

# 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: 6th September, 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

**7 September** Cleanaway Visit  
**16 September** End Term 3—Pirate Dress Up  
**3 October** Queen's Birthday Holiday  
**4 October** Term 4 commences

### Hello from Rita....

I am enjoying being here at Dagun and thank you for making me feel so welcome. During my time as a Principal I spent almost 20 years in small schools (eight in all) enjoying their unique sense of community.

Mrs D and I met prior to her leave and organised the curriculum delivery during her absence. This ensures continuity and relevance for the students. Mrs D also discussed coming events and the needs of students. Hopefully, although there has been some changes to routine, these have been minimised where possible.

### Teacher Aide Day....

Last Friday was Teacher Aide Day—a special day set aside for us to thank our Teacher Aides for all their hard work and special interest in our children. A big THANK YOU to Mrs Dilger, Mrs Tombs & Mr Strong!!!

### Upper School Classroom.....

Welcome back to Amelia from her overseas holidays. The other children were very happy to see her.

### Father's Day Presents....

Last week the children in Year 2—6 called on all their construction skills to build a box for dad for Father's Day. I think they looked fantastic when they were decorated and painted with gold paint. Maybe next time we could do something to make them a little sturdier but the children did enjoy the activity and put in a great effort.

### Marble Run....

The children in Year 2—6 are at it again for the next fortnight building a marble run for their Technology Unit. Technology, which is an area of the curriculum, teaches planning, constructing and evaluating the process of design. It is the process that is assessed rather than the end product alone. Therefore, the design and construction of the marble run must be all the children's own work.

During the research phase the children are encouraged to seek ideas from various sources such as the internet—at home and school, parents, etc. The children need to gather their own materials from home. The sourcing of appropriate materials: cardboard rolls, etc., is also part of the process. When the projects are concluded the children will demonstrate them for the Prep—Year 1 students.

### In Class....

English—the children are continuing work on their Poetry Unit, studying the poetic devices used by poets to create entertainment and imagery. Next week the children will complete their assessments for the unit. Year 4—6 will analyse a poem and then complete a transformation to a narrative.

Maths—we are continuing with Fast Facts and Maths Mental daily and working on fractions in our Maths Builders.

Geography—Ms Reynolds and the children are studying natural resources and in science, earth science—soils and erosion.

### Fruit Break....

Just a reminder to send a piece of fruit or nuts each day for the 10am break, that the children can eat while they continue their work.

### Lost Property....

The lost property has been building up during the winter months and contains quite a few jackets. Please check the Lost Property Box outside the Principal's office if your child is missing clothes. Unfortunately these clothes are unnamed making them impossible to return to their owners.

### Cleanaway Visit....

**TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER**, Elli from Cleanaway will once again be visiting our school to teach students about "RECOVER, RECYCLE & REUSE".

Elli is an Education Officer for Cleanaway visiting schools in our district for many years. She always has an interesting lesson and is popular with the children. Her lessons are adapted to suit the age of the children.

### Internet/Server Replacement....

This Thursday our computer system will be down while our server is being upgraded. This will make internet delivery to the school faster and accommodate a larger volume of traffic at the one time.

### Kidsing....

After dedicating their second break every Thursday this term to learn six new songs, nine Dagun students attended a massed schools choir event at the Gympie Civic Centre last Friday.

Jack, Ellie, Kelera, Taylah, Sienna, Tenayah, Tilly, Isabella and Kacey joined more than 150 other primary students for a day of singing with two guest choral conductors. The event culminated in an evening concert. The children performed eight pieces in rounds and en masse. To be surrounded by so many beautiful voices was a real treat for parents, children and staff.

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### Break Up Day—Pirate Day....

**NEXT FRIDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER** is our last day of term, and we encourage students to come dressed as a pirate. This may be as simple as a head scarf or full costume. This is not meant to be an expensive exercise for parents, but a fun way to be creative with what is in the cupboard and for the kids to enjoy.

There will also be a pirate themed tuckshop on that Friday. Order forms will be sent home next week.

### Reading Strategy....

Our focus comprehension strategy for the final two weeks of term 3 is:

#### “Questioning”

Most readers naturally ask questions about the texts they read. Good readers ask questions before, during and after reading. They may be “I wonder why or how...?” questions. They could also be questions that help them make sense of new information and connect it to what they already know.

There are four main question types:

1. *Right there question* – the answer is right there in the text.

2. *Think and search question* – the answer is in the text, but to find it we may have to think carefully about the words used by the author.
3. *Author and me question* – the answer is not in the text. We have to work it out using what we know and what the author has written.
4. *On my own question* – the answer is not in text. We answer these questions for ourselves based on our opinions, further reading and discussions with others.

Look out for a bookmark with examples of each question type in each child’s homework folder this week. You can choose a couple of different questions to ask your child each night they read to you.

### Student of the Week....

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

Week 7

Tennyson

*Rita Ellen,*  
**ACTING PRINCIPAL**

# KIDSING 2016



## BUSH DANCE

to raise funds for Amamoor State School P&C

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> SEPT 2016**  
at the **AMAMOOR HALL**

35 Busby St, Amamoor Q. 4570

**LUCKY DOOR & BEST**

**DRESSED PRIZES**

**MULTI-DRAW RAFFLE**

\$2 A TICKET

Delicious **SUPPER** included  
in admission price.

**Softdrinks & Chips**  
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**LIVE MUSIC**

All dances will be

taught on the night

including some

well known

favourites...

With Dance Callers

to guide group bush dancers.

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$10.00 @ CHILDREN \$2.50 FAMILY \$25.00

6:30pm DOORS OPEN 7:00pm DANCING STARTS

For more details call DIANE CLEARLY 3484 3037 or 0468 494 029

All donations and multi-draw raffle prizes gratefully received.

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## INJURED/ILL BIRDS



Now that spring has arrived birds are starting to nest.

If you find a bird that is sick or injured please contact Denise Sterling on 0418 728 233 (licenced wildlife carer).

If no answer please send a text message.