Sanson’s Slate

Multi-Cultural Festival & Garden Party
Thanks to the P&C, parents and staff who volunteered their time at the bar for this event. I have received a lot of positive feedback about the night that the patrons had, and it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience. Well done to all.

Don’t forget that our P&C will be hosting the ever popular Garden Party on Saturday 3rd of September. The old saying about many hands making light work is especially true in this case so if you would like to help out please contact the P&C.

Parent Teacher Interviews
These meetings are scheduled for next week, and are a great opportunity to meet with teachers regarding their child’s progress. It is a great opportunity for teachers to learn more about your child, and to better assist them in their learning journeys. Teachers have each sent home their schedule and a request form for your preferences. As was the case in Semester 1, we will be seeking feedback from parents, to improve the interview process. Please follow this link [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9LG3YVZ](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9LG3YVZ)

Visible Learning
This week I would like to share with you some great examples of visible learning from around the school. The examples below come from Prep, Year 1 and Year 4. Visible learning encompasses things like tracking of goals and assessment so this week I have pictures of teachers tracking learning goals and progress, and teachers displaying student learning with feedback for improvement.

School Review
Findings from our School Review in Week 4 can now be found on our school website in the form of an Executive Summary. As a school we are pleased with the commendations around the things that we are doing well. We are looking forward to working on improving the recommendations on where we need to grow over the next four years.
I hope that you have an extraordinary week!

Troy Sanson
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Students are in the process of designing and creating their water bottle coolers for Technology. These look fantastic! To make an effective water bottle cooler they’ve had to remember the content learnt in Science; colours that reflect and absorb heat, how to use a thermometer and insulation. Over the coming weeks we’ll be conducting an experiment to see whose water bottle cooler has kept the water inside cold.

In Maths we have moved onto a new concept: measuring mass in kg and g, capacity in mL and L. These skills can be easily practiced at home in everyday tasks - cooking, filling the dog’s water bowl, helping Dad measure project items etc. Record in your home work book the things you measure!

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STUDENT DISCO

When: Friday 2nd September, 2016
Time: Prep to Year 2 - 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm
Year 3 to Year 6 - 6.15 pm to 7.15 pm
Where: Denison School Hall
Theme: Heroes!
Cost: $5.00 for entry, pay at the door!
Prizes: Best Dressed Girl & Boy, Game Prizes and more!

Thank you to our teachers and parents for helping out on the night!
Students are to remain inside the hall until Parents or Carers arrive to collect them.

This event is being organised by the Student Council for the benefit of students at Denison State School.

Performing Arts News

It is crunch time! Well done to the Denison SS Dancers who performed so well at the Multicultural Festival on Saturday night! What groovers you are! All students are enjoying learning to touch type and finding their way around a laptop keyboard in Media and doing some extra spelling practice while they’re at it!

Eisteddfod is next week! It is finally here! ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE PERFORMING A SOLO OR DUET WILL NEED TO PURCHASE AN EISTEDDFOD PROGRAM!!!! The Eisteddfod Program is on sale for $2 at the office. These must be purchased before the 6th of September so you know when your child is performing. Please also ensure your child is performing for you at home to prepare them. Solo and duet students can be in free dress for their performance days but on the Thursday group day, your child will either already have a Denison Art shirt to wear or will wear their Denison Uniform shirt on the day and be given an Denison Art Shirt to wear for their group event only.

These are the times for Thursday the 8th of September:

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I am still hoping for parent helpers and food donations for the 6th-8th of September, so please notify the office or return the help letter to the office and I will contact you.

Thank you.

Yours in the Performing Arts and DSS talent,
Monique Podolak

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GUIDANCE COUNCILLOR

The resilience builders for families this week, (as recommended by Andrew Fuller, Fellow of the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Learning and Educational Development at the University of Melbourne (http://andrewfuller.com.au), focus on family rituals and the promotion of spontaneity and curiosity, including;

No. 3 Rediscover some family rituals

Family rituals are string predictors of resilience. It doesn’t matter whether it is the family walk after dinner, the Sunday roast, the Friday night pizza or the Saturday morning clean up, rituals are highly protective. The best rituals often cost nothing. These are the activities you hope that later on our children will remember and say “Mum always made sure we did.” or Dad always made sure we did.”

No. 4 Spontaneity and curiosity

Spontaneity and curiosity are the building blocks of good mental health. You cannot tell someone how to have better mental health and you can't give it to them by getting them to read a book.

So the really hard message here is that if you want to raise your children to have mentally healthy lives you are going to have to have a good time yourself. If you want your children to succeed you need to show them that success is worth having.

