Grade 6 had fun at Camp
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week Mrs Todd and I had the privilege of visiting our Year 6 students and staff at camp which was held at Mapleton, in the Sunshine Coast hinterland. When we arrived, students were eager to share stories of the thrills they experienced on the “Possum Glider” harnessed activity, the mishaps and challenges of raft building and the archery competition where Mr Ryley hit the bullseye and won the prize. Being a great sport, Mr Ryley passed on his prize to the next closest participant. We received positive feedback about our students’ behaviour and participation from the camp instructors. Thank you Ms Billett, Mr Ryley, Mrs Best, Mrs Eugarde and Mr Russell for supervising and caring for our students at camp.

One of our 2016 school priorities is to improve student attendance. We have noticed a dip in attendance with our school attendance rate currently down to 90%. Please help us to raise this up to 92% by the end of the term. Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in 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.

The upgrade to the school’s wireless internet service went smoothly and the project was completed ahead of schedule. Thank you to all families and staff for your understanding and flexibility during the construction work.

Next week (10th, 11th & 12th May) students in Year 3 and 5 will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Please ensure your child arrives on time so they have enough time to be organised for the tests.

We will be welcoming 5 primary school principals and the Assistant Regional Director to Deception Bay SS on Friday 13th May. They are keen to hear about the wonderful initiatives that we have implemented here and they are interested in visiting classrooms to see our quality teachers in action. This is a great opportunity for us to share our programs and innovations.

I wish all our athletes success in the upcoming District Cross Country scheduled for Tuesday 18 May. Students have been training hard with Mr Alexander and are to be commended for their efforts. Good luck!

Upcoming Important Dates

- May 10-12  NAPLAN TESTING
- May 25  Cybersafety Presentations for Year 5 & 6 students
- May 27  Dance Party
- June 7  Red Food Day
- June15-17  Athletics Carnival
- June TBC  Night of Music
- June 20-24  Parent/Teacher Interviews
- June 24  Community Breakfast/Celebration Day
- June 24  Last day of Term 2

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
Student Wellbeing/Behaviour

For the next two weeks, students will be continuing to focus on the CARE aspect of the D Bay 3 rules. We are looking at “Care when Lining Up” and “Care in Eating Areas”.

P & C News

The next P & C Meeting has changed from Thurs 19th May to Thursday 26th May 2016. Starting 2:45pm in the Resource Centre.

Mother’s Day Stall will be open tomorrow Friday 6th May from 8:00am – 8:20am in the Uniform Shop.

Mother’s Day Raffle winner was Jade of 4M.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Cookie Dough Fundraiser coming soon. More information to follow.

Tuckshop News

PLEASE NOTE: The Tuckshop will be changing from Tuesday to Wednesday starting 11th May 2016. Student who buy lunch on a Wednesday will go into a draw for a $5.00 voucher. The Tuckshop will still be open on Fridays.

FACEBOOK

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

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.

Sports News

Redcliffe District Cross Country Carnival is on Wednesday May 18th for students who have been selected.

Interschool Sport update

Next Friday 13th May will be our last day of Interschool Sport. Could students please pay any outstanding amounts due.

Dance Party

Our Dance Party will be held on Friday 27th May 2016 for Preps to Year 6 starting at 5:45pm to 7:30pm at the Flexi Centre across from the School, King Street.

Cost will be $6.00 per child, or $10.00 for 2 children, or $15.00 for 3 or more children. Food is $4.00 with a choice of pizza and drink. Glow Products will be on sale. Bracelets for $1.00 & Chokers for $2.00 each. This Dance Party is only for Deception Bay State School students but Parents/Legal Guardians may help with supervision.

Gr 6 Camp

Grade 6 students returned from Camp yesterday after having a wonderful time. They enjoyed lots of activities.

This Weeks Attendance

90%

Well done to all the students who attended school every day.