

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 2017 School Improvement Goal: to improve student outcomes in Reading.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

22	Feb	Swimming lessons commence (6 weeks)
3	March	Clean Up Australia Day
9	March	Yr 6 Gympie Primary Leaders Day
10	March	Ethan Fuller Free Dress Day
16/17	March	Mon Repos
21	March	Harmony Day
31	March	End Term 1

From the Principal....

Swimming Lessons....WEDNESDAYS

Thank you to all parents for your prompt collection of children from swimming. If any parents are unable to collect students from the pool by 3.00 p.m., please don't hesitate to discuss this with myself so we can make suitable alternate arrangements.

Reminder to families paying weekly for swimming lessons to please send in money on or before Wednesday mornings each week.

CROSS COUNTRY training....

We have the pleasure of welcoming our past student Tanika McClintock back to Dagun. Tanika has finished her university degree: Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science, and is beginning studies to become a primary teacher. She has been a member and coach of Gympie Little Athletics for many years and has competed in the Pan Pacific Games for javelin. Tanika will be undertaking voluntary work at Dagun School as part of her studies, and we are fortunate to be able to tap into her expertise around athletics. To start with, Tanika will be taking cross country training on 2 sessions per week (starting this week):

Monday 3.00 to 3.30 p.m.

Thursday 8.15 to 8.55 a.m.

Children in Years 3 to 6 are invited to join these fitness building sessions in preparation for Gympie District Cross Country Trials early next term.

Clean Up Australia Day (Schools)....

This **Friday, 3rd March**, is Schools Clean Up Australia Day. As we do every year, students and staff at Dagun contribute to keeping our world a cleaner place by cleaning up rubbish in our school grounds as well as the footpaths outside the school grounds. We also walk down to the railway station and clear rubbish around the railway tracks and station.

Reading (our School Improvement Focus)

The Reading Strategy Focus for Weeks 5 and 6 is **VISUALISING**. Please see more information over the page on ways we can help children to use the Visualising strategy when reading.

Reading Volunteers.....

We would like to re-establish our **targeted daily reading** with children. Any parents, friends or grandparents who would like to volunteer some time between 2.00 and 3.00p.m. any day, please complete the attached slip and leave at the office. We will have an introductory session for all volunteers to update/refresh the processes and strategies we would like to encourage and teach children to use when reading.

Gympie Primary Leaders Day....

On **Thursday, 9th March**, our Year 6 students will be attending a Primary Leaders Day at Cooloola Christian College. This is an excellent day of team building and leadership activities with their peers from other schools across Gympie. **Year 6 students will need to be at school at 8.00 a.m. on that day.**

Student Resource Scheme....

A reminder to make full or part payment towards your child/ren's booklist/workbooks. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

Students of the Week....

Congratulations to the following students who have received Student of the Week Awards:

Week 4	Maddyson
Week 5	Brayden

Jake Garrett Foundation fundraiser....

Thank you to children and parents for participating in our fundraiser for the Jake Garret Foundation. The money raised for the Foundation will help towards supporting families who have lost a child.

Support for Fuller Family.....

Next **Friday, 10th March** we will be holding another **FREE DRESS** day to raise funds to support the Fuller family. Ethan, Bailey and Taylor were students at Dagun school from 2012 To 2015. Ethan is currently in a serious condition at Lady Cilento Hospital, Brisbane. Please help support Daniel and Ellie Fuller and their children by bringing a gold coin or donation to school on the 10th.

Mon Repos....

Only 2 weeks to go!!!!

Payment can be made now—\$100 per student. Families are welcome to pay in instalments if they wish to do so.

State Schools Principals' Conference.....

This Thursday and Friday I will be attending the biannual Principals' Conference for all Principals in State Schools across Queensland. Whilst I'm attending, Mrs Mardi Green will be acting Principal. I look forward to being back at school on Monday, 6th March.

Jane Desmarchelier,
PRINCIPAL

VISUALISING

When visualising, readers create a mental picture of what is happening in the text. It's a bit like having your own movie of the story running inside your head! Our individual mental pictures may differ. That's fine as they are based on our own prior knowledge and experience, there are no wrong visualisations. It's helpful to discuss and compare our mental pictures, always being careful to remember and respect that they are unique.

Visualising helps us to connect with the characters and events in a story, to keep track of the action and to enjoy the story even more. We can use all of our senses and emotions when creating these mental images.

These are useful phrases to demonstrate and encourage visualising:

- ⇒ In my mind I can see....
- ⇒ What does the movie in your head show?
- ⇒ Can't you just taste/smell/ feel/hear/see....



**WE STILL HAVE MORE
CHOCOLATES TO SELL!!!
CAN YOU HELP?**

READING VOLUNTEERS

(PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE)

I, _____ would be interested to be a volunteer reader for students.

My preferred day is _____.

Signature: _____
(Parent / Caregiver)

Date: _____