Marietta Sedgwick
Guidance Officer
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Deno Readers

Gum Nut
Sunflower
Paperbark Tree
Priya T-S
Martin N, Xander VW
Bruce G

Happy Reading
Maree Heslin and Jean Self

Library News

Not content to celebrate Bookweek for just one week at Denison our celebrations have extended to just a little over three weeks and we have had a wonderful time reading lots of Australian stories and the shortlisted books for 2016 and every student has completed an art activity that has aligned to a shortlisted text.

We now have a wonderful array of student artwork on display in the library. Congratulations to all of the students who entered the Bookweek colouring competition. The standard of the entries was amazing and choosing the winners was a very difficult task. The winning entries are now on display in the library and the prizes were awarded last Friday at Parade. Finally, we would like to say a big thank you to the parents who put together some great costumes for their children for the Bookweek Parade. Your support of this event is very much appreciated.

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Denison state school hall

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How do I read at home with my Prep student?

Denison State School invites you to join with Katelyn Poole (Prep A), Amanda Potter (Prep/1), Sam Patterson (Prep B) and Amanda Mobbs (Deputy Principal) as we explore the real reason for reading and strategies to help at home.

Please join us from 1:45pm to 2:45pm on Friday September 2nd in the Denison State School Library.

We look forward to growing your confidence and answering your questions.

PREP ENROLMENTS

2017 Prep Enrolments are now being taken. Please collect your information pack from the school office.

SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

Congratulations to the following students who have earned Dollarmite tokens through the School Banking program and are now ready to redeem these tokens for a fantastic reward item and receive their Certificate.

Bronze Certificate: Jorjia W, Mason W, Sebastian VW

Gold Certificate: Daniel H

DENISON MATHS CHALLENGE Week 9 & 10

Five coloured interlocking rings have been the symbol of the Olympics for nearly one hundred years.

Can you design your own interlocking symbol using five different coloured different shapes? If you complete your design on an A4 piece of paper and we can display it on the office notice board.

CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to 3B for holding the 'Golden Calculator' trophy for week 7. Priya S-T entry was the first correct for the term.

For week 8 our ‘Golden Calculator’ winners for year 3 to 6 are 4C. Lillian G good work helped her class to achieve this.

The ‘Shining Light of Mighty Maths Brains’ trophy is awarded to 2C this week. Mia R, James H and Gabriella P helped their class to claim the trophy.

Other great entries were from Bruce G, Cian S, Talan P, Lachlan H, Paige A, Jasmine C and Yishan G.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

The Jump off event is on this Wednesday the 31st August during school time. The Yr 4-6 students will be performing from 9-11am and the P-3’s between 11.45am-1.20pm. DRESS IN RED COLOURS FOR OUR JUMPING HEARTS DAY.

Sponsorship forms to raise funds online or in person for the Heart Foundation/School are due back at the end of week 8. Thank you in advance for supporting the Heart Foundation and the fight against cardiovascular disease. JRFH is a great way to reinforce to our students the importance of a lifelong healthy active lifestyle.

Please come to the school and see how terrific the students at Denison can jump rope and have fun!

CH TRACK and FIELD Athletes

Congratulations to Nat M, Noah C, Tayne V, Trinity S, Jaidyn C and Tiarrie-Lee F. They attended the CAP Athletics carnival in Rockhampton last week, learnt some new skills and did their best with many achieving personal bests in their events. Well done students!

Western 7’s Rugby Union

Training for the U10 and U12 Western 7’s Rugby teams starts this week on the oval Thursday afternoons from 3.15-4.15pm.

Training dates include 1st, 8th of September and 7th and 14th October. A reminder that permission forms are due to the office by Wednesday 31st August. Thank you to the coaches who have offered their time to support our teams.

Yours in Sport, Miss L
Awards for the week ending 19th August 2016

Prep A  
**Jaylah J**  
For her writing. Jaylah does an outstanding job of sounding out words when writing sentences.

Prep B  
**Isabella M**  
Independently applying maths strategies making teen numbers.

Prep/1C  
**Emma E**  
Her hard work in learning her tricky sight words.

1A  
**Madison S**  
Your fantastic reading! Your retell ability and comprehension answers show me you are reading well.

1B  
**Madeleine A**  
Completing your homework every week. Well done Madeleine!

2A  
**Macey G**  
Macey’s great results in her number assessment. She worked hard and checked her answers.

2B  
**Addison O**  
Your fantastic effort, commitment and continuous positive approach to all your class tasks. You are a pleasure to have in the classroom!

2C  
**Eboni L**  
Always putting in 100% effort 100% of the time. Keep up the hard work!

