

THE DAGUN DIGEST



The Newsletter

of

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



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DATE: 8th May, 2017

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

9/10/11	May	NAPLAN
14	May	Mothers Day
15	May	Hockey sessions begin
18	May	Gympie Show Education Trail
19	May	Gympie Show Holiday
22	May	Minisports
23	June	End of Term 2

From the Principal....

Congratulations.... to our students Sienna and Kelera who successfully competed in the Gympie District Cross Country last Tuesday. They made an amazing effort coming 27th and 28th in a tough field of 50 plus competitors from across all Gympie schools.

Life Education Van....

Once again Niki and Harold were a great hit with our students, sharing very important lessons on life skills from their super-technological van. Thank you to parents for supporting such a valuable program and resource in our community. Not every school is privileged to have a visit from the Life Education Van.

NAPLAN....

NAPLAN testing across all schools in Australia is on this Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 May. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.

Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing. Please ensure that if you have a child in Years 3 or 5 that they are in attendance during next week. Please avoid booking holidays or appointments during those days. If you can't avoid those days e.g. Specialist appointment, please try to make it in the afternoon. All testing will be completed by 12.45pm each day.

Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.

P&C AGM....

Last Tuesday our P&C Committee held its Annual General Meeting. As per usual, it was a fun, relaxed evening with lots of laughter, discussion and planning for upcoming school issues and events.

We congratulate the following incoming Committee on their appointment and wish them a rewarding and successful year ahead.

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Thank you to our 2016 P&C for their efforts over the past year. All your hard work is very much appreciated by staff, students and parents.

We take this opportunity to express sincere thanks and gratitude to outgoing Secretary, Sheena Haselden. Sheena has been our P&C Secretary since 2013 and has been a solid supporter of all Dagun School activities and fundraisers, and a super efficient Secretary with minutes and compliance reporting. A BIG THANKYOU Sheena from all staff, students and parents at Dagun School.

GYMPIE SHOW EXCURSION (Students) Thursday 18th May, 2017

At our P&C meeting last Tuesday, parents expressed interest in this year's Gympie Show student program. For the first time, the Show Society, in conjunction with the University of Sunshine Coast, has organised a program for students which is in the format of a trail/treasure hunt. Throughout the process, students learn about local history and join in celebrations for Gympie's 150th anniversary.

In order for children to participate in the USC Education Trail, parents are required to sign the attached booklet (one for each child) and return the booklet to school **BY THIS FRIDAY, 12TH MAY**. Please read further information for Terms and Conditions attached.

Given all our families drive to and from school, and given many parents and friends will be helping as volunteers at the show on that day, we are asking parents to drop children at the Top Gate (nearest the Pavillion) at **9.00 a.m. on Thursday, 18th May**. Parents can collect children from the same gate at **2.45 p.m.** that afternoon.

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Gympie Show Excursion cont'd....

Could you please sign and return the attached Permission Note **BY THIS FRIDAY, 12TH MAY** if you wish your child to participate in this excursion. There is NO cost. Entry is FREE.

GYMPIE SHOW VOLUNTEERS 18TH, 19TH & 20TH MAY

REMINDER - Show Time is only 1 week away!!

We are looking for more VOLUNTEERS!! If you know of any families, relatives or neighbours who would like to volunteer for a shift or two and receive a free entry wristband please contact the School office as soon as possible with name/s, contact phone number/s and preferred shift/s.

When the roster is finalised, we will contact all volunteers to advise everyone of roles and responsibilities, and to allocate **free entry wristbands** to workers. Please keep these dates free, ask all your friends and let's make this another successful fundraiser for our school.

Reading Focus....

Our focus comprehension strategy for the next two weeks is "Questioning".

Most readers naturally ask questions about the texts they read. Good readers ask questions **before, during** and **after** reading. They may be "I wonder why or how..?" questions. They could also be questions that help them make sense of new information and connect it to what they already know.

There are four main question types:

Right there question – the answer is right there in the text.

Think and search question – the answer is in the text, but to find it we may have to think carefully about the words used by the author.

Author and me question – the answer is not in the text. We have to work it out using what we know and what the author has written.

On my own question – the answer is not in text. We answer these questions for ourselves based on our opinions, further reading and discussions with others.

You can choose a couple of different questions to model when you read to your child or to ask your child each time they read to you.

Mother's Day....

We wish all our mums a very relaxing and enjoyable day this Sunday.

Jane Desmarchelier



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