

# 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 August, 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 Excursion</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....

### Tennis....

Tennis lessons started on Monday and as usual the kids were really engaged and had a load of fun with Matt. We've just heard the great news that we have been successful with a sporting schools grant so, there will be no cost to parents for tennis.

**For those families who have already paid for tennis that money has been credited to their child/ren's account and can go towards the Cobb & Co Excursion next week. Please see Mary or Lisa if you have any questions.**

### Bush Poetry....

Our children are making terrific progress learning their poems and adding expression and actions to fine tune their presentations. They are really looking forward to next Friday's excursion.

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

This excursion to Cobb & Co Nine Mile Camping Grounds is a school day and for all students and we'd really like every child to attend. Students are to wear school uniform. The cost per student for activities will be \$15.00. Please fill out the attached permission form and return to the school office by next **MONDAY, 8TH AUGUST**.

### 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. **Parents, please remember to bring a camp chair. There will be a few logs, but you may prefer something a little more comfortable :)**

### 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. If you need another flier please see the office.

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

Please keep encouraging children to practice their poems 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! Please fill out the attached permission form and return to the school office by next **MONDAY, 8TH AUGUST**.

### 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. They will have the awesome opportunity to present alongside local, professional poets, including Barky O'Neil and Ian McKay and Jack Wright. 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.

### Student of the Week....

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

Week 1	Lachlan
Week 2	Ella
Week 3	Kacey

### Reading at Dagun.....our Improvement Agenda

Thank you to all our parent volunteers for reading in the classrooms. We greatly appreciate your time and care with our kids.

As a part of our school's improvement agenda, we have a fortnightly reading comprehension focus. This strategy is explicitly taught in class and practiced across all curriculum areas each day.

This fortnight the strategy we are focusing on is:

### "Making Connections"

Students make connections when they make links between what they've read and their personal experiences, what they read elsewhere and what they know of the world. You can help your children with "Making Connections" when they are reading at home by asking questions like these:

1. Does that remind you of anything or anyone?
2. Do you know a person like that character?
3. Have you read another story like this?
4. Do you know of similar things happening in the real world?

You may come up with some questions of your own. All conversations with your child/ren can only encourage their reading and improve their learning outcomes.

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#### **School Photos....**

A reminder school photos are available at \$25 per child. The overwhelming response from parents and staff has been that Josh's photos are awesome!! They are excellent quality and the whole school photo very unique, catching some amazing lighting. The individual photos absolutely 'capture' the children's faces.

Many parents have asked if they can get Josh to take family photos. From those requests, I have asked Josh to leave some business cards at the office. If any parents are interested in having private photos taken, you can collect a business card or view Josh's facebook page—[www.facebook.com/JoshStrongPhotography](http://www.facebook.com/JoshStrongPhotography).

#### **Chocolate Drive Fundraiser....**

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.

#### **Tuckshop....**

There will be no tuckshop this Friday.

*Jane Desmarchelier,*  
**PRINCIPAL**



**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**  
<https://www.facebook.com/ChooChooBarDagunQLD/>

**COBB & CO EXCURSION (TANDUR)**  
**TRANSPORT ADVICE/PERMISSION FORM**

**(TO BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY NEXT MONDAY, 8TH AUGUST)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to travel by bus **TO** Cobb & Co Nine Mile Camping Grounds, 1484 Noosa Road,  
Tandur and to attend the day excursion on Friday, 12th August.

**Please tick one of the following:**

- I will collect my child/children from Cobb & Co when the presentation concludes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ will collect my child/ren from Cobb & Co when the presentation concludes.
- Our family will be camping overnight at Cobb & Co.

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

**BUSH POETRY COMPETITION AMAMOR STATE SCHOOL**  
**TRANSPORT ADVICE/PERMISSION FORM**

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(Please tick)  My child/ren will be travelling by **BUS** to / from Amamoor State School

I \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to travel by bus to / from Amamoor State School on Thursday, 18th August.

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

**OR**

(Please tick)  My child/ren will be travelling by **PRIVATE CAR** to / from Amamoor State School

My child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ will be travelling by private car to /  
from Amamoor State School on Thursday, 18th August with \_\_\_\_\_.

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