14th May 2015

Celebrating grade 3 & 5 NAPLAN complete!
We did well!
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope all families have recovered from the devastating effects of the East Coast Low which led to flooding on Friday 1 May. It was certainly a very difficult and dangerous afternoon. I certainly appreciated the many efforts of all parents to collect their children despite the torrential rain. All children unable to be collected were kept safely in the Centre and the Staffroom until it was possible to transport them home. In the event of any extreme weather event like the East Coast Low occurring, (let’s keep our fingers crossed that we won’t have another one) we will always do whatever it takes to ensure student safety. If any children are still suffering the loss of uniforms or school resources as result of the flooding, please contact me as soon as possible.

This week, our Year 3 & 5 students participated in the Australia wide NAPLAN testing, completing tests in Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Writing, Reading and Numeracy students. Our students worked very well throughout the testing sessions and we are very proud of their efforts. In accordance with NAPLAN protocols, all NAPLAN papers have now been forwarded for external marking. We anticipate NAPLAN student results will return to our school in September. As soon as we receive these results, we will forward them to students and their families.

The Deception Bay SS Dance Party is scheduled for next Friday 22 May in the Flexicentre Hall across from the school. The Dance parties are always fun with all students and staff enjoying themselves. This year we will cater for all year levels in the one session rather than the two sessions that we have previously had. The Dance Party starts at 5:45pm and concludes at 8:00pm. Further information on the Dance Party is included in this newsletter.

Our next P & C Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 21 May at 3:00pm in our Parent Room. Please come along and have a say in your child’s school. The P & C also run our School Tuckshop and Uniform Shop and are always on the lookout for more volunteers. Please come along and lend a hand –“many hands make light work”! The Deception Bay SS P & C are a great group of parents and grandparents dedicated to our school and contribute so much to the successful running of our school. I know we are all very appreciative of their efforts in for raising the funds for our new Junior Playground which hopefully will be installed in the June vacation.

I wish all our athletes success in the upcoming District Cross Country scheduled for Tuesday 19 May. Students have been training hard with Mr Alexander each morning and are to be commended for their efforts. Good luck!

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

Warm Regards
Lorna R Cogle
PRINCIPAL
**P & C News**

**Winter Uniforms**
Maroon Jumpers - $20.00
Maroon Tracksuit pants - $19.00. The uniform shop is open Tuesday & Wednesday Mornings between 8:00am – 8:20am.

**P & C Next Meeting:**
Thursday 21st May at 2.45 in the Uniform Shop

**Dollar Mite Banking**
The P & C will have started Dollar Mite Banking. If you are interested please go to the uniform shop to sign up for your account.

**BOOKFAIR**
in the Library

Monday 18th May to Thursday 21st May between 8:00am – 3:00pm

Come and check it out and grab some great reads and bargains.

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**This Weeks Attendance**

90.6%

Well done to all the students who attended school everyday.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Active after School Athletics Program**
Will commence on Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th May from 2.30pm to 3.15pm and run for 3 weeks concluding on Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th June 2015.

This activity will only be offered to boys and girls in grades 4 to 7.

Please return permission forms as soon as possible, but no later than Monday 25/5/2015. The first 40 students to return their permission note will be accepted.

**Redcliffe District Sport**

Congratulations to those students who have been selected to represent the Redcliffe District at Sunshine Coast Regional Sports Carnivals.

**Netball:** Mina Nanai

**AFL:** Sese Nati, Xiavia Fatamai-Mataia, Tom Sloman, Graham Folau, Arasi Leaga, Orene Leaga, Ivan Aluesi, Kurt Kavana.

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**Rugby Leaguve:** Xiavia Fatamai-Mataia (12yrs)
Seses Nati, Kurt Kavana (11yrs)

**Hockey:** Mary Folau, Graham Folau.
Thankyou, Mr Alexander

**New Absence Phone Number**
The school has set up a new phone number for Absences:
Dial 3897 2466 and then follow the prompts leaving details of your absence.

**Borrowed Shorts & Tops**

Could parents please return all borrowed Shorts and Tops from the school as our cupboards are bare. We have nothing left for emergencies.

**FINANCE NEWS**

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

**Senior Camp for 2015 will be approx. $120.00.** This can be paid in full or paid off in instalments between now and 26th June 2015.