

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: 12TH OCTOBER, 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

17 October Student Free Day
19 October Swimming Lessons commence
14 & 21 Nov Prep Orientation Days
18 November Swimming Carnival
24 November Final SIU Review
25 November Beach Awareness Program
6 December Presentation Night
9 December End of Term

From the Principal....

Welcome back to Term 4.....a very busy time for learning, assessments and reporting. As well, last Monday we had our last tennis lesson; swimming lessons will begin in Week 3; Swimming Carnival in Week 7; Beach Awareness Program in Week 8; Prep Orientation Days and Year 6 Transition Days and then end of year Presentation Night to celebrate all our hard work and successes!

You may have noticed that some of our dead or dying trees in the pine forest and in the rainforest, have been felled. This has made our pine forest area safe again for play. The rain forest will take a little longer to re-establish. Thank you to Jared Bryan for removing and clearing many of the fallen branches and trunks and tidying up the playground.

Swimming Lessons....

Swimming will commence on **WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER**. **Contribution towards pool entry and bus fare will be \$4.00 per child per week**. Unfortunately this term we do not have a Sporting Schools Grant to assist with costs for swimming. However, the school will subsidise bus fares because swimming is such an important part of students' development. Not only is swimming a part of the school Physical Education curriculum, it is a very worthwhile life skill for all students.

The bus will leave school at 1.10 p.m. Lessons will conclude at 2.40 p.m. and parents are asked to collect their children from the pool by 3.00 p.m. **It is imperative** that parents collect students by 3.15 p.m. at the latest.

If any parents have a problem collecting students from the pool by 3.15 p.m., please don't hesitate to discuss this with myself so we can make suitable alternate arrangements.

If you are available to assist with young students during lessons, could you please contact the school.

Please complete and return the attached Permission Form to the school office BY THIS FRIDAY, 14TH OCTOBER .

Prep Orientation Day....

Miss Ryan will be holding 2 morning sessions for our 2017 Prep students. These will be:

Monday 14th November - 9.00 am to 12.00 noon
Monday 21st November - 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

Prep will be compulsory from 2017....

The Queensland Parliament recently made important changes to the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. From next year, it will be compulsory for all Queensland children to undertake the Preparatory (Prep) Year, prior to entering Year 1. The legislation identifies specific exceptions that can be determined by principals on a case-by-case basis. To minimise disruption to schools and families, the new requirement will not apply to children already enrolled in Year 1 for 2017. We have seen such positive learning outcomes since the introduction of Prep. Read more at:

<http://statements.qld.gov.au/Statement/2016/9/1/prep-year-now-compulsory-in-queensland>

Parents will continue to have flexibility in terms of the age at which they may enrol their child in Prep, provided the child is enrolled and attending school from the **age of compulsory schooling of 6 years and 6 months.**"

If you know of any families who are interested in enrolling students at Dagun School (any year level), please encourage them to call the office as soon as possible.

Tennis....

Our final lesson was last Monday. If parents would like to order free Hotshots t-shirts you can go to <http://hotshots.tennis.com.au/register/> and enter the following:

- Select REGISTER NOW
- Enter Venue Postcode—4570
- Select SEARCH
- SELECT Dagun State School
- Enter your child's information and address
- Select CONTINUE

PLEASE NOTE: any shirts ordered online will be sent to Matt (Tennis Coach), who will then bring them out to the school.

Reading.....

Just a reminder that Reading continues to be our School Improvement focus. Reading at home with your child each night will help them to practice reading skills like: Pause, Prompt, Praise. As children become more proficient with using their skills, they become more fluent, begin using expression and develop their skills with making meaning from the texts they read. Each fortnight, all students will focus on a specific reading strategy during lessons.

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Reading Strategy for this fortnight....

Summarising is our reading comprehension focus for the first two weeks of this term.

Often when children read, we check their understanding by asking them to retell the story, paying attention to sequencing and details. Summarising takes this skill a step further by requiring students to focus on the main idea and key words, phrases and facts. Summarising is best practised on small sections of text to begin with – a paragraph, perhaps.

Questions to prompt summarising include:

- In your own words, what is the story/text mostly about?
- What is the main point that the author is making?
- If you had to explain this to someone else, what would you say?
- What is the most important thing the author wants you know?

Student Free Day....

Please note that **NEXT MONDAY, 17TH OCTOBER** is a Student Free Day. Staff will be undertaking a range of professional development activities on this day.

Tuckshop....

Tuckshop is on this Friday.

Jane Desmarchelier
PRINCIPAL



2016 SUMMER HOCKEY

REGISTER/COME & TRY DAY

Wednesday 12th October from 5pm. Bring a friend along to have a go. Gear will be provided including sticks, shin pads and balls. Register as a team or as an individual. Registration forms and information available from control room.

RULES: 6-a-side, no hitting, no lifted balls, quarter field, must have good time. Great for beginners and people just wanting a social game.

WHEN: Juniors mixed (12 & Under boys & girls) –
Wednesday 5:15pm
Opens (men's & women's 13+) –
Wednesday 6:30p
Opens Mixed –
Friday 6:30pm

STARTS: 19th October till 7th December – 8 weeks

COSTS: Juniors \$40 per player & Opens & Mixed \$60 per player

CONTACT: Ben Fitzpatrick 0448094420 or
rcd@gympiehockey.org.au for more details.

BLACKBOARD NIGHT SATURDAY 22nd OCTOBER

DAQUN STATION FROM 6:00pm

PUT YOUR NAME ON THE BLACKBOARD WHEN YOU ARRIVE

MAXIMUM 15 MINUTES PER SET

SOLO ACTS, GROUPS, ALL WELCOME

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS? CALL DARREN 0447658681

FOOD, BEER, WINE, SPIRITS

FREE ENTRY



AUSTRALIA'S
BIG DAY OF
GOOD
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COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE AT KANDANGA PUBLIC HALL

81 Main St, Kandanga
Saturday 22nd October 2016
9am to 1pm

BOOK A SPACE

Bring a suitcase or hire a table, and turn your treasure into cash.
Call Kathy Worth on 0409 843 492 or
email maryvall@bigpond.com

WHAT'S FOR SALE

Books & zines
Homewares
Collectables
Various stallholders' treasures

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