

THE DAGUN DIGEST



The Newsletter

of

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



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DATE: 25th July, 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

21 July	Tennis Lessons commence
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
19 Aug	Mary Valley Show
24-27 Aug	Gympie Music Muster
1 Sept	Bush Poetry @ Kandanga SS
15 Sept	End of Term

From the Acting Principal....

Jane away this Term.....

As explained in our last newsletter Jane is away due to family circumstances. She has now extended her absence for the whole of Term 3. Therefore, unfortunately our Canberra Trip will be postponed until next year.

Mary Valley Sports Days—Mary Valley College, Imbil....

WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY—YEAR 4—6 (10 years & older)

TOMORROW Year 4—6 students need to be at school by **8.20 A.M.** as the bus will be leaving at **8.30 A.M. SHARP**.

WHAT TO BRING: The students need to bring hats, water bottles and wear sunscreen. As well, they need to bring a **HEALTHY** morning tea and snacks like fruit, nuts, cheese and crackers. They will have their lunch when they return to school at approximately 1.00 p.m.

FRIDAY 28TH JULY—PREP—6

This Friday please ensure your child/ren are at school by **8.30 A.M.** as the bus will be leaving at **8.45 A.M. SHARP**. We have a tight schedule to arrive at Imbil by 9.15 a.m. and prepare for the march past.

All parents and friends are very welcome to come along and cheer our children and enjoy a relaxed day—in the sun! Don't forget to bring a camp chair to sit on.

WHAT TO BRING: Dagun students will be seated under our shade when not competing, but all children need to bring hats, and water bottles and wear sunscreen. 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!

Eisteddfod (Gympie Civic Centre) - Year 3—6....

Next **THURSDAY, 3RD AUGUST** our Year 3—6 students have been given the opportunity and privilege to compete at the Gympie District Eisteddfod. The students will be singing two songs that they have been rehearsing with our Music Teacher, Ms Belinda Greer, during music lessons. The first song by an Australian composer is a compulsory song titled "The Hour That I Like Best" and the second song is our own choice which is a folk song titled "Dearest Land".

The admission price per student is \$3 and ask that all our Year 3—6 students take part in this exciting community event. Parents are very welcome to attend and a single session entry ticket is \$5 per adult. Please indicate on the attached Permission Note if you would like to be present as we need to notify event organisers of our numbers. Please complete the attached Permission Note and return to the office by next **MONDAY, 31ST JULY**.

Students will need to be at school by **7.45 A.M.** as the bus will be leaving at **8.00 A.M. SHARP**. They **MUST WEAR** their school uniform and will take with them fruit snack and water bottles. We will return to school at 10.30 a.m.

P&C Meeting....

A P&C meeting will be held next **THURSDAY, 3RD AUGUST** at **3:00 P.M.** All parents are encouraged to come along and join in the discussions.

School Opinion Survey....

It's also that time again for School Opinion Surveys. (Please see attached letter.) Each year the Department of Education undertakes a confidential survey of parents, staff and students to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling at their school. This is not a survey of or about Education Queensland, but your opinions about our school, Dagun School, and your thoughts on the school environment and learning we provide for your children. Later in the year we will receive a report outlining the results of the survey of our school which are helpful for us to evaluate and reflect on how well the school is going, and to identify areas for future development. These survey results also form an important part of our school's Annual Report.

We ask parents to please complete either the paper survey (and return to school) OR online survey by **FRIDAY, 25TH AUGUST**. Online details are on the survey form. Students and staff will complete theirs online at school. I thank you for your assistance and feedback, and helping us to make Dagun School a great place to educate children.

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School Photos....

They have arrived!! Josh has completed all the school photo packs and they're ready for parents to purchase for \$25 per child. The photos are stunning and excellent quality. You will be delighted! So please call at the office to see them.

Bush Poetry....

As advised in our last newsletter the Mary Valley Schools Bush Poetry Competition will be held in Week 8 on **FRIDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER** at Kandanga State School.

Practice.... practice.... our children continue practicing their poems and are making excellent progress with recitals. If parents could please encourage children to practice at home and to gather together items for their costumes.

Parents are very welcome to attend on this day—it's a great day and very entertaining!

Thank You....

Thank you to everyone who supported last Friday's Free Dress Day. One Mile State School have asked that we pass on their appreciation in supporting their school.

Tennis Lessons....

Tennis lessons started last Friday and as usual the kids were really engaged and had a load of fun with Matt.

Reading Focus....

After completing a reading strategy check-up with the students at the end of second term, we will now be revisiting the strategies in order of priority. This fortnight, our focus strategy will be Activating Prior Knowledge.

Prior Knowledge is the knowledge and understanding that students bring with them to new situations based on their past experiences, learning and beliefs. When applied to reading, Prior Knowledge can include what students already know about:

- the reading process;
- the topic;
- the type of text (genre);
- and, the concepts and vocabulary used in the text.

By deliberately activating this prior knowledge, students are given an insight into what they are about to read. They are then more able to connect new information with their current understanding.

Prior learning can be activated by asking questions like:

- What do you already know about this topic?
- Do the pictures and words remind you of anything you have seen, read or heard before?
- What sort of story or information do you expect when you see text and illustrations like these?

Mardi Green
Acting Principal

YEAR 3—6

**GYMPIE EISTEDDFOD, GYMPIE CIVIC CENTRE
TRANSPORT ADVICE/PERMISSION FORM
THURSDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 2017**

(TO BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY MONDAY, 31ST JULY)

I, _____ give permission for my child/ren
_____ to travel by BUS to and from the Gympie Civic Centre
and participate in the Gympie Eisteddfod on Thursday, 3rd August.

I enclose payment of \$3 per student (competitor fee)

I/We, _____ will be attending the
Eisteddfod (\$5 per adult single session entry ticket).

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Caregiver)

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