1st June 2015

Thanks to all involved with making the Dance Party such a success
Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, attendance is a core priority for our school community. It is everyone’s responsibility (the student, the parents and the school staff) to ensure that every child has full time regular attendance. We all want our children to do their very best at school – this is only possible if they attend every day.

As Principal, I have the responsibility to ensure parents are informed of their legal obligations about enrolment and attendance and to implement strategies to manage enrolment, absences and chronic absenteeism. Each parent of a child who is of compulsory school age has the legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attends a state school or non-state school on every day for the educational program in which the child is enrolled unless the parent has a reasonable excuse. Occasionally, students may be sick and this is considered a reasonable excuse. It is however not a reasonable excuse to have the day off school for birthday celebrations, shopping or because friends are visiting.

We have a very comprehensive attendance strategy at Deception Bay SS to encourage student attendance.

- Each day, every class calculate their attendance percentage encouraging all students to attend every day.
- Students who attend full time every day for a week receive an icy pole.
- A class attendance award is awarded on assembly every week.
- Students who achieve 100% attendance have letters sent home to their parents, acknowledging their outstanding attendance
- If a student is absent from school, parents and carers are to inform the child’s teacher or Front Office by note, email or phone call.
- School staff will follow up on unexplained absences via letters, emails and phone calls.
- Where necessary, school staff will forward letters outlining the legislative requirements enforcing students’ attendance and the fines parents can receive if they do not ensure their children are attending every day. I will also meet with these parents and their children.

Our Dance Party held on Friday 22 May was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by staff students and parents. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of staff whom gave up a Friday night with their families to supervise the Dance Party. I would also like to acknowledge the support of the many parents who attended the Dance Party. We raised a significant amount of money through the Dance Party – all funds will go towards supporting the costs of the Year 6 Camp scheduled for July 2015.

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

Warm Regards
Lorna Cogle
PRINCIPAL
Red Food Day Subway
The date for Red Food Day is now Tuesday 9th June not the 2nd June.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser
Cookie Dough orders are due back to school with Money by 29th May. Orders can be collected from Tuckshop on Monday 22nd June.

Dollar Mite Banking
Bank Books & Deposits are to be dropped off to the Uniform shop between 8:00am – 8:20am. Bank Books will then be returned to students in Class once the money has been banked.

This Weeks Attendance
90.4%
Well done to all the students who attended school everyday.

P & C News
Tuckshop is currently open Wednesday and Friday 1st break only for a trial period till week 8 (10th June)

SPORTS NEWS

Sports Day
This year’s Sports Carnival is fast approaching. All the students have been practicing hard in PE lessons for the events. Again we would really like as many families supporting our great sports children during the Carnival.

Carnival Dates:
Wednesday 17th June-Day 1
March Past/Junior Sprints/Junior Rotations
Thursday 18th June – Day 2
Senior 800m / Senior Sprint / Senior 200m
Friday 19th June – Day 3
Senior Rotations / Senior Finals / Presentations
Please note – Junior – Prep – 2 (and Gr 3 turning 8)
Senior – 4 – 6 (and Gr 3’s turning 9)

District Cross Country
Last Tuesday, our school Team competed at the Redcliffe District Cross Country. The students performed really well finishing 9th overall out of the 14 competing schools.
Graham Folau and Terepai Nelti were the school’s star performers. Graham finished 2nd in the 10yrs 2000m and Terepai 7th in the 11yrs 3000m. They will now compete at Regionals on the 2nd June in Maroochydore. Good luck Graham & Terepai.

Congratulations Sese
Sese Nati was recently selected in the Sunshine Coast 11yrs Rugby League Team. He will now compete at the 11yrs State Carnival. Good luck Sese, this is a great achievement.

District Touch Football
Sese Nati and Xiavia Fatamai-Mataia were selected in the Redcliffe District Touch Team. Well done Sese and Xiavia.

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.

Night of Music
Families and friends of our students involved in the Instrumental Music Program and the School Choir are invited to the “Night of Music” being held in the school hall on Thursday 31st July at 4:30pm. Students are asked to arrive in their school uniform by 4:00pm.

FINANCE NEWS
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.