

THE DAGUN DIGEST



The Newsletter
of
**DAGUN STATE
SCHOOL
&
P&C ASSOCIATION**



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Our 2023 School Improvement Goal: to improve student outcomes in **Writing and Reading** for **EVERY** student.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 22 Start of 2024 School year
Jan 26 Australia Day holiday
Feb 16 Swimming commences
Mar 11 CRAZY HAIR Day
Mar 13- Naplan (Yrs 3 & 5)
Mar 18 School Photo
Mar 27 Break Up day—Water Play-Fun Run
Mar 29 Good Friday/End of Term 1

Nelle Frances ...ASD workshop.....

We are delighted to welcome Nelle Frances back to our school to present workshops on understanding the workings of ASD and to suggest strategies for managing behaviours. Our staff will be attending the following sessions at Dagun School.

Tuesday the 12/03/2024 from 2pm - 4pm.
Tuesday the 19/03/2024 from 1pm - 3pm.
Tuesday the 26/03/2024 from 2pm - 4pm.

We invite any interested parents and friends to attend. The cost is \$198.00 per person. Parents are able to claim these sessions under NDIS funding under "parent/carer education/training". Could you please let the school know by this **Friday 8th March** if you are interested in attending.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - Mon 18th March @ 9.10 am

We need to take our school photos a little early this year so that they'll be ready for printing in our 100 Year Magazine. We will be taking our whole of school photo at 9.10a.m. Wednesday 19th (before Naplan). It would be greatly appreciated if we could have full attendance on that day. Individual and Sibling photos will be taken on a date later this term.

P & C News.....

Uniforms.....

Please contact Laura at the office for any uniform enquiries.

Bunnings Sausage sizzle...

Thank you to Executive Committee and volunteers for making our first sausage sizzle of the year a great success. We raised \$900 for our school! P&C would like to extend a special thank you to our parent volunteers. Fundraising is vital to support our children at Dagun SS and we could not do this without you!

Meat Tray Raffles...

Thank you Bree for organising roster and volunteers to sell raffle tickets each month at the Kandanga Hotel, and thanks again to the volunteers! Dawnee and I enjoyed our couple of hours chatting and selling raffle tickets. A good excuse to have Sunday lunch out!

Recycling: Containers for Change....

On the 16th Feb our kids recycled 1,100 containers = \$110.00 Please bring in your recycling....which now includes wine bottles as well!! It's amazing how these amounts add up every couple of months.

NEXT P & C MEETING: Thursday 21st March @ 2.00 p.m.

To discuss 100 Year celebration day.

Jane Desmarchelier
Principal

From the Principal....

Swimming....

Swim lessons are progressing well for our children. Our new instructors have expressed on several occasions how well behaved our Dagun kids are. Congratulations to our kids and to Parents/Carers!!

Naplan.....

Naplan tests for children (in Years 3 and 5 only) will be taking place on 13th, 18th and 19th March. Should your child be away on any of these days, we will endeavour to catch up. However, we encourage all our children to be in attendance on the designated days.

Naplan is an online test, apart from Year 3 writing task. It is definitely not necessary for any child or parent to be stressing. This is a National test that gives a 'snapshot' of children's data in Years 3,5 and 9 across our whole country.

It is recommended that on test days students have a protein breakfast to give "brain food". The tests can be longish, but are fun and generally the kids enjoy them.

Cross Country.....

Thank you to Miss Brittney for taking children for cross country training. They've certainly started with gusto and enthusiasm. Subject to fitness and times, some kids will be invited to run in a time trial at **Amamoor SS on Wednesday 20th**. If they meet the Gympie District "required" times, they'll be invited to run the Gympie District trials in Gympie early in Term 2. From this event, students may be selected for Zone and so on to State trials.

Gardening....

Thank you to all our wonderful helpers at the working bee. The children are really enjoying their "new" running track!! Thank you to Craig for chipping away at gardens trying to manage the extraordinary growth we are experiencing.....And thank you to Rod for keeping on top of the mowing too.

CRAZY HAIR DAY!!next Monday 11th March

It's time we had some fun!! We've got a week to think up the craziest hair-dos, colours and designs to wear next Monday!