

THE DAGUN DIGEST



The Newsletter

of

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



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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

Mondays	Hockey Lessons
22 June	Minisports
23 June	End of Term 2
10 July	Start Term 3

From the Principal....

This is our last week of schooling for Term 2. Staff and students have been extremely busy testing, writing report cards and practicing for Mini Sports carnival on Thursday. A terrific way to end the term!

Report Cards.... WEDNESDAY 21ST

On Wednesday students will be given their report cards to take home. These reports take considerable time to compile after teachers have considered and reflected on your child's learning. We trust you find them helpful as we work with you, parents, to guide students through their learning years.

Celebration Day.... WEDNESDAY 21ST

Break up day will be on Wednesday. This is a day we celebrate the hard work, terrific learning and SUCCESSES we have achieved over the term.

Children are invited to wear FREE DRESS clothing that is appropriate for a school day. Children need to wear closed in shoes.

Staff will be cooking up a storm!!! - a SAUSAGE SIZZLE!
Students will still need to bring some morning tea and lunch.

Student Achievement....

Congratulations to all our students for this semester. It is a great privilege and pleasure for teachers to write report cards because we see the evidence of the amazing progress of every child.

Congratulations to the following students who have received a Student of the Week award this term:

Week 1	Tanaya
Week 2	Dylan R
Week 3	Tayten
Week 4	Harry
Week 5	Heidi
Week 7	Ebony
Week 8	Charlotte-Rose
Week 9	Jack

Mini Sports.... THURSDAY 22ND

Next Thursday is the first of our sports days. Mini Sports day with Kandanga and Amamoor Schools are always fun, relaxed days where new students have a chance to familiarise themselves with events and be supported by their fellow students.

The bus will leave Dagun school at 9.00A.M. SHARP.

Thursday (sports day) is a school day and is part of our curriculum. All children are expected to attend unless they are ill. As we are a small school, we need every child to attend to ensure we can make up relay and ballgame teams to give every student an opportunity to participate.

Dagun students will be seated under our shade when not competing, but all children need to bring hats, sunscreen and water bottles. As well, they need to bring a HEALTHY morning tea and snacks like fruit, nuts, cheese and crackers. Please do not bring packaged foods; they are not high energy foods. If children are not ordering tuckshop, they will also need to bring lunch—with a little extra because it's a high energy day!

REMINDER: Parents please keep up the good training for the coveted "Pineapple" trophy - parent/teacher relay!! Which is run at the end of student relays, at approximately 12.00 noon.

Library Books....

Please return all library and reading books **BY THIS WEDNESDAY**. We need to check them into our library system to ensure we keep track of our precious resources.

Dental Van....

Thank you to all our families who have supported the Dental Van whilst it was at Dagun School. It is a privilege that it comes to our school, so we thank you and appreciate you supporting this service.

Reading Focus....

For the final fortnight of this term we have been combining two of the easier, yet extremely useful reading strategies: **Skimming & Scanning**.

Skimming is a skill that involves the fast reading of a text and looking at illustrations, titles and headings to get a general idea of what it is about. When skimming, not every word of a text is read. Reading the first and last sentences can give an even clearer overview. Along with activating prior knowledge, skimming helps a reader to decide whether or not a text is suited to their purpose and to prepare a context for what they are about to read.

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Reading Focus cont'd....

When we skim read, most of our questioning happens in our heads. We may ask ourselves questions like:

- Is this book too hard or too easy for me?
- I wonder if this book covers topics that I'm interested in?
- Is there another book that better suits my purpose?

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 detailed 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.

Buildings Being Re-Roofed....

On Saturday (first day of the holidays) building crews will be coming into our school to commence re-roofing A & B Blocks (Upper classroom and Admin office).

Clean Up Day.... FRIDAY 23RD

Whilst Friday is a school day, staff will be finalising administrative paperwork, cleaning and checking our school facilities for safety over the holidays and preparing resources in readiness for Term 3. Staff will also be preparing and moving furniture for the impending re-roofing of A & B Blocks over the holidays. Children

who come to school on this day will be asked to help move light furniture, clean classrooms, desks, and chairs, etc.

Farewell....

It is with sadness we say farewell to the Haselden family. They will be commencing a new adventure a little further north from us and we wish them every success. We thank Sheena for being Secretary of the P&C over the past 3+ years. You and your family have made a marvellous contribution to Dagun School and we thank you sincerely for your efforts. We wish Sienna and Isabella every success at their new school and we hope to hear of their progress and to see you when you pass by Dagun again.

Happy Winter Break....

The past few weeks have seen many students, parents and staff with a range of flus and colds. It is timely that we all have a well earned break to refresh and reenergise. On behalf of all the staff, I wish all of our families a restful holiday. We look forward to seeing you back next term with loads of energy for:

Week 2	Little Kids Day Out (see flyer)
Week 3	Mary Valley Athletics at Imbil
Week 4	Eisteddfod
Week 5	Gympie Zone Athletics
Week 6	Mary Valley Show
Week 7	Gympie Muster
Week 8	Mary Valley Bush Poetry

It will be busy Term 3! So please enjoy a relaxed break!!

Jane Desmarchelier
PRINCIPAL

BUSH DANCE
to raise funds for Amamoor State School P&C

Saturday 29th JULY 2017
at the **AMAMOOR HALL**
35 Busby St, Amamoor Q 4570

LUCKY DOOR & BEST DRESSED PRIZES
MULTI-DRAW RAFFLE
\$2 A TICKET

Delicious **SUPPER** included in admission price.
Softdrinks & Chips available for purchase...

Grey Cats
LIVE MUSIC
All dances will be taught on the night including some well known favourites...
with **Dance Callers** to guide group bush dancers.

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$10.00 CHILDREN \$2.50 FAMILY \$25.00
6:30pm DOORS OPEN 7:00pm DANCING STARTS

For more details call DIANE CLEARY 5484 3057 or 0468 494 029
All donations and multi-draw raffle prizes gratefully received.

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