3rd March 2016

Our School Leaders for 2016

AFL Lions visit our School
From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Deception Bay SS will receive $264,060 in Australian Government, Investing 4 Success funding in 2016. This money will enable our school to identify student learning areas that require improvement and direct resources where it’s needed.

We will use this funding to:

- Increase student attendance to a minimum of 92%
- Increase the percentage of students meeting the National Minimum Standards in Reading, Writing and Numeracy in Years 3 & 5
- Develop and implement targeted invention programs for students who are not reading, writing or numerate at their level
- Improve teacher capability through focused coaching and professional development in the areas of Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

We recently received exciting news that we have been given funding to build a new playground for our Year 3 – 6 students. We plan to replace the existing smaller playground that is behind the Library with two new structures. Draft plans are underway and we expect to have students playing on the new equipment before the end of Term 2.

I strongly believe that we are all life-long learners. We have highly talented and dedicated teachers who are continually looking for ways to improve their skills and address the needs of students in their class. Over the past couple of weeks, staff members have reflected on their teaching skills and identified areas of strength and areas for further learning. It has been a pleasure for the school leadership team to meet with each teacher, discuss career aspirations and identify what we can do to be the best teachers possible for our students.

From Monday 14 March, we will be running a NAPLAN practice tests for all Year 3 and Year 5 students. It is important that our students have the opportunity to participate in a practice test so they experience the very strict protocols of the formal NAPLAN tests. Our teachers will then mark the tests and will be giving all students explicit feedback on how they can do their very best when they experience the formal tests in May. The NAPLAN Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, and Numeracy tests are scheduled for Tuesday 10 May, Wednesday 11 May and Thursday 12 May.

The Annual General Meeting of the Deception Bay State School P&C Association will be held on Thursday 17 March, commencing at 3pm. I would like to encourage all parents and carers to join us as we elect our new executive committee for 2016.

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
For the next two weeks, students will be focusing on the CARE aspect of the D Bay 3 rules. We are looking at “Care in the Classroom” – (Act safely! Respect others feelings! Look after all property!) and; “Care in the Playground” – (Wear a hat and shoes! Stay in correct areas! Look after equipment!)

Congratulations to the D Bay 3 winners for the last fortnight. Tanella 4G Ciara 5B Summa 6M Koopa 1M Raymond 1G Lucas 1G

**P & C News**

School Banking every Thursday Morning in the Uniform Shop.

**Red Food Day**

Menu: Subway
Wednesday 16th March
1st break only
Orders due back by 2:30pm
Wednesday 9th March, SORRY NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

**Kids Club**

Deception Bay Uniting Church
Kids Club is on Tuesday Afternoon 4:30pm – 6:00pm.
Join them for stories, games, activities and adventure for children from Prep to Year 6.

**School Photos**

Photographs will be taken on Tuesday 15th March 2016.
You will have received a flyer/envelope for each of your children 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.**

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Training will start for all Cross Country Competitors every Tuesday & Wednesday at 7:45am for the rest of the Term. Starting Tues 9th March 2016

**Interschool Sports**

Students in Yr 5 & 6 and Yr 4 have begun Interschool Sports on Fridays. A sports payment of $4.00 is to be paid weekly by all participating students or a payment of $32.00 can be made for the next 8 weeks.
Due to Roadworks the students will be getting back to school between 3:15pm and 3:30pm.

**Attendance News**

How can I tell if my child has anxiety?
Signs of anxiety in children may include:
Symptoms which occur before school (e.g. feeling nauseous, shortness of breath or headaches)
When the threat (fear of going to school) is taken away, the symptoms will reduce.

**What can parents do?**
It is important not to dismiss your child’s anxiety, but to help them see that the situations they are worried about may not be as bad as they think.

Listen to your child and encourage them to tell you about their feelings and fears. Discuss various scenarios, possible outcomes and ways to handle the situation. This will help put things in perspective.

**Every day counts**
If you need any more information or advice on getting your child to attend school every day please contact the Office on 3897 2444.

Why is regular attendance at school important?
Regular school attendance will mean that your child gets a better chance at life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day:
- They learn better
- They make friends
- They are happier
- They have a brighter future.

This Weeks Attendance
90.5%
Well done to all the students who attended school every day.