Every day and every minute counts - What sort of start is your child getting?

"Just a little bit late"…. “Its only a day”……. It doesn’t seem much – does it? …

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The above table clearly demonstrate the effect that missing school has on your child’s future. Whilst all children will have the odd day off due to illness, we still have many students being absent for other reasons that are not in the best interests of your child’s future. Every day does count! Please consider every minute your child is not at school as a lost opportunity for learning. More information on helping children and families increase attendance can be found at [http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/](http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/).

2017 Transitions

This week we will be hosting Transition sessions each morning for those students who have enrolled at Denison State School in 2017. The mornings will give students a chance to become familiar with the routines and expectations of ‘big school’. I know that our current Prep students and teachers are very excited to meet our new Preps. Each family will be provided with some information regarding Prep and our P&C will have the uniform shop open for those who wish to access it.

In Week 9 our Year 6 students who are attending Emerald State High School will be attending a transition program where they will become familiar with the routines and expectations. They will also get the chance to meet their classmates from other schools.

End Of Semester

Well only three weeks to go until the end of the semester. Teachers and students are busying themselves with reports, completing units and readying themselves for the end of year concerts. We will also be busy placing students and teachers into next year’s prospective classes based on current and future enrolment data. For this reason could we once again remind parents who know they are moving to let us know ASAP.

I hope that you have an enjoyable week.

Troy Sanson
Principal

Mobbs Manifest

Over the next few weeks students will be engaged in a range of exciting end of year activities. Lip Sync entries have opened for our end of year competition that occurs on Wednesday of the last week of school. This week our Prep classes will be welcoming 2017 Prep students to visit for a morning and our year 5 Leadership aspirants will be presenting speeches as part of our 2017 school leader elections. Due to the large number of Year 5 Leadership applicants we have modified the process a little for this year. Next Friday afternoon at 2:00pm the first group of students will be presenting speeches at the Denison State School hall. From this group 2 students will be nominated by staff and year 4 and 5 peers to participate in final speeches on Friday morning following parade of week 9 when all sports and school captain positions will be elected. We look forward to hearing these speeches and congratulate all of our aspirants for stepping up and nominating for a position.

Amanda Mobbs
Deputy Principal

Date Claimers

| 21st Nov      | Prep Transition week            |
| 28th 29th Nov | High School Transition Days     |
| 4th Dec       | Community Carols                |
| 5th Dec       | Year 1,2,3 Fun Morning Swimming |
| 6th Dec       | End of Year Concert             |
| 8th Dec       | Year 6 Graduation Day           |
| 9th Dec       | End of Term 4, Reports & Portfolios sent home |

Notice Of Intention to Leave Denison State School in 2017.

Student Name: ___________________________ Year Level: ___________________________

Reason: ___________________________________________
Year 6
Students have been working very hard to finish a wide variety of assessment pieces. Over the next few weeks, Year 6 will be busy with a variety of activities preparing for end of year activities such as end of year concert, lip sync, graduation and transition to high school. Parents please ensure that permission notes for the graduation afternoon at the pool have been returned so that your child can attend. A big thank to those who sent in photos of their children in Prep and Year 1. We look forward to celebrating your children’s achievements with you in week 10.

Regards, Miss Pauline Dunn and Mrs Kay Esmond

Prep
Hello and welcome to week 8! With only 2 weeks to go we are very busy finishing off assessments and getting ready for year 1! Thank you so much for your continued support this year. We have had an absolute blast teaching your children. Please ensure that all library books are returned to school this week as invoices will be sent home if they are not returned.

Regards, Mrs Katelyn Poole & Mrs Sam Patterson

Prep/1C
Firstly I would like to thank you all for your cooperation during the busy assessment time. It has really made it flow much better for both the staff and students. I would also like to let everyone know that for our parade item the children will need a munchkin costume (from the wizard of OZ). I look forward to this time of year and the joy it brings. Concerts are so much fun. Hope to see you all there.

