

# 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: 11th April, 2016**

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

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

## DATES TO REMEMBER

15 April	Auskick commences
19 April	P&C Mtg 5.30 p.m.
25 April	ANZAC Day @ Kandanga
2 May	Labour Day Holiday
5 May	Reading volunteers meeting
8 May	Mothers Day
10-12 May	NAPLAN Testing
12-14 May	Gympie Show
26 May	Life Education Van
7 June	Voices on the Coast
23 June	Minisports @ Amamoor

### Welcome back....

We're off to a zippy start, with lots of things planned for Term 2. I trust families have had a relaxed break, taking advantage of the perfect weather, and children are refreshed and ready for learning. As we come into the cooler months of colds and flus, please remember to ensure our kids get lots of valuable sleep (not too many 'thumb' games or screens) to enable their minds and bodies to be strong and cope with any bugs that they may come across.

Welcome back to Dawnee!! We have missed your cheery smile and are delighted to see you and Sophie Jo (the puppy) around our rooms again. A very big thankyou to Kassie who has done a terrific job relieving for Dawn in her absence.

This term is our athletics term—running and ball games, and field events for older students. Traditionally Dagun students participate in the Minisports (3 small schools: Dagun, Amamoor and Kandanga) which will be held on the second last day of Term 2. Then we compete in the Mary Valley Schools Sports Day which will again be held at Mary Valley State College, Imbil, in Week 2 of Term 3. These days are primarily about our children participating and teamwork. Our children will start this week with some fun, early morning running to build some fitness and ball skills. Mr Schofield will also be focusing on these as well as field event skills over this term.

### Carpets....

Over the holidays the carpets in the Administration office and Principal's office were replaced. Consequently, we have some carpet and underlay (less than 12 months old) begging for a good home—or garden. If you would like carpet or underlay, please contact the office asap.

### Enrolments update....

We start our term still on 51 students. To be eligible for a third teacher, we need 2 more students to enrol from within our school catchment area. If any parents know of families who may be looking

for a great school like ours, please let them know about us. It may help us to reach the desired third teacher.

### Auskick....

This term all our students will have the opportunity to participate in Auskick/AFL skills each Friday afternoon for 7 weeks. We have been fortunate to be successful with a Sporting Schools Grant from the Federal Government which will pay for an expert coach to come to Dagun and provide our kids with an exciting ball skills program. Please return the attached Permission Form to the school office by this Friday.

## GYMPIE SHOW - MAY 12th, 13th and 14th

Yes, it's that time of year again—Show Time!!

Gympie Show is our **MAIN** fundraiser for the year. For 3 days effort we can raise approximately \$4,000. We can spread the effort if every family chips in to do a 5 hour shift, or two. Then it becomes a financially successful fundraiser, volunteers have the benefit of the free wristband entry to the show, and the burden is not left to a few. Most off all, our children at Dagun School benefit!!

With the Gympie Show only 4 weeks away, we are **'full on'** scouting for all families, friends and relatives, and community members to help with our major fundraiser. Basically our responsibility is to check wrist bands on people entering the show and directing them to the correct areas—either 'entry' or to 'purchase' a wristband. Volunteers working shifts will be given a **free season pass** to the show. Each shift is for 5 or 6 hours. Supervisors will be available to give volunteers a break throughout the shift, if needed. Or, if you have difficulty working the full time, we may be able to adapt times with another volunteer.

To be successful with this major fundraiser, the P&C needs the support of every one of our 26 families. We need families to work a shift or two, and to ask friends, relatives and neighbours if they can help support Dagun kids.

Please fill in the attached Show Roster with your name/s, contact phone number/s and preferred shift/s — and those of any willing and much appreciated friends and relatives. We'd appreciate the return of your form as soon as possible. An early indication will be helpful in trying to fill spaces, as it takes a lot of jiggling and to-ing and fro-ing to chase up more volunteers for unfilled shifts and to ensure times suit everyone.

When the roster is finalised, we will contact all volunteers to advise everyone of roles and responsibilities, and to allocate **free entry wristbands** to workers.

Please keep these dates free, ask all your friends and let's make this another successful fundraiser for our school.

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### ANZAC Day....

This year Anzac Day falls on a Monday and will be held at Kandanga. A member of the Mary Valley RSL and returned serviceman, will be visiting our school to talk to students about Anzac Day next week. On Monday, 25th April our school children will be marching in the Anzac Day Parade. This years service will be held at Kandanga. 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 11.30 a.m. opposite the Kandanga School, outside the Memorial Hall. Students will join in the parade down the main street to the Cenotaph.

### Parade....

We have changed our timetable this term. Due to Auskick on Fridays, our parades will be held each Monday afternoon at 2.20 p.m. Parents and friends are very welcome to join us on any Monday.

### Reading Volunteers....

In line with our School Improvement Priority to improve student outcomes in reading, we will be commencing our Reading Volunteer Group. On **Thursday 5th May at 2.00 p.m.** We will be conducting some simple training at school which will help equip volunteers with some handy strategies and tips to help our students improve their reading.

Parents and grandparents who are interested to become a volunteer in the mornings from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. are asked to complete the attached [form](#) and return to the office asap. We will compile a roster to accommodate volunteer preferences for day of the week.

### Tuckshop....

Tuckshop will commence next Friday, 22nd April.

### Tuckshop Volunteers....

Our co-ordinator, Jess Krahn, has been doing a terrific job with tuckshop, shopping and preparing 40+ meals each week. As our numbers have grown, so too have our tuckshop orders!! If any parents are willing to help Jess, say once or twice a term, could you please let us know what day/dates may suit you, by completing the attached [form](#) and returning to the office.

### P&C Meeting....

Our first P&C meeting for this term will be held next:

**Tuesday, 19th April at 5.30p.m.**

We encourage as many parents as possible to come along to share in discussions and planning for the year ahead.

### Gympie Times Prep Photo....

I trust families were able to get a look at the **Front Page** photo of our Preppies at the end of last term. It was terrific and captured our happy little people (and Miss Ryan) with big smiles that say it all. If you missed it, we have a copy in the office you can view.

*Jane Desmarchelier,*  
**PRINCIPAL**



## Break Up Day Term 1

