

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: 23rd 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

1 August	Tennis Lessons commence
25 August	Gympie Muster bush poetry
25 August	Gympie Muster
16 September	End Term 3
3 October	Queen's Birthday Holiday
4 October	Term 4 commences

From the Principal....

Bush Poetry....

What a wonderful day last Thursday at the Mary Valley Schools Bush Poetry competition. **Every** student participated and performed admirably and should be extremely proud of their efforts, teamwork and their terrific achievements. Students were pre-selected and judged on 5 key criteria, namely:

1. Enunciation/Pronunciation
2. Volume/Pace
3. Storytelling/Gestures/Presentation
4. Engagement with the Audience
5. Mastery of the Poem

With these in mind, students practiced, practiced, practiced.....and their efforts paid off. That in itself is a wonderful lesson for them all. Congratulations to every student, they are all winners, and thank you to parents for encouraging and supporting the kids' enthusiasm at home. Our winners are:

Individuals:

Prep	Heidi	3rd
Year 1	Tayten	1st
Year 2	Isabella	1st
	Tenayah	2nd
Year 3	Bella	1st
	Sienna	2nd
	Indiana	3rd
Year 4	Vincent	1st
	Taylah	2nd
Year 5	Paige	1st
	Ellie	2nd
Year 6	Ella	3rd

Grainger Award for Creativity: Zac U

Groups:

Year 1	There was an Old Woman Who Lived in a Zoo	1st
Year 2	The Circus	1st
Year 3/4	The Butcher's Wife	1st
	The Big Great Dane	2nd
Year 5/6	The Moral of the Rooster	1st

Thursday 25th August—Gympie Muster—Poets' Corner

Some of our winners will have an awesome opportunity to present their poems at Poets' Corner at the Gympie Muster. Our representative students are:

**Paige, Ellie, Zac U, Taylah, Vincent, Sienna, Bella,
Indiana, Tenayah, Tayten**

Mary Valley Show....

To cap off an awesome poetry day, our students also excelled with their entries into the Mary Valley Show. Again, congratulations to all our students who participated and tried their best with handwriting, photography, art/craft work and cooking. Our winners this year are:

ART

Prep	Henry 1st,
Year 1	Tayten 1st, Kate 2nd, Mia 3rd
Year 2	Kacey 1st, Harry 2nd, Cormac 3rd
Year 3	Indiana 1st, Ebony 2nd, Coby 3rd,
Year 4	Taylah 1st, Charlie 2nd, Brayden 3rd
Year 5	Paige 1st, Jack 2nd, Ellie 3rd
Year 6	Tamika 1st, Ella 3rd

Special Mentions:

Connor, Luke, Heidi, Kye, Kelera

PHOTOGRAPHY

Sec 38	Kate 2nd
Sec 39	Coby 1st, Luke 2nd
Sec 40	Tamika 1st

HANDWRITING

Prep	Noah 1st, Tennyson 3rd
Year 2	Kacey 3rd
Year 3	Sienna 1st, Bella 2nd, Indiana 3rd
Year 4	Kelera 1st, Taylah 2nd, Charlie 3rd
Year 5	Ellie 2nd

Special Mentions:

Mia, Cormac, Ebony, Coby

COOKING

Maddyson 1st, Tayten 2nd, Mia 3rd

CONGRATULATIONS ALL STUDENTS for an excellent effort!!

Student of the Week....

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

Week 5	Bella
Week 6	Tenayah

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P&C Fundraiser - Your Inspiration at Home

The P&C committee will be holding YIAH Fundraiser on -

FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST @ 6.00 P.M.

Dagun School will receive 40% of the profits from all sales as well as bonuses for extra parties booked. Please support this fundraising venture. We will also be holding a demonstration on Friday, 26th August at the school from 6pm. There will be lots of different goodies to sample such as chocolate mousse, dips, meat balls and cobb loaf.

Check out the Facebook page for recipes, games, prices and more information. Invite as many people as you can (flyer attached) to attend the demonstration at school and/or to order products from the attached Order Form.

Orders need to be paid by cash and orders and money be given to the school by **Friday, 2nd September.**

Reading Strategy....

As a part of our school's improvement agenda our fortnightly focus reading strategy is:

"Predicting and Inferring"

When students use the title, pictures or what they have already read to make informed guesses about what may happen in the text, they are using their predicting skills. Predicting helps readers to remain interested in the text as they want to find out if their predictions were correct and change them as they continue to read. You can prompt your child to make predictions by asking questions like:

1. What do you think the text will be about?
2. From what you've read so far, what do you predict will happen next?
3. How would you change your predictions, now that you have read more?

Inferring involves 'reading between the lines' to work out what an author is really trying to say. Good readers use the text and their prior knowledge when inferring to help develop their understanding. Just as predictions are revised during reading, inferences are updated as more information is gathered. Some questions that help readers make inferences are:

1. What do you think the author is really trying to say?
2. Reading between the lines, what do you think is really going on with those characters?
3. What clues did the author give in the story?

Demonstrating the skills of predicting and inferring when you read to your children will engage them more fully with the story and further improve their understanding.

Student/Parent Contact Details....

Please notify the office of any changes to telephone numbers, addresses, etc. so that we can keep our records up to date.

School Photos....

A reminder school photos are available at \$25 per child.

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.

Reminder: Mrs Rita Ellen will be relieving me as Acting Principal while I take 3 weeks Long Service Leave, for the last weeks of this term. I will be back, re-energized, at the start of Term 4. Please remind and support your children with this change, and have a safe and happy spring holiday.

Jane Desmarchelier,
PRINCIPAL

