

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: 3rd February, 2016

Our 2016 School Improvement Goal: to improve student outcomes in Reading Comprehension.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

10 Feb Parent Information Session
17 Feb Swimming Lessons commence
3 March P&C AGM
4 March Clean Up Australia Day (Schools)
24 March End Term 1

Welcome....

Welcome to all our Dagun School families. 2016 looks to be an exciting year ahead with 44 enrolments to start the year. We extend a warm welcome to our new families: Holliss, McKelvie and Wilson and to our new Prep students: Noah, Tennyson, Heidi, Maddyson, Rafferty, Henry, Lachlan and Ella. They have started with great enthusiasm and have settled well into their new classroom with Miss Ryan. I trust the year ahead will be a good one for all families and staff, and a great learning journey for our students.

We welcome to our school community new staff members: Mr Strong, Teacher Aide in the upper classroom, and Mr. Schofield our PE teacher for the year.

Our School Improvement priority this year is '**Reading**'. Our goal is to support every student to achieve success, particularly with reading comprehension and making meaning from what they read. This skill is necessary for success across all subject areas.

Our early intervention program (MultiLit) will commence in Week 3, as well as targeted teaching around reading comprehension strategies. We encourage parents and carers to work collaboratively with teachers, by supporting and listening to your child/ren read every night at home.

Parent Information Session....

Parents are invited to join with Miss Ryan and myself next Wednesday for an information session. We would like to discuss and share how we are structuring teaching and learning in our multi-age classes this year. We have chosen an early time in the hope that parents will be available to come along. Staff will supervise children immediately after school for an hour.

WHEN: 3.00 p.m. Wednesday 10th February

WHERE: Year 2-6 classroom

Car Parking....

With our increasing enrolments, we have a growing number of vehicles parked on Dagun Road at pick-up and drop-off times. With timber trucks, buses and other vehicles passing through, it can be a VERY busy and narrow space for passing traffic, and potentially not a safe space for children. Can all parents and carers please be vigilant and walk with your children as they leave or enter the school grounds to/from your cars.

It is preferred that parents park on the school side of Dagun Road so that children do not need to cross the road. Please try to have your child get in or out of cars from the footpath—**NOT** the roadside of your car where children are vulnerable to any passing vehicles.

Steps have been taken to form a Car parking Committee consisting of representatives from Main Roads Department, Gympie Regional Council, Education Queensland and local Councillor, Julie Walker, in an effort to address our growing concerns with pick up and drop of students, and parking. In the meantime, please help our school to keep our children safe.

Swimming....

Swimming lessons will start in Week 4—on **WEDNESDAYS**. Mr Schofield, our PE teacher this year, will take lessons with the support of staff, at the Kandanga Pool. **It is proposed that swimming take a different format this year.** We have considered a number of issues, namely:

- The cost of return bus travel to/from pool
- Time taken away from learning in classrooms (1/2 day)
- All children are collected each day by parents—we have no school bus service.
- We conducted a survey at the end of last year, and from all reports, most parents were happy to collect their child/ren from the Kandanga pool one afternoon a week (after swimming) rather than from Dagun School.

The proposal is that students will catch a bus from Dagun to Kandanga, departing 1.15p.m. From 1.45 p.m. lessons will be conducted (as per usual) with staff supporting our PE teacher with small groups of students. Lessons will conclude at 2.40 p.m. and parents will collect their child/ren from the pool from 2.50 p.m. **It will be imperative** that parents collect students by 3.15 p.m. as staff will need to return to school to collect cars.

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Swimming Cont'd....

We are keen to hear parent views and any concerns about this proposal. If any parents have a problem collecting students from the pool by 3.15 p.m., please don't hesitate to discuss this with myself to see if we can make suitable alternate arrangements.

P&C Meeting & AGM....

Our first P&C meeting will be held:

WHEN: Thursday, 3rd March
WHERE: Library

We strongly welcome all our parents, new and old. Our meetings are very informal and relaxed, and we value parent contributions towards making our school the best for our children.

This will also be our P&C's Annual General Meeting where we will review 2015 and elect our new committee for 2016.

Tuckshop....

Tuckshop will begin in Week 3. There will be no tuckshop this week.

Jane Desmarchelier,
PRINCIPAL



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