3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015

Dance Troup Performance
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe the 2015 school year is coming to a close. It has certainly been a very busy year with many significant achievements. Some of these achievements include:

- Increasing 2015 enrolments despite the loss of Year 7 students to secondary school;
- Steadily improving NAPLAN results in Year 3 and Year 5 in all domain areas;
- Very high students, staff and parent School Opinion Survey results;
- Very strong community support including both volunteer support and the very generous donations of resources to both the Centre and all classrooms;
- The installation of the Junior Playground provided by our P & C after much hard work and with parent/community support;
- Winning the Redcliffe District Primary School Athletics Champion School Aggregate Points Cup;
- Winning all four AFL Interschool Sports finals and coming second in the Softball final. It is important to note that all Interschool Sports teams, including Volleyball and Newcombe, were praised for their sportmanship throughout the season;
- Gaining a Silver Award at Choralfest and a Gold Award with the Combined Band in The Penninsula Music Festival;
- Experiencing fun-filled and educational excursions for all year levels;
- Gaining an “Effective” (the highest result possible) for the Systems Audit. A Department of Education and Training Auditor examined all school processes and organisation in September and awarded this impressive result;

Our 2016 organisation is well underway. Class lists for all year levels will be published on Wednesday 9 December and these will be placed on the Centre and the Resource Centre windows.

I encourage all students and their families to ensure they are well organised for the 2016 school year with their book packs and uniforms. The first “round” of ordered book packs will be delivered to our school on Monday 7 December. The second “round” of book packs will be delivered to our school on Tuesday 19 January. Book packs and uniforms will be available for collection and/or purchase on:
- Tuesday 19 January 2:30pm – 6:00pm
- Wednesday 20 January 9:00am – 5:00pm

Our School Office will reopen on Monday 18 January 2016 and students are to return on Wednesday 27 January.

It has come to that sad time of the year when we farewell staff. Firstly, we farewell Pam Walters, our much loved cleaner, who has decided to retire after many loyal years of service to our school. Secondly we farewell Sue Hope, another cleaner who has also loyally worked with us for six years. Sue and her husband are having a “tree change” to the country. We also farewell Jodie James, our very committed Year 1 teacher who has gained a position at Narangba Valley SS. Jodie is leaving due to the return of our permanent teacher, Ann Seddon, from Maternity Leave. Several Teacher Aides, including Julie Fysh, Amanda Cardinal, Libby Onofia and Fiona Kennedy are moving on and we wish them the very best.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of our fantastic staff throughout the 2015 school year. Every day, I see the staff of Deception Bay State School go “above and beyond” to ensure every child has exactly what they need to ensure a quality education and an aspirational future! I would also like to sincerely thank all parents and our community for their ongoing support throughout the 2015 school year.

I trust all students and their families have a relaxing, fun filled and safe Christmas Vacation and I extend the blessings of the season to all. I look forward to our continued “educational journey” in 2016. 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

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The 2016 booklists have been sent home and the first round orders were due in on 4th Nov 2015 and will be available for collection on Mon 7th & Tues 8th December 2015. 2nd Round Collections are due in by Wed 2nd December 2015 and will be available for collection on Tues 19th Jan & Wed 20th January 2016.

**TUCKSHOP** will be open on Tuesday 8th December and closed on Friday 11th December 2015. The Tuckshop will reopen the 2nd week back Tuesday 2nd February 2016.

**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.

**Head Lice**

We have had numerous reports of head lice in our school at the moment. We have free bottles of Pyrenel Lice Foam available from the office for anyone that would like one.

**Accidents Happen**

Sometimes children fall over and hurt themselves. **It is essential that we always have accurate details if your child is hurt at school.** It is most distressing for children if we are unable to get in touch with their parents.

**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.

**Community Breakfast**

Everyone is welcome to come on Friday 4th December before School for our community breakfast.

**Walk Only Areas**

Please note Walk only Areas in the school. We have new signs displayed in Undercover area, please do not ride your bikes, Scooters and Skateboards in this area. Could Parents please make sure younger siblings do not ride in the Walk Only Areas.

**Celebration Day**

Grade 1 and Preps will be going to Lollipop Play Centre for their Celebration Day on Friday 4th December 2015 and students not participating will have a fund Art & Craft Day at School.

Grade 2 to Grade 6 will be Swimming or computers/Library or DVD.

On Monday our Grade 6 Students will go to Aussie World for their Celebration Day.

School Holiday Fun – Active Kids and Shaft Programs. Moreton Bay Regional Council is running two great programs from Monday 11 Jan to Fri 22 Jan 2016 to help keep kids and youth who live in the Moreton Bay Region active during the school holidays. For further information please contact Mr Robert Olding, Physical Activity Officer, on 3283 0239 or email Robert.Olding@moretonbay.qld.gov.au.

**School Terms 2016**

Last day of school this year is Friday 11th December 2015. The First day of School next year is Wednesday 27th January 2016.