18th February 2016

Tu Mana & Graham Win
A Grade Table Tennis
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week, we celebrated high numbers of students attending school. I would like to thank our whole school community for working together to ensure students are attending school every day.

We are continuously looking for ways to improve Deception Bay SS. In **2016 our school improvement priorities** are to:
- Increase school attendance to a minimum 92% for each student
- Improve student achievement in English
- Improve student achievement in Mathematics
- Strengthen staff knowledge and teaching practices
- Continue to build upon existing community partnerships

Throughout the next couple of weeks we have several exciting events taking place at school.

Players from the **AFL Brisbane Lions will be visiting on Wednesday 24 February**. We will run a training session with a small group of students and the AFL stars, and hold a special parade at 2pm for students from Years 4-6 to direct questions to the players. Visitors are welcome to join us at the parade.

**Life Saving QLD will also visit Deception Bay SS on Wednesday 24 February** to run interactive presentations on surf safety, sun safety, marine animal safety, and lifesaving gear and equipment.

Our 2016 Student Leaders will be formally recognised and inducted into their leadership positions on Friday 26 February at the **Student Leader Induction Ceremony**. Feel free to join us in the Library for this special occasion.

**Thank you to the many parents who have supported our Meet the Teacher Sessions.** We understand that time is precious and we appreciate that so many parents took time out to attend these meetings. The partnerships that are established between teachers and parents are vital for supporting student learning and are highly valued within our school.

A friendly reminder that we have **phased out the plain yellow polo shirt and dress from our P&C endorsed school uniform options**. Please see our friendly staff in the Uniform Shop to purchase from our current uniform supplies.

In Sporting News, Deception Bay SS recently participated in the **Cluster Swimming Carnival** where our students competed against students from Deception Bay North SS, Moreton Downs SS and Christ the King. Two of our students were successful through to the next round. We wish Ryan and Gabby all the best in the District competition.

Last Friday, Mr Alexander and Mr Russell escorted 15 students the **Deception Bay Table Tennis Competition**. By all accounts this was a fun and entertaining day. The students showed great sportsmanship when they represented our school and we tied for first place with Moreton Down SS. **Interschool Sport begins for students in Years 5 – 6 from Friday 26 February.** This term we are competing in Soccer, Rugby League and Netball. Please return permission slips ASAP.

You are welcome to drop 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
Trudi Ivins
ACTING PRINCIPAL
Head Lice

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

Student Wellbeing/Behaviour

For the next two weeks, students will be focusing on the **CARE** aspect of the D Bay 3 rules. We are looking at “Care at a Show” – demonstrating good audience manners and “Care Before and After School” – how students need to behave when they arrive at school and after they leave the classroom at the end of the day.

Congratulations to the D Bay 3 winners for the last fortnight.

- Savannah 6G
- Imogen 6G
- Portia 4M
- Trystan 2M
- Samuel 1M
- Charlie PM

**DENTAL VAN**

The Dental Van is currently based at our school. The Service is free and bulk billed under Child Dental Benefit Scheme. There is no out of pocket expenses incurred.

**Photographs** will be taken on Tuesday 15th March 2016.

You will receive a flyer/envelope for each of your students explaining the products available. Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope, even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes.

**Students are to bring their envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day.**

**FACEBOOK**

Deception Bay State School now has a Facebook page. Please like our page so you can receive our posts of important school information.

**Children’s Dance Group**

**Starts 7th March 2016**

**When:** Monday & Friday (school terms only) **Time:** 4:00-5:00pm

**Expressions Drama Group**

**Starts 8th March 2016**

**When:** Tuesday & Thursday (school terms only) **Time:** 4:00-5:00pm

**For more information, contact Crystal or Bruce on (DBNC) 3204 2022**

**Where:**
Deception Bay Neighbourhood Centre 24 Endeavour Street
Deception Bay Qld 4508

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Interschool Sports**

Students in Yr 5 & 6 and Yr 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 $36.00 can be made for the entire competition.

They will be playing Rugby League, Soccer and Netball. The Sports will commence on Fri 26th February and goes for 9 weeks excluding the school holidays and the last Friday in the term. Consent Forms and Sport Contracts have gone home.

Students are required to wear full school uniform (Maroon Shirt) and appropriate footwear. **Training will commence next week. Players must attend.**

**P & C News**

P & C Meeting will be held this Thursday 18th February 2016 in the Uniform Shop at 3:00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Today Ryan and Gabbie attended the annual Redcliffe District Swimming Carnival representing our school. Well done Ryan & Gabbie.

**This Weeks Attendance**

89.5%

Well done to all the students who attended school everyday.