Regards, Miss Amanda Potter

Year 1
This is the time of the year where students complete final assessments reminding us of the tremendous amount of learning which has taken place during the year. As we approach year’s end we ensure our students continue to engage in meaningful learning as we revisit literacy and numeracy concepts and skills which need further clarification and practise. It is also timely that at this time of the year we remind you to check lost property at school for any items that may belong to your child. Another important reminder is to please ensure that your child’s portfolio has been returned to their teacher. Have a lovely week!

Regards, Miss Simone Bourne & Mrs Lauren Laws

Year 2
Welcome to Week 8! We have been very busy in Grade 2 completing assessment and starting new units. It is vital your child is at school every day over the next 3 weeks. Soon you will be receiving notes home regarding the end of year concert, swimming fun morning and week 10 festivities. Please be on the lookout for these as it will keep you informed on what your child needs at school each day. Don’t forget 2C’s parade item is this Friday.

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

Year 3
As we come to the end of a school year remember EVERY DAY COUNTS! There is still a lot of learning to be done and assessment to be finished. It is also a lovely time to reflect on goals achieved and the memories made. The Year 3 teachers are very proud of the growth our students have demonstrated.

In English we are writing letters; formal and informal. Perhaps Grandma would love a hand written letter from her grand daughter/son. Mum and Dad always appreciate thank you cards. Is there someone’s birthday coming up and you need to write a birthday card? If you are going away over Christmas you could write a post card. There are plenty of people to write to. Get your parents to help address an envelope, put on a stamp and walk to the post box to send it. Here is a great website to engage students in letter writing: http://auspost.com.au/education/letterwriting/media/interactives/lw-letter-writing.html

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

Year 4
With only three and a half weeks to go we are all busily finalising assessments. Because of this it is extremely important that your child come to school every day to complete these assessments and therefore receive a mark that reflects their ability. Can you please make sure that your child has returned their portfolio to school so we can start filing our assessments away. These will be given to you on the last day of school, 9th December, along with report cards.

Lip sync is well under way. Students have been working hard getting their routines together and we all have enjoyed watching them perform at lunchtimes.

As well as lip sync classes are busily preparing for our end of year concert. Please read your letter to make sure you are familiar with your child’s performance times and classroom allocations.

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

Year 5
We are heading into a few very busy weeks with lots happening at school!

Attendance – Everyday counts! Please make sure that you are at school by 8:50am and remain at school all day. Arriving late or leaving early can mean that you miss out on important information and learning.

Leadership speeches – We have had an amazing response from the Year 5s wanting to secure a special leadership position for next year. Some of the Year 5s will be doing their speeches in the hall on Friday in Week 8 and that will follow with the final speeches on Friday in Week 9. See Mobbs Manifest for more details.

Year 6 shirts – The children will receive an orange note home with all the details about the special Senior 2017 Club Polo Shirt that can be worn next year each Friday. These shirts are a very special memento of their last year in primary school. All orders and payment need to be at the school office by 2nd December so that the shirts can be orders and ready for next year. No late orders will be accepted.

Hats and Water Bottles – The weather has certainly warmed up these last few weeks. Please make sure that you have a full brimmed hat and water bottle at school every day.

End of year performance – All classes are busy practising for their end of year performance in Week 10. Further information about this will be available shortly.

Regards, Mrs Leigh Robinson, Mrs Angela Jeston and Mr Wade Thompson

studentabsence@denisonss.eq.edu.au
**Positive Parenting**

**Be Part of Something Life-Changing**

The Qld Government is giving parents and carers free access to evidence-based parenting support through the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program. Join us on Facebook to get quality parenting information, and visit [www.triplet-parenting.net](http://www.triplet-parenting.net) to see what programs are available. More seminars and group sessions coming soon.

**Set Your Kids Up for Success in 2017**

We all want our kids to do well at school – and in life! Set your kids up for success by learning how to positively parent. Find out how to encourage kids to be respectful, make good decisions and feel positive about themselves. And it’s all free! Why not do Triple P Online over the holidays (Teen version coming soon)? You can register online 24/7.

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Want to know if Triple P works for real Qld families? What sports are available for kids and teens? What teenagers are REALLY thinking about? And why it’s important for parents to take time out? Read Triple P’s latest parenting magazine here.

