25th August 2016

Celebrating Book Week
Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday, we were entertained by Gibbah Gunyah Aboriginal Dance Group during NAIDOC activities. Students and staff across the school embraced the rich traditions and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. If you have walked through the school recently, you would have seen a new mural coming to life under A Block. This masterpiece has been created by Miss Vicki (DBSS Indigenous Community Officer) and students from our school and the Indigenous Playgroup. Thank you to Mrs Todd and Miss Vicki for organising the activities for us to enjoy.

As you are aware, attendance is a core priority for our school community. It is everyone’s responsibility (the student, the parents and the school staff) to ensure that every child has full time regular attendance. We all want our children to do their very best at school – this is only possible if they attend every day.

As Principal, I have the responsibility to ensure parents are informed of their legal obligations about attendance and to implement strategies to manage enrolment, absences and chronic absenteeism. Each parent of a child who is of compulsory school age has the legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attends a state school or non-state school on every day for the educational program in which the child is enrolled unless the parent has a reasonable excuse. Occasionally, students may be sick and this is considered a reasonable excuse. It is however not a reasonable excuse to have the day off school for birthday celebrations, shopping or because friends are visiting.

We have a very comprehensive attendance strategy at Deception Bay SS to encourage student attendance.

- Each day, every class calculate their attendance percentage encouraging all students to attend every day.
- Students who attend full time every day for a week receive an icy pole.
- A class attendance award is awarded on assembly every week.
- Students who achieve 100% attendance have letters sent home to their parents, acknowledging their outstanding attendance.
- If a student is absent from school, parents and carers are to inform the child’s teacher or Front Office by note, email or phone call.
- School staff will follow up on unexplained absences via letters, emails and phone calls.
- Where necessary, school staff will forward letters outlining the legislative requirements enforcing students’ attendance and the fines parents can receive if they do not ensure their children are attending every day. I will also meet with these parents and their children.

I will be on Long Service Leave for the last two weeks of Term 3. Mrs Todd will be acting as the Principal in my absence. Mrs Eugarde will move into the Deputy Principal position and Mrs Best will step into the Head of Special Education position. I have every confidence in these ladies to lead the school through to the holidays.

You are welcome to drop in and see me, telephone me on 38972444 or email me on principal@decebayss.eq.edu.au with any queries or concerns.

Warm Regards

Trudi Ivins
PRINCIPAL
P & C News

Please note the change of date for Cent Auction it is now to be held on Saturday 10th September at the John Naumann Hall, Deception Bay Sportgrounds, Deception Bay Road. Doors open 9:30 for 10.30am start. Entry Fee Adult $5.00 and Children Free. Tickets $1.00 per sheet.

Fathers Day Stall

Father’s Day Stall will be held in the Parade Area on Tues 30th Aug 8:00 – 8:20am and Thurs 1st Sept 8:00-8:20am.

Regional Athletics

Our school now has 2 more students qualified to compete at the regional carnival bringing our total to 17. They are: Shannah Smith Terapia Nello

Interschool Sport started last Friday 19th August. Payment for Interschool Sport of $36.00 can be paid now or the students can pay $4.00 each week for the 9 weeks of competition. Students WILL NOT be able to participate without a signed permission form returned and $4.00 paid before school on each Friday.

Underwater World

Grade 2 will be going to Underwater World on Wednesday 7th September 2016 at a cost of $14.00 per student. Permission form and money are due no later Wed 31st August 2016.

Historical Village Caboolture

Grade 3 will be going to Historical Village on Thursday 1st September 2016 at a cost of $11.00 per student. Money and Permission Forms are due before next Monday 29th August 2016.

Prep Enrolments 2017

We are now taking Enrolments for Preps 2017. Please call into the school and pick up an enrolment package from the Office. Interviews will take place in Week 8 of this term. We will organise a time for your interview beforehand.

Music News

The Magical World of Disney School Concert

You are invited to attend a brilliant night of Disney-inspired performances by the students and staff of Deception Bay State School. Date: Friday 2nd September 2016 Time: From 6pm Venue: Flexi-Centre Hall (entry via King Street)

Cost: Gold coin donation per person or $10 per family. The P&C will be having a sausage sizzle from 4.30pm as well as selling raffle tickets to win great prizes. We look forward to seeing you there!

KidSing

Students in the Deception Bay State School Choir will be travelling to Kurwongbah State School on Friday 9th September 2016 from 9:45am-1:15pm. They will be performing songs in front of other choirs from our region. Please return permission forms and bus cost of $10 to the office by Thursday 8th September. We will be wearing our new music shirts for the first time which can be purchased or hired from the P&C Uniform shop.

This Weeks Attendance

88.7%
Well done to all the students who attended school every day.

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.

HATS

Could all students please bring their own hats to school with their names on them. We no longer have hats to borrow.