

# 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: 27th 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>1 August</b>	<b>Tennis Lessons commence</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....

**Congratulations to Kristi, Marty, Henry and Arthur on the arrival of their newest family member, Oscar.**

### Mary Valley Sports Day....

What an excellent day! Congratulations to all our students for the terrific efforts in all events. Our children performed admirably, especially as many were or had been sick. Most importantly, congratulations to students for the excellent behaviour and sportsmanship on the day. Thank you to all staff for their efforts keeping children informed and on track. Well done to all on winning the Relays Trophy. A great team effort!!

### Bush Poetry....

Our focus over the next 5 weeks is on bush poetry and all the related activities and opportunities as follows:

#### Friday 12th August—Cobb & Co Day Excursion

This is a whole school excursion for all students to the Cobb & Co Nine Mile Camping Grounds (**see attached itinerary**). Cost per student for activities will be \$15.00.

#### Campfire Presentation

Parents are invited to come along in the afternoon and join in a camp fire presentation and share some tucker. Students will have the opportunity to recite and practice their poems in front of a familiar audience.

#### Camping Overnight

After the children's poetry recitals, families have 2 options: to go home at the end of the presentation or to camp overnight. Families who wish to camp, will need to privately make any arrangements and bookings directly with Cobb & Co. Phone: 5483 5065. (**See attached flier**).

#### Thursday 18th August—Mary Valley Schools Bush Poetry

If parents could please encourage children to practice at home and to gather together items for their costumes. Parents are very welcome

to attend Amamoor School on this day—it's a great day and very entertaining!

#### Friday 19th August—Aussie Poetry and Pudding

Students who receive a place at the Mary Valley Schools Poetry Day will be invited to present their poem at the Dagun Station, Choo Choo Bar Poetry Night (**see flier over page**). They will have the awesome opportunity to present alongside local, professional poets, including Barky O'Neil and Ian McKay. All families are welcome to attend as it promises to be a fun evening.

#### Thursday 25th August—Gympie Muster—Poets' Corner

Also, those students who receive a place at the Mary Valley Schools Poetry Day will be invited, and given the option to present at Poets' Corner at the Gympie Muster. Students and one carer will be given free tickets into the venue for the day.

### Tennis Lessons....

Our tennis court has been resurfaced and with the new lines, it looks terrific. Tennis lessons start next Monday, **1st August**, and run for 7 weeks.

This is excellent opportunity for children to participate in Hot Shots modified tennis lessons and improve their hand to eye co-ordination skills. It is our hope that as many children participate as possible.

If parents haven't already done so, please complete the attached Permission Form and return to the office as soon as possible.

### School Photos....

**They have arrived!!** Josh has completed all the school photo packs and they're ready for parents to purchase for \$25 per child. **The photos are stunning and excellent quality. You will be delighted! So please call at the office to see them.**

### School Opinion Survey....

**Thank you to those parents who have already completed the School Opinion Survey.** Just a reminder if parents could please complete either the paper survey or online survey and return to school by **FRIDAY, 29TH JULY**. Your feedback is a valuable source of information for staff at Dagun School, as we are always looking for ways to improve, particularly with the delivery of education to our students.

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.

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### Race Day....

Thank you to Kristi for organising tickets and fliers for our Race Day last Saturday. Also, thank you to Jaye and P&C members for organising food and the smooth running of the day. From all accounts it was a fun day for all and a successful fundraiser for Dagun School, despite it being a busy weekend with many other events on.

### Chocolate Drive Fundraiser....

Just a reminder that we still have boxes of chocolates for sale if any families would like to sell some more, or find willing work places or friends who'd like to sell some.

### Volunteer Readers....

Thank you to our volunteer parent readers who have been reading with children in the mornings. 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 grand-

parents would like to read to children in the mornings, please contact us at the office. We look forward to your continuing support.

As we know, **READING** is our focus improvement agenda at Dagun School. We would like to encourage every child to be reading every day to help them to become better readers and learners.

### Long Service Leave....

For the last 3 weeks of Term 3, I will be taking long service leave. Mrs Rita Ellen will be relieving Principal at Dagun during that time. All other staff will remain on the usual days and times. I look forward to some relaxation and reenergising in readiness for Term 4. Whilst on leave, the school house bathroom will be renovated, so you may see trucks and workmen coming and going over this time.

*Jane Desmarchelier,*  
**PRINCIPAL**

## TENNIS LESSONS PERMISSION FORM

**(TO BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE)**

I \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child/ren  
\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in tennis lessons each Monday for 7 weeks  
commencing on Monday, 1st August.

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



**CHOO-CHOO BAR PRESENTS**

# Aussie Poetry & Pudding



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August**  
**from 6:00pm**  
**Poetry Night, featuring**

- Winners of the Mary Valley Schools Bush Poetry Competition
- Ian Mackay, Ironbark O'Neill, Jack Wright and others
- BBQ and sticky date pudding

**The Choo Choo Bar, Dagun Station, Dagun**  
**Free entry**  
**Food and drinks available for purchase from 6pm**  
**Poetry starts 6:30pm**  
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