

# 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: 13th July, 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

<b>20 July</b>	<b>Mary Valley Sports (Yr 4—6)</b>
<b>22 July</b>	<b>Mary Valley Sports (P—6)</b>
<b>23 July</b>	<b>Race Day</b>
<b>12 August</b>	<b>Your Inspiration at Home</b>
<b>12 August</b>	<b>Cobb &amp; Co Camp Out</b>
<b>18 August</b>	<b>Mary Valley Bush Poetry—Amamoor SS</b>
<b>19 August</b>	<b>Choo Choo Bar Poetry Night</b>
<b>25 August</b>	<b>Gympie Muster bush poetry</b>
<b>20 August</b>	<b>Mary Valley Show</b>
<b>25 August</b>	<b>Gympie Muster</b>
<b>16 September</b>	<b>End Term 3</b>

## From the Principal....

### Welcome back....

Welcome back to term 3! It's been a chilly start to the term, but refreshing. Children have been really eager to get started with learning their poems in readiness for a big term of bush poetry. The weeks ahead look to be great fun with lots of activities planned.

### Mary Valley Sports - NEXT WEEK!

The Mary Valley Sports Carnival is to be held at **Mary Valley College, Imbil on Wednesday, 20th July for students in Year 4—6 and on Friday, 22nd July for all students.** Students will be practising ballgames and field events up until these dates.

Tuckshop will be available for **Friday, 22nd July only.** If your child/ren would like to place an order, please fill out the attached Order Form (blue) for **EACH** student. Please paste the order onto a paper bag and return to Dagun School office, with the correct money, **BY NEXT MONDAY, 18TH JULY.**

We have attached two transport permission forms—one for Tuesday, 20th July (Year 4—6) and one for Friday, 22nd July (Prep—6). If you could fill out the relevant forms and also return to the office **BY NEXT MONDAY, 18TH JULY.**

### Tennis Lessons....

Starting on Monday, 25th July, students will have the opportunity to participate in tennis lessons held here at school. As we have done in past years, lessons will be subsidised in the hope that every child can participate.

Matt from Gympie Tennis will be conducting 3 sessions of Hot Shots, which is modified tennis, from 12.00pm to 2.50pm. We encourage every child to be involved in this excellent activity for improving hand to eye co-ordination. We have applied for a Sporting Schools Grant which will help fund an excellent coach in Matt. Students pay just \$10 for 7 lessons. If you wish your child/ren to participate in this very worthwhile program, please complete and send the attached permission and money to school **BY NEXT**

## WEDNESDAY, 20TH JULY.

### School Opinion Survey....

It's also that time again for School Opinion Surveys. (Please see attached letter.) Each year the Department of Education undertakes a confidential survey of parents, staff and students to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling at their school. This is not a survey of or about Education Queensland, but your opinions about our school, Dagun School, and your thoughts on the school environment and learning we provide for your children. Later in the year we will receive a report outlining the results of the survey of our school which are helpful for us to evaluate and reflect on how well the school is going, and to identify areas for future development. These survey results also form an important part of our school's Annual Report.

We ask parents to please complete either the paper survey or online survey and return to school by **FRIDAY, 29TH JULY.** Online details are on the survey form. Students and staff will complete theirs online at school. I thank you for your assistance and feedback, and helping us to make Dagun School a great place to educate children.

### Bush Poetry....

This term is going to be BIG on Australian poetry. We have our annual Mary Valley Bush Poetry competition on 18th August, which is always an excellent day. Children learn and practice an individual poem and a group poem which they present on the day. This learning process is excellent for developing confidence in oral presentation and expression—and the children who have done it each year, love it!

This year, we have some bonus activities to consolidate children's learning. On Friday 12th August, we plan to have a whole school afternoon at the Cobb & Co Nine Mile Camping Grounds, with all sorts of fun bush activities planned.

Early that evening, parents are invited to come along and join in a camp fire presentation and some tucker. This will be an opportunity for students to practice their poems in front of a familiar audience. Families will then have the option to camp over the night. More details around this day are to come.

As well, students who receive a place at the Mary Valley Poetry day will be invited, and will have the option the following night to present their poem at the Dagun Station, Choo Choo Bar poetry night. They will have the awesome opportunity to present with local, professional poets, including Barky O'Neil and Ian McKay. Again, more information about this to come.

And... as well, students who receive a place at the Mary Valley Poetry day will be invited, and given the option to present at Poet's Corner at the Gympie Muster. Students and one carer will be given free tickets into the venue for the day.

How awesome is that? Some great weeks coming up!!

