Sanson’s Slate

I hope that this edition of our newsletter finds you well and that you have enjoyed the holidays with your children. This term we welcome Mrs Jeston as she returns to Denison State School as classroom teacher of Year 5B in Miss Wedmaier’s absence. Also this term we have Mrs Ryan, teacher of Year 6A, going on maternity leave from the end of Week 2. Please join me in wishing Mrs Ryan and her husband all the best at this exciting time in their lives.

The Best P&C in Central Queensland

At the recent P&C Conference held in Gladstone our P&C took out the best P&C in Central Queensland. A well-deserved commendation and acknowledgement of the countless hours that the parents and citizens of our community devote to supporting our school and the students in our care. Please join me in congratulating our wonderful P&C!

Get Set for Prep in 2017!

We are still taking enrolments for Prep in 2017. If you need to enrol a child in Prep (or if you know of any families coming to Denison State School) please contact the office for an Enrolment Pack.

If you are not going to be at DSS next year, please call the office to notify us. We have already started planning classes for next year. We are able to effectively plan when we have accurate numbers.

Attendance

We are school attendance target of 94%, currently we are 92.9% meaning that we need a small increase in attendance from every student (on average). If every child can attend 2-4 more days than they did in Term 3 we will come close to making it. Given that over the next 5 weeks, assessment will be finalised for student reports every day is vital. Info on student attendance is found at http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/

Social media, smartphones and children

Parents who are concerned about their children’s use of social media and smartphones can check out the ‘Who’s chatting to your kids?’ section of the Queensland Police website for information and advice. Visit www.police.qld.gov.au and follow the links.

Year 6 Camp

At the end of last term I had the great pleasure of attending the Year 6 Camp to Seaforth. It was an action packed week that was thoroughly enjoyable. The camp provided the students with a great opportunity to bond prior to their primary school careers concluding. The instructors at the Seaforth facility congratulated the children on their great manners and positive attitudes towards participation in all of the activities. We are very proud of them.

Have a great week!

Troy Sanson
Principal

Monday, 10th October 2016

Mobbs Manifest

Welcome back to what will be an eventful and busy final term. As I look down my calendar of events for the term I see camps, transition days, water fun days, lip sync, concerts, and Year 6 celebrations. No doubt many more events will pop up as the term progresses. Of course I can’t forget the wonderful learning that will take place in each and every classroom. I look forward to term 4 being a success for everyone involved.

Pupil Free Day – Monday October 17

Pupil Free days are days dedicated to schools building staff skills in the core business of teaching for learning. This year all of our teaching and support staff will be engaging in learning around the new digital technology subject that we will commence teaching in 2017. We will also spend time fine tuning our approach to teaching reading at Denison and finally update our whole of school curriculum plan to be 2017 ready. Students do not attend school on this date however classes resume on Tuesday October 18.

Prep Interviews

We are continuing to conduct interviews with parents and students that have enrolled for Prep in 2017. These interviews take roughly half an hour. The purpose of these interviews is to assist in forward planning for classes next year and to allow our prospective prep students to become familiar with their new ‘big school’. Invitations for Prep transition mornings will be mailed out soon.

Attendance

Below are a review of our attendance figures for the year to date. Students, who attend school learn more effectively than their friends who miss school. At Denison State School, we ensure that our students are successful learners. In achieving this goal, we have an expectation that students will be in attendance for 95% of the school year – (approximately 10 days off per school year). The higher the number of days absent beyond this point, the more learning opportunities a child loses.

