7th December 2016

Goodluck to our Graduating Year 6 Classes
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As the year draws to a close it is hard for me to believe that I have already completed a full year as the Principal at Deception Bay State School. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our dedicated staff and beautiful school community.

Next year, we will be introducing a Welcome Launch afternoon. Parents and students are invited to come into school on Friday 20th January to meet class teachers and drop off school belongings before the first day of school. We will be opening the school and classrooms from 2pm until 3pm. This opportunity is not compulsory however we feel this will assist our students to have a positive start to the new school year.

At the end of each school year we sadly have to say farewell to members of our team. Firstly, we farewell Graham Ryley, our much loved Year 6 teacher, who has decided to retire after his loyal years of service with Education Queensland. His compassion and care for children, along with his happy, easy-going personality make him hard to replace. Secondly, we farewell Rhonda Wilson, our long serving Prep teacher who has also worked with the Deception Bay community for 13 years. Rhonda has accepted a transfer to Strathpine SS to be closer to home. We also wish Michelle Kingsbury all the best for 2017. Michelle is taking leave to pursue new interests and study. Kristy Reid, Speech Language Pathologist and Nicola McGolderick, Instrumental Music teacher will be moving on to new schools in 2017. We will be welcoming back Ruba El-Halab to the SLP role and John Gynther will rejoin our Music team. Several Teacher Aides, including Kerry Taylor, Libby Onofia, Michelle Dobson 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 2016 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 a positive future! I would also like to sincerely thank all parents and our community for their ongoing support throughout the 2016 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 2017.

2017 Important Dates

Uniform Shop Hours
17th January 2:30pm – 6:00pm
19th January 9:00am – 5:00pm

Welcome Launch – All year levels
20th January 2:00pm – 3:00pm (classrooms)

Prep Welcome Morning Tea
23rd January 8:30am – 9:15am (Library)

General Dates
School Start Date: Monday 23rd January

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

Warm Regards

Trudi Ivins
PRINCIPAL
2017 Book packs

Books for 2nd Round Collection will be available to be picked up on Tues 17th January 2017 between 2:30pm-6:00pm and Thurs 19th January 2017 between 9:00am-5:00pm. The Uniform Shop will be open during these times for the purchase of new uniforms.

TUCKSHOP will reopen the 2nd week back on Wednesday 1st February 2017.

School Terms 2017

First day of School is Monday 23rd January 2017. Term 1 finishes on Fri 31st March 2017. 2nd Term starts on Tuesday 18th April 2017 and finishes Friday 23rd June 2017. 3rd Term starts 10th July and finishes Friday 15th September 2017. 4th Term starts Tuesday 3rd October and finishes Friday 8th December 2017.

Presentation Day

Presentation Day Parade for all Grades will be Thursday 8th December 2017 at 9.00am. Everyone is welcome.

Volunteers Needed

If anyone is available to help in the Tuckshop next year please let the office know. Tuckshop days are on Wednesday and Friday.

Uniform Donation

If your child has out grown their uniform and you would like to donate it to the school please feel free to drop it into the Office.

Happy Holidays and See you All Next Year