**DATE:** 11th November, 2015

**Our 2015 School Improvement Goal:** to improve student outcomes in Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary.

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

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**FRIDAYs @ 9.00 a.m. - PLAYGROUP**

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**From the Principal…**

**African Performer Visit…**

Last Wednesday we had the great privilege of a visit from one of Kenya's cultural ambassadors, Sam Okoth. Students and staff were treated to the experience of African drumming, dancing and singing. The highlight was Sam playing a soothing melody on a nyatiti, a traditional handmade stringed instrument. All of the children were transfixed by the performance. (See photos over page.)

**Fire Brigade Visit…**

This **FRIDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER** we will be visited by the Queensland Fire Education Unit. The students will be taught about fire safety awareness and fire prevention.

**Prep Transition Day…**

A reminder that our Prep Transition Day is next **MONDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER**. If your child would like tuckshop that day please add them to their sibling’s order.

**Student of the Week…**

Congratulations to the following students who have received Student of the Week Awards:

- Week 2: Tayten
- Week 3: Ellie

**School Photos…**

A reminder school photos are ready for collection at the school office, $25 per student photo pack.

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**Swimming Carnival…**

Our Mary Valley Schools Swimming Carnival is to be held on **FRIDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER**. This is a fun, relaxed day where we encourage all children to participate as there are activities for everyone of all abilities. The goal is for all our students to join in. Just participating earns Dagun points. Above all though – it should be fun!! It is anticipated that the weather will be hot, so please ensure your children are well prepared with sunscreen, hats and water bottles. Family and friends are most welcome to come along and watch.

Children in Prep to Year 3 will have their events in the morning, up until lunch time. If parents would like, they can collect younger students from the pool at lunch time. Students in Years 4-6 will be competing in the afternoon.

Our P&C will be offering tuckshop on the day. Please see the attached Tuckshop Menu for purchasing (one order form per student). Otherwise children should bring morning tea, lunch and snacks. The bus will depart school at 9.00 a.m. and return to school by 2.45 p.m.

Could you please complete and return the attached **Transport Advice/Permission Form AND Tuckshop Order Form/s (with money)** to the school office by next **FRIDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER**.

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**Playgroup Cancelled…**

Playgroup is cancelled this Friday but will return next Friday, 20th November.

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**Dagun State School “Vintage Fair”**

**Our P&C needs your help…**

The P&C will be holding another meeting at school **TOMORROW, THURSDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER at 3.30P.M.**

Please come and share your ideas, thoughts and contributions to help finalise details for this big event.

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Chocolates Needed!!...for the Chocolate Toss
Donations of chocolate bars would be greatly appreciated. We need different sizes from small “snack size” to a variety of block chocolates. Please bring donations to school where they can be kept in refrigeration.

More Bottles Needed....
Thank you to those who have already brought in jars and goods for our bottle stall. A terrific start!! Please keep bringing any jars or goodies into school as soon as possible. Some ideas for fillings to go inside the bottles could include:

- vouchers,
- nuts, lollies, hair ties, coffee, tea,
- tea bags, candles, potpourri, dried fruit, nuts,
- beads, soaps, pencils, stationery, small toys,
- toy cars.........

Volunteers Needed....
Our P&C are still looking for volunteers to help on stalls on the day. Please contact the school if you are able to help. Hopefully we can share the load as......

“Many hands make light work”.

If you have any suggestions or queries, please don’t hesitate to contact either Jaye Shaw on 0437 925 268, or Sheena Haselden on 0458 144 603. They would be only too pleased to hear from you.

Our children will be the winners! They benefit from the hard work we put into the fundraiser and the funds we raise. Make sure you mark the calendar and come along for a wonderful fun filled family afternoon on—

SATURDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER!!

Jane Desmarchelier,
PRINCIPAL