3A  
**Erana M**  
Her improved behaviour during class. Erana is working harder to listen to instructions and stay on task and focused. Keep it up Erana!

3B  
**Kaleb A**  
Kaleb’s interest to a math task that required him to find the rule to a number pattern and continue it to level 8 of an x-box game.

3C  
**Cassidy P**  
Working hard to complete your Geography assessment. You put in effort and worked well. Fantastic!

4A  
**Carter M**  
The focus you have shown towards your work. You are making good choices every day in the classroom! You’re a superstar!

4B  
**Kobe Y**  
Your fun attitude and leadership skills at camp. You were the fist one to jump in and solve the challenges.

4C  
**Haley B**  
Showing great team work skills during the year 4 camp with your readiness to help others in your group.

5A  
**Sophie M**  
Your impeccable manners during all school activities. Sophie has a positive attitude and continually gives her best effort.

5B  
**Maggie M**  
Giving your best efforts in class and working consistently. Well Done!

5C  
**Holly R**  
Her focus and determination during maths. Holly has applied her knowledge of measurement to a variety of problems. Great work Holly.

6A  
**Wendy C**  
Your continued effort in spelling test, also for achieving 100% accuracy for our unit 5 spelling test. A wonderful effort!

6B  
**Harry O**  
Your ability to formulate research questions in geography. You used relevant information to guide your inquiry. Well done!

Awards for the week ending 26th August 2016

Prep A  
**Bronx E**  
His fabulous effort during maths investigations! You are a maths whiz!

Prep B  
**Myles N**  
Your improved independent vocal engagement with peers and teachers. Well done “Chatty Charles”!

Prep/1C  
**Chloe W**  
Always being a respectful learner. You listen well, wait your turn and are able to share with your classmates. Fabulous Chloe!

1A  
**Willow F**  
Your persistence with your spelling every single week. It’s great to see the improvement!!

1B  
**Brianna M**  
Your fantastic behaviour choices in class. You are a role model to other students. Well done!

2A  
**Ty M**  
Ty’s massive improvement in reading. He has doubled his reading level and thinks about what he is reading. Well Done!

2B  
**Tamara C**  
Your outstanding effort and commitment towards all your class tasks. You continue to strive to always do your absolute neatest and best! You are a pleasure to have in the classroom!

2C  
**Sienna E**  
The great effort you have put into measurement lessons this week. It was great to see you on task the entire time.

3A  
**William F-L**  
Showing great persistence when reading. William sounds out words, self monitors for comprehension and never gives up.

3B  
**Olivia D**  
Olivia’s sentences that were punctuated correctly to include direct speech.

3C  
**Jake P**  
Always having a go and trying your best. Keep it up!

4A  
**Cody H**  
The maturity and teamwork you showed at camp. I am proud of you! Keep it up at school.

4B  
**Jaxon G**  
Consistently high achievement in Maths mentals. Even when they get more difficult you retain your past knowledge and keep achieving. Well Done!

4C  
**Jimmy B**  
Always being super helpful, both to your class members and to teachers. Well Done!

5A  
**Ryan H**  
Your always positive attitude in the classroom. You have showed maturity and tolerance when interacting with your peers. Thank You!

5B  
**Regan B**  
Always presenting your work neatly. Well Done!

5C  
**Hunter J**  
For his focus, hard work and persistence during all assessment tasks this week. Keep up the great work.

6A  
**Karaitiana F**  
Your persistent efforts during reading tasks and your willingness to help others during these lessons.

6B  
**Ryan R**  
Your amazing improvement in English! You are approaching all tasks with a positive attitude and are persistent in your efforts. Keep up the great work!
Parents Wanted!

Can you help?

(And enter a prize draw)

I am a mum of three and am conducting research with Griffith University, Gold Coast, as part of my PhD. I am looking for parents of children aged 6-11 to participate in research exploring parenting behaviours such as communication, involvement and supervision, and protective behaviours regarding sexual abuse. Your responses can help us make children safer!

All you have to do is visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/parentspap6-11 and complete the survey. It should take you about 20-30 minutes.

The survey is completely anonymous – you do not have to leave any contact details.

All parents who fill out the survey will go in the draw to win one of three $100 Coles/Myer vouchers – just follow the instructions at the end of the survey to go in the draw.

I so appreciate your help!

Researchers: Prof Melanie Zimmer-Gembeck (m.zimmer-gembeck@griffith.edu.au, +61 7 5678 9085) and Julia Rudolph (Julia.Rudolph@griffithuni.edu.au, +61 0411404311).

Ethics: This research has Griffith University Human Research Ethics Committee approval (GU Ref No: 2015/661).