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

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.

DATE: 12TH OCTOBER, 2016

Our School Improvement Goal: to improve student outcomes in Reading.

Our School Rules: Be RESPONSIBLE • Be RESPECTFUL • Be SAFE • Be a LEARNER

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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.

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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 Desmarshelier

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 6:30pm
- 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.