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**SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM**

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and eight new exclusive School Banking reward items. This year’s program is themed the **Outback Savers** and School Banking is taking students on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings, where they’ll learn to master smart savings habits. This year School Banking gave students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin. Each year we launch an exciting new Grand Prize competition exclusive to School Banking. Keep an eye out in the new year to find out more about next year’s competition!

**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.

**Congratulations to Rory F for being a Silver Saver and Phoenix H for being a Bronze Saver!**

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**A Note from the Guidance Officer**

Hello everyone,

With the end of the year ‘busyness’ approaching and the hot weather starting to make its presence felt, students are becoming fatigued more easily. It is important to prioritise your child’s physical needs. Keep up with the early bedtimes and limit screen time. Ensure your child’s dietary needs are based on healthy food choices. Adequate water intake is also important, particularly on these hot days.

Enjoy the last few weeks and take care of your families and yourselves.

*Regards,*

Marietta Sedgwick, Guidance Officer

Denison, Tieri, Anakie, Alpha and Emerald State Schools
Base school phone 07 49807333, Email msedg1@eq.edu.au

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**BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE!**

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France next year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like know more, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on rl@scce.com.au

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**Rockhampton Junior Heat Clinic!**

**10 – 12 January 2017**

Rockhampton Grammar School
Train the Heat with 4 hours of quality coaching per day!
Visit [www.rockhamptonheatclinic.com](http://www.rockhamptonheatclinic.com) or contact [heat@alainriver.com.au](mailto:heat@alainriver.com.au) for more information.
Awards for the week ending 11th November 2016

Prep A Jairus H
His continuous and enthusiastic effort. Jairus you are becoming confident every day! Well Done!

Prep B Mitchell P
A great imagination when writing for assessment!

Prep/1C Stephanie H
Her fantastic friendship skills. She always lets others join in her games.

1A Talan P
Your enthusiasm and persistence with learning your sight word spelling. It’s great to see the improvement! Two more colours to go!

1B Maya W
Always completing work on time. Well done for always trying your hardest!

2A Paul T
His great ‘have a go’ attitude towards multiplication. He can draw pictures and a number sentence to match a multiplication word problem.

2B Matthew L
Your fantastic effort in always striving to do your best and continually being a GREAT classroom helper and role model.

2C Jack K
Your outstanding English assessment; you have come a long way this year in your writing and everyone is very proud of the effort you have put in.

3A Michael S
His animated and enthusiastic presentation of his poem about the beach. Michael spoke clearly with expression and had all of his audience engaged.

3B Kaleija T
Kaleija’s awesome artwork of ‘A Day at the Beach’. You included a variety of textual materials that could effectively communicate to a visually impaired person.

3C Cadence B
Your recent achievement on your three-dimensional models and angles assessment. Fantastic Work!

4A Bailey F
The huge effort you have made to improve work habits in class. I am super proud of you!

4B Lucas A
Excellent improvement in behaviour and his on task behaviours. Your responsible attitude to learning has been very evident in class. Well done!

4C Jimmy B
Your massive improvement in your spelling result from Pre-test to Post-test in Unit 7. Spectacular!

5A Joel J
Your effort in Maths this semester. You have been putting in the time to learn your number facts and the results are being reflected in the assessment. Keep it up Joel!

5B Saxon M
Working very well when doing research for your history assignment. Well done!

5C Bianca B
Her effective collaboration with others during maths inquiry activities. This was emphasised when reading your group's peer evaluation forms.

Your enthusiastic participation in all class activities. You eagerly engage in discussions with your peers to contribute interesting and thought-provoking topics in our health and hygiene lessons for technology.

6A William M
The continual hard work and effort you show. You model positive behaviours through your actions and your words every day. You are Awesome!

6B Heidi B
His continued effort. Mackenzie is always trying his best and does so with a smile. Great Work!

Prep A Mackenzie H
Your improved effort and focus in all learning tasks. You have become a super independent worker. Congratulations for all your hard work!

Prep B Cody B
Your “AMAZING” effort in your letter writing task. You are working really hard with sounding and writing letters. What a “SUPER HERO”!!

