

THE DAGUN DIGEST



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

DATE: 28TH NOVEMBER, 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

30 November Parent Forum 9.15 a.m.—Library
6 December Presentation Night -
Sausage Sizzle 5.15 p.m.
8 December Break Up Day—Firies Visit
9 December End of Term

From the Principal....

SIU Review....Reading

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we should all be very proud of our collective efforts working towards our school improvement goal this year - to improve student outcomes in reading.

Our final review went extremely well. Informal, verbal feedback from the day was very positive and congratulatory around the excellent systems and processes embedded in our school. Our staff were commended for their commitment to teaching of reading and student learning. As well, commendations to our volunteer parent readers. Again, congratulations! Our final report should be received before the end of school year and will be published on our Dagun School website.

Beach/Surf Awareness....

The children attending Mooloolaba Beach last Friday had a wonderful day. The weather and waves were kind for our annual surf awareness program. Thanks go to our terrific lifeguards who kept the 3 groups participating in fun activities and, at the same time, learning skills to stay safe on our beaches. Our photos are testimony to a joyful day!

Great Gympie Duck Race....

What a fun occasion last Saturday - seeing hundreds of coloured ducks floating down the Mary River to the finish line. Gympie Central School did a good job creating a "race track" on the river by stringing together pool noodles to ensure all the ducks stayed on course.

A huge thank you to Alison for organising our fundraiser, both the selling of duck tickets and setting up the Dagun School stall. Thanks also to P&C helpers on the day. It was a great success for Dagun, and could potentially grow bigger each year.

Student of the Week....

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

Week 7

Mia

Staffing 2017....

This time of year is not only busy with reporting, organising end of year celebrations and presentations, it's when administration is busily

planning for the next year. It's with sadness I have to advise that Miss Ryan will be leaving Dagun School at the end of this year. Miss Ryan came to Dagun in 2014 to fulfil her country service obligation and will now be moving to a school of her choice. She has accepted a transfer to Brightwater State School on the Sunshine Coast for the start of 2017.

We are very grateful for her solid commitment to learning and teaching our Dagun children over the past 3 years. We greatly value and appreciate her contributions to making Dagun School continue to prosper and grow, ensuring all children at Dagun School receive the very best education, by catering for their individual needs. I'm sure you will find many opportunities over the next 2 weeks to show thanks and gratitude to Miss Ryan. We will formally express our appreciation on Presentation night.

I can confirm that our incoming teacher for 2017 will be Mrs Mardi Green. Some of us will remember Mrs Green was the Prep/Year 1 teacher before Miss Ryan, so she is no stranger to our school. Mrs Green did her country service at Woorabinda State School and was then classroom teacher in 2016 at Gympie South School. We warmly welcome Mrs Green back to our school community.

Parent Forum....

I will be holding a forum for parents (especially for those who currently have children in Prep to Year 1) to discuss classes for 2017. The meeting will be held in the library on Wednesday, 30th November at 9.15 a.m.

Reading Strategy Focus....

Scanning is our final reading focus for the semester. Like skimming, scanning is a fast reading technique. It is used to find specific information in a text that doesn't have to be read from start to finish. Scanning for names, dates, numbers and key words can be helpful in locating the relevant parts of a text. Once located, the reader can then slow down and read more thoroughly to gain specific information. Scanning is a skill used in many other contexts, from finding words in a dictionary to reading timetables and maps.

Helpful tips for scanning are:

- Don't try to read every word.
- Let your eyes pass over the text as you look for the key word.
- Use titles, headings, and words in bold or italic type to help you.

2017 Student Resource Scheme....

Thank you to parents who have already returned Participation Agreement Forms to the office. If you haven't already done so, a reminder to please bring them in ASAP so we can stocktake and organise our purchasing for 2017 at end of year discount prices.

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Tuckshop....

To celebrate our last tuckshop for the year, Jess will be offering sushi—Sweet Chilli Chicken and California Roll. See the attached order form for details and please return by **WEDNESDAY MORNING**. Pies and sausage rolls will also be available.

Presentation Night....

REMINDER: Tuesday, 6th December at Amamoor Hall

- 5.15 p.m. Sausage sizzle
(Free - P&C will provide sausages in bread)
- 6.00 p.m. Student music presentations
Principal's speech and slide show of highlights of 2016
Presentations: students and staff
Farewell Year 6 students—cake cutting
Supper

Every family is asked to bring a plate of sweet or savoury food to share for supper at the end of Presentation night.

Break Up Day....

REMINDER: Thursday, 8th December - water play activities. We will have a visit from the Fire and Rescue truck too.

Jane Desmarchelier
PRINCIPAL

