

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

22 July	9am—3pm Little Kids Day Out, Gympic Civic Centre
26 July	Field Events Yr 4—6, Mary Valley College
28 July	Athletics Prep—6, Mary Valley College
3 Aug	Gympie Eisteddfod Yr 3—6
10/11 Aug	Gympie District Athletics
16 Aug	Brisbane RNA Holiday
18 Aug	Imbil Show

From the Principal....

Welcome Back....

Welcome back to a very busy and exciting Term 3. We hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday with your children. Congratulations to the Devine family on the arrival of Tarlyngten. We hope mum and baby are both doing well.

As you are aware from Jane's text message, she will be away for the next 5 weeks with personal priorities. Mardi Green will be Acting Principal during this time and Paula Reynolds will be full time in the Upper Classroom.

This Term we have the Mary Valley Sports Days, Year 3-6 Eisteddfod and our Bush Poetry Competition. We will also be working on projects to display at the Mary Valley Show. We are looking forward to a very busy and productive Term 3.

Also, the new roofs on A & B Blocks were completed over the break and look great.

Mini Sports....

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Mini Sports at Amamoor State School at the end of last Term. Dagun won the Overall Relay Trophy.

A special thank you to the parents that not only were able to attend but joined in the parent relays and ball games. A great day was had by all!

Mary Valley Sports....

The Mary Valley Sports Carnival is to be held at **Mary Valley College, Imbil on Wednesday, 26th July for students in Year 4—6 and on Friday, 28th July for all students**. Students will be practising ballgames and field events up until these dates.

Tuckshop will be available for **Friday, 28th July only**. If your child/ren would like to place an order, please fill out the attached Order Form for **EACH** student. Please paste the order onto a paper bag and return to Dagun School office, with the correct money, **BY NEXT WEDNESDAY, 19TH JULY**.

We have attached two transport permission forms—one for Wednesday, 26th July (Year 4—6) and one for Friday, 28th July

(Prep—6). If you could fill out the relevant forms and also return to the office **BY NEXT WEDNESDAY, 19TH JULY**.

Bush Poetry....

This year the Bush Poetry Competition will be held in Week 8 on Friday, 1st September at Kandanga State School. Students have been very busy choosing and learning their poems.

Little Kids Day Out....

On the 22nd July, 9am to 3pm @ Gympie Civic Centre, the Gympie Council are putting on a FREE Little Kids Day Out with the theme 'Where the Forest Meets the Sea'. Our school is among many that have contributed towards this fantastic art installation. There will be entertainment, performances, activities and goodie bags, animals, information booths, art, stalls, raffles, prizes etc.

Tuckshop....

Tuckshop will commence **NEXT** Friday, 21st July.

Reading Focus....

In Weeks 1 and 2 of this Term we are revisiting the 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.

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.

*Mardi Green
Acting Principal*



MARY VALLEY SPORTS (IMBIL)
TRANSPORT ADVICE/PERMISSION FORM
WEDNESDAY, 26TH JULY
YEAR 4—6

(TO BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, 19TH JULY)

I _____ give permission for my child/ren
_____ to travel by BUS to and from the Mary Valley Sports,
Mary Valley College, Imbil, on Wednesday, 26th July.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Caregiver)

OR

My child/ren _____ will be transported to and from
the Mary Valley Sports, Mary Valley College, Imbil by _____.
(Driver)

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Caregiver)

MARY VALLEY SPORTS (IMBIL)
TRANSPORT ADVICE/PERMISSION FORM
FRIDAY, 28TH JULY
PREP—YEAR 6

(TO BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, 19TH JULY)

I _____ give permission for my child/ren
_____ to travel by BUS to and from the Mary Valley Sports,
Mary Valley College, Imbil on Friday, 28th July.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Caregiver)

OR

My child/ren _____ will be transported to and from
the Mary Valley Sports, Mary Valley College, Imbil by _____.
(Driver)

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Caregiver)