Gold Performance at Peninsula Music Festival

22nd October 2015
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I had the pleasure of attending the 2015 Deception Bay State High School Junior Secondary Awards Evening this week. It was wonderful to see so many of our past students receiving awards for their academic, behaviour, cultural, service and sporting achievements. I congratulate all of these students. I would like to particularly mention Jolie Ma, the Junior Secondary Dux, Leo Leului, Junior Sportsman Taalolo Tupai, Principal’s Award, Natalie Skerrat, Year 7 Petrie Shield Award Winner Velesa Leului, Year 8 Petrie Shield Award Winner and Lilliana Ostara, School-Wide Positive Behaviour Award Winner.

All staff participated in a very productive Student Free Day on Monday 19 October. We participated in a range of Professional Development activities designed to assist us become even better at meeting the educational needs of our students. These activities included further developing our pedagogical practices (that is our teaching strategies), revisiting effective spelling strategies, examining inclusive practices for students with diverse learning needs and addressing staff welfare. Student Free days are a wonderful opportunity for all staff to get together to address to further improve what we do so our students can achieve better results in all aspects of their learning.

Congratulations to Sese, Xaivia, Kalycia, Heidii, Ashley and Micah on their award winning performance at the Peninsula Music Festival. These students were members of the Deception Bay Schools Combined Band and were awarded GOLD for their performance at the festival.

There has recently been changes to the organisation and management of the Deception Bay Swimming Pool. These changes have meant that they no longer can offer “learn to swim” classes to our school this year. This means that we will not be having our swimming lessons in November as we have done in past years. It is my belief that they will be able to offer swimming lessons next year.

Our 2016 planning is well underway. When planning classes for 2016, it helps when I have the most accurate student numbers possible for each year level. I ask that if you know of anyone wishing to enrol, you encourage them to contact us as soon as possible. I also ask that should, unfortunately your children be leaving us, you contact us too. I invite you to make an appointment to see me in the week beginning Monday 26 October if you would like to discuss your child’s educational placement for 2016.

Unfortunately our P & C Meeting scheduled for Thursday 22 October has had to be postponed for unavoidable reasons. This meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday 5 November. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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**

**Red Food Day**
Pizza Red Food Day will be on Tuesday 17th November 2015. Forms have gone home and all money and forms must be returned by Wednesday 11th November 2015.

**Next P & C Meeting** will be Thursday 5th November 2015 at 2:45pm.

**2016 Book packs**
Bookpacks are currently being finalized for next year. The 2016 booklist hopefully, will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

**FINANCE NEWS**

**Interschool Sports** – *Payment for Yr 6 Interschool Sport of $12.00* can be paid now or the students can pay *$4.00 each week for the remaining 3 weeks* of competition.

**Science Centre Excursion** is on 4th November 2015 Grade 4 & 5 students. Cost is $9.50. Permission & medical forms along with the money are due by Friday 30th October 2015.

**P & C NEWS**

**Prep Enrolments 2016**
Prep interviews are well underway, if you have not had your interview please contact the office to make an appointment and collect your enrolment pack. Spaces are filling fast.

**Prep Orientation day is this Friday the 23rd October 2015 at 9:00am**

**Jump Rope for Heart**
Sponsorship forms have been sent home. *These will need to be returned to school by Friday 6th November 2015.* Forms are required to be returned to school even if you do not participate in raising money.

**Jump off day is 13th November**

**Please support this great cause if you can.**

**LOST PROPERTY**
We have a number of items in the lost property bin. Feel free to come up to the office if your child is missing any items.

**Please phone school absent line if you are away on 3897 2466**

**Peninsula Music Festival 2015**

The following students participated in the Peninsula Music Festival yesterday Wed 20th Oct 2015:

- Ashley Walters
- Micah Tu’uga
- Heidi McClure
- Kalycia Bettison and
- Xiavia Fatamia-Mataia
- Sese Nati

They won a Gold Certificate for their performance. Well done!

**Don't forget your hats & Drink Bottles**

Now that the weather has warmed up it is even more important to have a hat on when outside. Please make sure your child comes to school with a hat and drink bottle each day.

**DBay 3 Focus for the fortnight**
- Speak in all settings
  - This means:
    - Use my manners
    - Say positive words
    - Use the right noise levels.

**DBay 3 ticket winners:**
- Ciovada
- Lorenzo
- John Q