

THE DAGUN DIGEST



The Newsletter

of

**DAGUN STATE SCHOOL
&
P&C ASSOCIATION**



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"P. & C. Meetings are held twice per term"

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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

19 October	Swimming Lessons commence
21 October	Fire Brigade Visit
26 October	P&C Meeting
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....

Swimming Lessons....

Swimming lessons start tomorrow, **WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER.**

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 child/ren from the pool by 3.00 p.m. If your child/ren are to be collected by someone other than yourself please advise the office.

Students MUST be collected from the pool by 3PM this Wednesday as staff need to be back at school for First Aid Training.

If any parents have a problem collecting students from the pool by 3.00 p.m., please contact the office. **To avoid confusion around pick up time, we ask parents to please SIGN OUT their child/ren as they leave the pool.**

As in Term 1 we will have a swim coach, Donna, join us and she will take one group for stroke correction lessons. Mr Schofield (PE teacher) will take another group and Dagun staff will teach the remainder of students.

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

Students need to bring their togs, sun shirt, towel and water bottles. As our swimming session is not until after lunch, students are **not to wear their togs to school**. They will be given time to change and apply sunscreen before we leave for the pool. Children with long hair must have it tied back if they don't have a swimming cap. The Education Department has a policy of **"No Rashie No Swim"**. Therefore, students must wear a rashie (sunshirt) or shirt to cover their togs for extra sun protection. As well, children must change out of wet togs into dry clothes and underwear after swimming has finished.

New Server....

Our new computer server has been successfully installed in the library store room, and is thankfully up and running without hitches!! As well, our WiFi outlets in classrooms and library have recently been upgraded. Together, these should provide a faster, more up to date computer and internet access for our students and staff. In the next weeks, air conditioning will be installed in the library store room, to ensure our new equipment functions well throughout the hot summer days.

Fire Brigade Visit....

This **FRIDAY, 21ST OCTOBER** we will be visited by the Queensland Fire Education Unit. The students will be taught about fire safety awareness and fire prevention.

P&C Meeting....

There will be a P&C Meeting next **WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER**. All parents are encouraged to come along and join in the discussions around organising our stall at the

GREAT GYMPIE DUCK RACE - Saturday 5th November.

This is a fun day where the public can buy a plastic duck (numbered) and enter it into the Big Race down the Mary River to Albert Park. At the park, there will be many stalls set up by schools and community groups to help make the day good fun.

Reading.....

Activating Prior Knowledge is our focus reading strategy for weeks 3 and 4. **Prior Knowledge** is the knowledge and understanding that students bring with them to new situations based on their past experiences, learning and beliefs. When applied to reading, Prior Knowledge can include what students already know about: the reading process; the topic; the type of text (genre); and, the concepts and vocabulary used in the text. By deliberately activating this prior knowledge, students are given an insight into what they are about to read. They are then more able to connect new information with their current understanding.

Prior learning can be activated by asking questions like:

- What do you already know about this topic?
- Do the pictures and words remind you of anything you have seen, read or heard before?
- What sort of story or information do you expect when you see text and illustrations like these?

Student of the Week....

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

Week 2

Mitchell

Jane Desmarchelier
PRINCIPAL