It is for this reason that we try ensure that the message about attendance is communicated clearly through newsletters, parades and through parent meetings. Remember our target is 95% attendance. All classes have celebrated the 62 students who attended 100% of term 3. Well done to these students and particularly 5C who had the largest number with 7 students here at school all term. Of course we would love to see as many students as possible achieve this for term 4. Help us finish the year on a learning and attendance high. At the end of the day “Missing School = Missing Out”

Amanda Mobbs
Deputy Principal

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Date Claimers

14th Oct | 5C Parade Item
17th Oct | Pupil Free Day
21st Oct | Swimming Fees due
25th Oct | Swimming Program begins
28th Oct | World Teachers Day
28th Oct | Day for Daniel

Date Claimers
Prep
Hello and welcome to week 2 or Term 4! This week on Friday we will be holding a second reading session for any parents that were unable to attend last term. Our feedback from the session said it was well worthwhile! As it starts to warm up a reminder that hats and water bottles are imperative; if you wish your child to wear sunscreen this needs to be applied before coming to school. We ask that portfolios are returned so we can get them ready to go home at the end of this term. Homework has been ramped up with term in preparation for year 1! If you need any support or clarification around this please see your classroom teacher.

Regards, Mrs Katelyn Poole & Mrs Sam Patterson

Year 1
Welcome back to Term 4! I hope you all had a fantastic break and are ready to get back into learning! Swimming notes have been sent home. If you have not received your note please collect another one from the office. Swimming will start in week 4 and is on a Tuesday. This term in English students are working on procedural texts! So be sure to expose you child to any of these at home this could include things like recipes, Lego building instructions etc. We will be doing some cooking and creating in class to run alongside this unit. In Math we are continuing to revise concepts previously taught in class such as time, money and chance (Things that will happen, might happen and won’t happen). Please remember to contact your class teacher if you have any concerns with your child’s progress.

Regards, Miss Simone Bourne & Mrs Lauren Laws

Year 2
Welcome to the last term of Grade 2! It is fantastic to see everyone back at school ready for learning. We start swimming very soon! Please regularly look for notes in your child’s bag in regards to this. We are revising narratives this term with the goal of being able to write a new event for a familiar story. In Maths we start the term by looking at chance and data. We will revise picture graphs and tally marks before moving onto chance events and predicting outcomes. In Science, we are looking at Earth’s resources and how to conserve these and in Geography we are looking at different scale and the continents of the world. Our specialist timetable has changed so please note the new days your class may have:

All classes:
Music: Monday & Thursday
PE: Wednesday
Library: 2A - Wednesday, 2B & 2C - Tuesday

Regards, Miss Amanda Poolman, Miss Rachael Williamson and Miss Rachael Tulloch

Year 3
Welcome back to the last term of 2016. With only 45 school days left in Year 3 make each day count! We will be learning about texture in art; poetry and letter writing in English; multiplication, angles, shape and fractions in Math; liquids and solids in Science; continuity and change from the past and present in History. Over the term show motivation and dedication to learn, inquire, question, laugh, read, play, smile... Here are three meaningful Dr Seuss quotes to inspire:

1. The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.
2. You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself any direction you choose.
3. Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple.

Student math goals will be coming home soon in homework books. Students have taken ownership of their goals by identifying an individual and personalised goal and working towards achieving it. Support from Mums and Dads at home would be greatly appreciated too.

There have been some changes to PE, library and Music times; please confirm these with your child’s teacher if required.

Looking forward to a wonderful term!

Regards, Mr Joel Davis, Mrs Elyse de Wever, Miss Nikita Maiden

Year 4
Welcome back to Term Four! We have some very interesting things in store for the Year 4 students this term. In English we will be watching lots of different TV advertisements and analysing them in terms of the persuasive techniques that have been used. Maybe this will put an end to pestering at the shops when the students begin to understand that they’re just being manipulated by the advertisements.

Students will be learning and exposed to everything “deadly about decimals” and will become data analysers by the end of term. We also have some very exciting Inquiries this term. Students are put into groups of three or four and are given a task. This task is completely student driven and we are all looking forward to seeing what the students come up with. This term’s Maths goals will be glued into your child’s homework when week 2 homework is sent home. Please become familiar with your student’s goals.