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**BUT WAIT.....  
THERE IS MORE!!**

## RACE DAY

a family FUN Day!!  
Saturday 23rd July



This is a fabulous opportunity for our P&C to raise some funds. Racing Gympie has kindly donated tickets to our School at no cost. All we have to do is sell them to all our friends, neighbours, work colleagues and families. Tickets will cost \$15.00 for adults, children are free. Tickets include gate entry, trackside marquee and nibbles on arrival. Tickets must be **pre-purchased** from School.

There will be loads of fun activities for the kids: jumping castle, balloon twister, face painting and photo booth. Please see the attached fliers for more information and give these fliers to anyone you think may like to attend Race Day. If you would like more fliers, please contact the school. The more people we can get to attend, the more funds we can raise.

### Chocolate Drive Fundraiser....

We have had an amazing response to our chocolate drive so far. All of our first order of boxes have been sold or taken. We now have a second order of boxes, of which some have already been sold. If you would like more chocolates to sell, they are available at the school office for you to collect.

### School Annual Report....

Our 2015 Annual Report is available for parents to read either online at [www.dagunss.eq.edu.au](http://www.dagunss.eq.edu.au) or there is a hard copy available at the school office.

### Volunteer Readers....

Thank you to our volunteer parent readers who have been reading with children in the mornings last term. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated and it makes such a difference for our children. We would really like your help again this term. If any parents or grandparents would like to read to children in the mornings, please contact us at the office. We look forward to your continuing support.

*Jane Desmarchelier,*  
**PRINCIPAL**

**Gympie 2016 - Songlines: The Living Narrative of our Nation**

# NAIDOC

## 2016 Gympie NAIDOC Program

**NAIDOC Community Flag Raising**  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 8.30am – 9.30am  
Nelson Reserve, Jaycee Way, GYMPIE  
Community comes together to raise the Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian Flags in harmony (morning tea provided)

**NAIDOC Family Fun Day Celebration**  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30am – 2.30pm  
Gympie Civic Centre Mellor Street, GYMPIE  
Various Entertainers including Lyndon Davis and the Gubbi Gubbi Dancers, Traditional Dancing/Story Telling, Song Groups, Yarnin' Circle, Traditional Games, Celebrity Sports Stars, Gundoo/Kids Corner, Art/Crafts, Food/Drinks & Loads of Stalls

**NAIDOC Dinner Dance**  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July, Doors open 6pm, Dinner 7.30pm  
Gympie Pines Golf Club, 2 Shield Street GYMPIE  
Entertainment by Muddy Flats, as well as "Murriaoke" (Karaoke with a twist) & a wonderful 2 Course Dinner  
Tickets only \$40 each for all meals & entertainment  
Phone Aunty Lillian 0403 050 407 to book your table  
Note: You must RSVP & pay by COB Tuesday the 12th July 2016

Enquiries by phone to Aunty Lillian Burke, President of CASI on 0403 050 407 or Email Sean Connelly at [sconnelly@unitedsynergies.com.au](mailto:sconnelly@unitedsynergies.com.au)

CASI - Cooloola Aboriginal Services Inc, PO Box 1617, Gympie QLD 4570

# SONG LINES

**MARY VALLEY SPORTS (IMBIL)—TRANSPORT ADVICE/PERMISSION FORM  
WEDNESDAY, 20TH JULY—YEAR 4—6**

**(TO BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY NEXT MONDAY, 18TH JULY)**

I \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child/ren  
\_\_\_\_\_ to travel by private transport to and from the Mary  
Valley Sports, Mary Valley College, Imbil, on Wednesday, 20th July.

*I understand that in order to provide transport, the driver must be the holder of a current driver's licence and that vehicles must be registered and covered by compulsory Third Party Insurance. If the driver is not a parent or teacher from the school they also require a Blue Card. I am aware that the Department of Education and Training does not have Personal Accident Insurance Cover for students.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Caregiver)

**OR**

My child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ will be transported to and from  
the Mary Valley Sports, Mary Valley College, Imbil by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Driver)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Caregiver)

**MARY VALLEY SPORTS (IMBIL)—TRANSPORT ADVICE/PERMISSION FORM  
FRIDAY, 22ND JULY—PREP—YEAR 6**

**(TO BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY MONDAY, 18TH JULY)**

I \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child/ren  
\_\_\_\_\_ to travel by bus to and from the Mary Valley Sports,  
Mary Valley College, Imbil on Friday, 22nd July.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Caregiver)

**OR**

My child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ will be transported to and from  
the Mary Valley Sports, Mary Valley College, Imbil by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Driver)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Caregiver)

**TENNIS LESSONS PERMISSION FORM**

**(TO BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, 20TH JULY)**

I \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child/ren  
\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in tennis lessons each Monday for 7 weeks  
commencing on Monday, 25th July.

**I enclose payment of \$10 per child.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Caregiver)