Prep/1C Suden I
His effort in reading and writing groups. He works hard and has made fantastic improvements.

1A Isobell K
Your constant effort and wonderful behaviour all year. You are awesome!

2A Matilda M
Matilda’s improved math result. She has been focused and applying 100% effort. Keep it up Matilda!

2B Ethan Y
Your improved, very, very improved effort and behaviour both in and out of the classroom! You should be proud! Keep up the AWESOME job!

2C Noah E
The great leader you are; you are always in the right place at the right time doing the right thing. Well done Noah!

3A Tamzyn C
Demonstrating the attributes of a good leader. Tamzyn’s work ethic and focus has grown significantly and she set a good example for her peers.

3B Jada R
Jada’s lovely letters. You have adapted language features and vocabulary to suit the style of letter; thank you card, formal letter and ads.

3C Mikayla C
Your excellent efforts in Math and English. You consistently try your hardest. Keep it up!

4A Amy P
Your outstanding organisational skills. You always ensure you are ready to learn and bring home supplies in very quickly. Fantastic!

4B Sarah L
Producing high quality work in all learning areas. Sarah’s commitment to putting in 100% effort at all times is to be commended. You’re a star!

4C Neveah D
You have been putting in an amazing amount of effort into your school work this term. I have been very impressed.

5A Jessica C
Your well planned Science investigation. You made a prediction and gathered the data before explaining and justifying your science understanding. Well done Scientist Jess!

5B Sonny SP
Your enthusiastic approach to learning and your conscientious application to all tasks.

6A Riley B
Your excellent attitude towards completing your technology assessment this week. You have shown a keen interest in lessons and you are consistently asking for feedback to improve your understanding.

6B Aleisha B
Your excellent effort in history. You researched your topic thoroughly and integrated the information into an informative and well written historical narrative and comparison.

Awards for the week ending 18th November 2016

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Your improved effort and focus in all learning tasks. You have become a super independent worker. Congratulations for all your hard work!

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EMERALD DISTRICT and CENTRAL HIGHLANDS SPORT DATES 2017.

Preliminary sports trial and carnival dates for 2017 will be provided in the last newsletter of this term. These sports meetings have recently been held and final decisions are being made regarding our own annual school sports carnivals at Denison. We will then pass on the decisions made when all dates have are confirmed.

MOVEMBER ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS!
Last Friday the Denison sports captains presented our male teachers participating in the annual MOVEMBER FUNDRAISER with a small gift of support for all the terrific ‘sporting’ efforts they are making by spreading the word about the need for men to take care of themselves across a range of health issues. Fantastic job fellas and we hope your new Mostyling kits come in handy!

CRICKET SKILLS CLINIC OPPORTUNITY 2017

JUNIOR HEAT CRICKET CLINIC
VENUE: Rockhampton

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all boys and girls 7 - 14 years.
DATES AND TIMES: The Clinic dates are: 10 - 12 January 2017, 9am - 1pm.
PROGRAM: The coaching methods will be the same as those used for the Brisbane Heat. The Clinics will involve the most up-to-date and scientific methods, designed to develop sound basic techniques as well as highlighting the innovations that have come with the growth of T20 cricket. The emphasis will be on improving individual skills, while at the same time having fun and gaining maximum enjoyment from playing the game. LOCATION: Harrup Park Country Club, Juliet Street, Mackay

WHAT YOU RECEIVE: • 4 hours per day of quality coaching by Queensland Cricket accredited coaches • Official Junior Heat Shirt, backpack and drink bottle • Photo and autograph signing with Brisbane Heat players • Certificate of attendance • Written Skills Report • Morning tea each day.
THE COACHES: The clinic will be run by Queensland Cricket accredited coaches who hold a minimum Level 2 Coaching Accreditation Certificate. This is a guarantee of the best possible coaching available. PRICE: $230 per person including GST.
WHAT TO BRING: Cricket equipment, sunscreen, hat & drink bottle.

SEE MISS LAWRENCE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO REGISTER IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

Yours in sport,
Miss L