In Geography we will be talking about how people can use places and environments more sustainably. Students will create a survey and make decisions about the data that they have collected. The Health unit this term is very interesting, as students will learn about ‘netiquette’ and online protocols. They will talk about communicating appropriately online and we’ll also discuss how they can keep themselves safe online.

9 weeks to go!!!

Regards, Mrs Diane Waine-Barclay, Mrs Lisa McHugh and Mrs Brooke Raine and Mrs Jane McColl

Year 5
Welcome back to Term 4. It is great to see everybody back and ready for the final term of the year. This term we will be learning about many different things such as the phases of matter, the Eureka Stockade, 12 hour and 24 hour time, chance, probability and how narratives can be represented as both written texts and films.

At this time of the year many students begin to run out of resources. Could you please ask them if they have everything that they will need to complete the term. Please remember that if your child is away the office needs to be informed that same day.

Looking forward to a great term.

Regards, Mrs Leigh Robinson, Mrs Angela Jeston and Mr Wade Thompson
**Library News**

Bookclub:
The catalogues for the final Scholastic Bookclub for 2016 will soon be arriving and having had a sneak preview we can assure you that there are some great bargains to be found as well as some rewards for parents who have used the loop payment system throughout the year. The following advertisement from Scholastic details the bargains on offer.

![BONUS BOOK BONANZA JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!](image)

**ORDER VALUE** | **BONUS BOOKS**
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Spent between $5 and $29.99 more than your last registered order. | Select two (2) Bonus Books.
Spent $30 or more than your last registered order. | Select up to four (4) Bonus Books.

While stocks last. Order early for the best selection of Bonus Books!

Maree Heslin and Jean Self

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**Performing Arts News**

Welcome to Term 4 everyone! I am excited for this term as it is another busy one in the Performing Arts. All students have started a Percussion unit learning about Glockenspiels and Boomwhackers. They have enjoyed listening to the different sounds they both make and using specific striking techniques. I am also in the process of organising the End of Year Concert and will be starting a Choir for the night soon. The theme this year is ‘Denison at the Movies’. If you still have a Denison Arts Shirt from Eisteddfod at home, please return it back to school.

Yours in the Performing Arts and DSS talent,

Monique Podolak

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**Deno Readers**

Possum | Paige A, Shianne A
Sunflower | Mitchell P
Gem Fossicker | Zachary N
Red Claw | Sophie I, Cooper G
Wattle | Lachlan H
Governor William Denison | Riley T

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**PREP ENROLMENTS**

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

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**WORKSAFE MONTH**

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Awards for the week ending 16th September 2016

Prep A
Phoenix T
His wonderful retell during literacy rotations he spoke in sentences and ordered the events correctly. Well done Phoenix.

Prep B
Sebastiaan VW
Your amazing independent sentence writing. Great use of describing words to make your sentences interesting and informative. We are very proud of you.

Prep/1C
Zayne W
His extraordinary improvement with his sight words and sentence writing.

1A
Ryan T
Always giving 100% effort to all learning tasks. Keep up the hard work!

1B
Lachlan B
Always trying your best in class and remembering to ask for help when needed. Well Done.

2A
Hope G
Hope’s improved confidence when presenting to the class. She has worked hard to overcome her fears. Well Done Hope!

2B
Duncan P
Your fantastic improvement in your effort towards writing and other class tasks! You have worked hard this term! Well Done!

2C
Benjamin B
His enthusiasm when writing his fear narrative this week. Ben has looked forward to it all week and has been able to identify errors and edit to make his work easier to read. Chaise’s marvellous measurements. You accurately measured the length, mass and capacity of objects and recorded using the correct abbreviation. (cm, m, g, kg, ml, L)

3B
Chaise H
Putting 100% effort into out parade performance practice. You are a real groover!

4A
Sapphire D
High results received in maths and on-going commitment to learning in class.

4B
Emily
Her outstanding effort and high achievement in all areas. Well Done!

4C
Ethan P
Your commitment to working on and achieving your mathematics goal this term. Great work!

