....

With testing over for another year, I must congratulate our Year 3 students and Ella (Year 5) for their marvellous efforts with writing, spelling/grammar/punctuation, reading and numeracy testing. They should each be commended for their hard work.

### Gympie Show....

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all our parents, staff, families, and community members for yet another successful Gympie Show fundraiser. Once again, over the 3 days we experienced very cold temperatures, rain, wind and hot days! Your efforts will realise around \$4,000 for our P&C. Thank you also to Sheena, Jaye and Kev Shaw, and Mary who organised and prepared the volunteer packs etc. A great team effort!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to us for winning 3rd place in the Schools display section.

### Playgroup....

Playgroup has been cancelled this Friday due to staff away at professional development and will recommence next Friday, 29th May.

*Jane Desmarchelier,*  
**PRINCIPAL**

# **Our School Leaders 2015**

