Focus on Learning
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first two weeks of the 2015 school year have progressed very smoothly with very focussed learning by all students. It is very pleasing to see so many students have all the required bookpack items ready for use in the classroom.

This year, our attendance rate is 92.6%. This is most impressive! Thank you to parents for ensuring students are at school on time for learning. Every minute in every day counts in student learning!

In the week commencing February 23, all teachers will be inviting parents to their “Meet the Teacher” afternoons. The meetings commence at 2:45pm and will conclude at 3:45pm. These meetings will enable you to not only meet the teachers but also to find out more about your children’s learning program in Term 1. You will also be able to ask questions. The details of the Meet the Teacher Afternoons are as follows:

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As you are aware, we have the Dental Van at our school. The Dental Staff are currently organising appointments for students. It will obviously take quite some time for all students to be seen and your child will receive notification when it is their turn. Obviously, if your child has a dental emergency, please knock on the door of the Dental Van. The Dental Van staff will be joining us at our Wednesday breakfast on 18 February to hand out free toothbrushes and toothpaste to our students. They will also be able to answer any questions you may have about the Dental Service.

As with last year, we have several students in our school who are severely allergic to any nut products (peanut paste, Nutella, etc). I ask that you do not use these fillings on your child’s sandwiches. I do appreciate your understanding on this issue – we certainly don’t want any child having anaphylactic shock and having to be rushed to hospital.

Key dates for Term 1 are as follows:

- Friday 13 February: Senior Table Tennis Competition
- Thursday 19 February: P & C Meeting
- Friday 20 February: School Leaders Induction
- Monday 23 February: Meet the Teacher Afternoons scheduled for this week
- Friday 27 February: Interschool Sports commences
- Tuesday 3 March: Year 3 & Year 5 NAPLAN Practice Tests
- Tuesday 17 March: School Photos
- Monday 30 March: School Cross Country
- Wednesday 1 April: Senior AFL Competition
- Thursday 2 April: Senior AFL Competition

As always, please contact me by phone 38972444, by email on the.principal@decebayss.eq.edu.au or pop in and see me with any queries or concerns.

Warm Regards
Lorna Cogle
PRINCIPAL
Interschool Sports

Students in Yr 5, 6 & 7 and Gr 4 students who are turning 10 this year will be representing the school at Interschool Sports on Fridays. A sports payment of $4.00 is to be paid weekly by all participating students or a payment of $32.00 can be made for the entire competition.

They will be playing Rugby, Soccer and Netball. The Sports will commence on Fri 27th February and goes for 8 week excluding the school holidays and the last Friday in the term. Consent Forms and Sport Contracts will go home next Monday 16th February.

Students are required to wear full school uniform (Maroon Shirt) and appropriate footwear. 

Training will commence next week. Players must attend.

DBAY 3 AWARDS

Taylah – Sen Blue
Billy – 4/5B
Whitney – Sen M

Focus of the Fortnight
“CARE, DO & SPEAK

House Points – Beaufort 356
Grosvenor – 366
King - 432

It is important that students are at school before 8:30am in the morning so their learning time is not interrupted. Students need to be picked up from school at 2:30pm except for Bus travellers who need to be put on the bus at 3:15pm.

After School Care is provided by PCYC. Children are picked up by bus and taken to PCYC to be cared for. Our school does not have After School Care.

Change of Mobile Numbers

If you get a new Mobile Number it is important to let the school know your new number in case of emergencies. We need to be able to contact parents.

TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

The following students will be representing our school in the Primary School Table Tennis Competition on Friday 13th February.


FINANCE NEWS

All Excursions must be paid for and forms returned by the Closing date on the form.

Payments can be made in instalment prior to the excursions but must be finalised by the closing date. Instrumental Music payments of $70.00 are now due. Instruments will not be handed out until payment has been made.

Instrumental Music Program 2015 – Instrument Hire $50.00, Resource fee $20.00 is now due to be paid.

District Swimming Carnival - $8.00 which includes transport, pool entry and lifeguards is due by Monday 16th February.

Tuckshop is open every FRIDAY - Helpers are wanted

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Next Thursday 19th February we will be attending the annual Redcliffe District Swimming Carnival with Levi page, Lucy Ganley and Jade Tahi representing our school.