5A
CAMP

5B
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5C
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6A
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Awards for the week ending 7th October 2016

Prep A

Prep B
Brock M
All the effort you have put into your writing this term Congratulations on becoming a ‘Super Hero’ writer!!

Prep/1C

1A
Ryan T
Always giving 100% effort to all learning tasks. Keep up the hard work!

1B
Lachlan B
Always trying your best in class and remembering to ask for help when needed. Well Done.

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Kendell G
Your continual hard work and effort in class. You always give your best to everything you do. Well done!

1A
Henry W
Your participation in class. It’s lovely to have an enthusiastic learner, whose concentration has improved.

1B
Sela F
Your great start to term 4. Keep up the hard work and good behaviour choices.

2A
Ty H
Ty’s massive effort in class, even with a fractured finder. You are a super star Ty!

2B
Jazmine R
Your fantastic effort and your improved positive attitude and behaviour both in and out of the classroom! Keep up the fantastic effort!

2C
Cameron H
The excellent effort you have put in this week. It is great to see you back and hard at work! Keep it up!

3A
Benjamin B

3B
Luke C
Your hard work and the positive choices you’ve been making. It is a delight to have you back at Denison SS.

3C
Brendan C
Focusing on your handwriting. Keep up the neat writing!

4A
Jada B
The maturity and positive attitude you continually display in class. You are a great role model!

4B
Jazmine S
Her fantastic start to the term. Jasmine’s attitude is positive and she’s trying hard to proofread and make improvements to her work. Keep it up!

4C
Cartaar W
Starting the term off in a positive manner and exhibiting great learning skills.

5A
Angus R
Your commitment to complete writing tasks. Angus will independently start a task and uses his vivid imagination to make the story interesting. Keep it up Angus!

5B
Kiarra T
Always giving your best efforts when working in class.

5C
William L
His improved enthusiasm in class. William is trying hard to ignore distractions and is working much better as a result.

6A
Trinity S
Your engagement with comprehension tasks. You are increasingly applying yourself, which is evident in your work samples and understandings.

6B
Kendell G
Your continual hard work and effort in class. You always give your best to everything you do. Well done!
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.

**Silver Certificate:**
Lane L, Harrison W, Caitlin E, Lachlan G, Harvey TS,

**Outstanding Saver:**
Neveah D

**School Activity for Term 4**
Commonwealth Bank have a prize pack to be given to one of our school bankers who bank 3 times in Term 4. The lucky winner will be announced on parade Friday December 2nd. So get those deposits in.

**School Banking day is Wednesday**

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**Year 3 to 6 Challenge: Cut Nets**
The net of a cube has been cut into two. It could be put together in several ways so that it could be folded into a cube.

Here are the nets of 9 solid shapes. Each one of these has been cut into 2 pieces, like the net of the cube.

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**Year Prep to 2 Challenge**

**Robot Monsters**
Robots monsters need 3 different parts. They need a head, a body and legs.

Make a robot monster!

The numbers show how tall the parts are in centimetres. How tall is your robot?

How tall is the tallest robot you can make?

What about the shortest robot?

Robot parts to cut out.

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**nrich.maths.org/roadshow**

Free workshop for parents & carers of young people on the autism spectrum!
Rockhampton - 18 & 19 Oct
Register your place:
Every day counts

ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

What parents can do

Get involved in your child’s school
- Attend PTA meetings
- Volunteer at school
- Read your child’s newsletter
- Help with homework

It’s where learning begins
- Attend all day, every day
- Supervise your child’s homework
- Attend school events

Good attendance counts
- It’s NOT OK to skip school
- Natural disasters, sick
- Important family reasons to stay home

ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

Most students who miss school all day, every day, stay that way.

2-3 missing days can make a difference

Avoid missing school each day of school
- Learning over a year off
- Each day off counts

GO TO THE EVERY DAY COUNTS WEBSITE: http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/