DECEPTION BAY STATE SCHOOL

THE
“WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW”
BOOKLET

“BE YOUR BEST”
I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you and your family from all at Deception Bay State School.

Our purpose is simply … “to achieve the very best educational outcomes for every student at our school”.

We value working closely with all families to ensure that our children are happy, safe and learning their very best.

CONTACT DETAILS

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Deception Bay State School provides quality education for students from Prep through to Year 7.

THE SCHOOL DAY

First Bell 8:20am (Warning Bell)
This is the time when students move towards their classrooms, place their bags in the bag racks and enter their classroom.

First Session 8:30am – 10:30am
In this session, the focus in all year levels is Literacy.

First Lunch 10:30am – 11:10am
All students sit in their designated class areas for 10 minutes to eat their lunch. They then move to their designated play areas.

Second Session 11:10am – 1:15pm
In this session, the focus is on the Numeracy, Science, SOSE, Technology, Health and Physical Activity, and the Arts.

Afternoon Break 1:15pm – 1:55pm
All students sit in their designated class area for 10 minutes to eat their lunch. They then move to their designated play areas.

Third Session 1:55pm – 2:30pm
Students will be finalising their class work for the day in this last session.
What to wear?
At Deception Bay State School, we have pride in our appearance. The uniform should be worn every day, on all official excursions and for special activities. We are a “uniform school”, and our P & C Association strongly endorses the wearing of uniforms at all times.

THE UNIFORM
The basic school uniform is unisex and consists of:

- Polo shirt with the school emblem in school colours of maroon and gold
- Maroon shorts
- Socks – white
- Closed in shoes
- Maroon cap/legionnaire hat
- Maroon tracksuit for winter wear

In addition the following may be worn:
Girls:
- Maroon pleated skirt
- Maroon culottes/Skorts
- Dress uniform in maroon and White check with a gold line and Piping

Boys:
- Maroon Ruggers

Uniforms are available from the school Uniform Shop which operates underneath A Block, open on Tuesdays at 8.15am till 8.45am
Jewellery
Jewellery needs be kept to an absolute minimum. Watches and stud earrings are permitted. Loose and elaborate jewellery, rings, bracelets and other decorative pieces can be easily broken, present safety risks and therefore should not be worn.

If jewellery is worn as a cultural or religious practice, please contact the school and discuss the matter with the Administration.

Footwear
All students must wear suitable enclosed footwear and socks to school at all times. Thongs and slip on shoes are not safe in a school environment and should not be worn.

Hats
A hat is an essential part of our uniform and is recommended to be worn at all times. It is also essential for all Physical Education lessons.

A “No hat - No play” rule applies at lunch breaks, inter-house and inter-school sport and other special activities that are held outdoors.
HOW TO BEHAVE AT SCHOOL

All students have the right to learn in an environment where they feel safe, valued and empowered. At Deception Bay State School, a very high standard of behaviour is expected from all students.

Responsible Behaviour Plan

The school has a strong yet supportive Responsible Behaviour Plan in place. The plan outlines the school’s strategies in being pro-active in eliminating inappropriate behaviour at school. An abbreviated copy of this plan is included in all enrolment packages and a full copy is available on request from the Office.

School Rules

Our school rules are:
- CARE for yourself and others
- DO the right thing
- SPEAK kindly

Student are positively reinforced for displaying the appropriate behaviours through
- Deception Bay 3 Awards
- Doing the Right Thing Awards
- Student of the Week Awards
- Participation in Gold Star Days
- And much more

If students have difficulty displaying positive behaviours, consequences appropriate to the behaviour will be applied. For more information, please see our Responsible Behaviour Plan.
COMMUNICATION

We place great importance on working closely with our children’s families. By working closely together, our children will be able to truly achieve at school. We strive to make the home-school relationship as positive and enjoyable as possible.

We have many ways to work closely with parents and carers.

- Informal chats with the Principal, Deputy Principal and teachers before and after school.
- “Meet the teacher” Meetings at the start of each year.
- Emails with the Principal, Deputy Principal and teachers.
- A fortnightly newsletter is published highlighting all the school events.
- Class newsletters published each term.
- Special Days where parents are invited to the school to be a part of the regular school day – Curriculum Days, Sports Days.
- Formal Parent Teacher Interviews where parents and their child’s teacher sit down formally to discuss the child’s progress.
- Parents and Citizens Meetings (P & C) are held monthly and discuss any issue affecting children at school. Our P & C are a very friendly group of mums and dads who play a large role in children’s well being and education within the school. They also raise additional funds for students to ensure they have the very best.

Above all, we want to work very closely with you to ensure your son or daughter achieves the very best they can at Deception Bay State School. Please never hesitate to raise any issue with us.
School Calendar 2014

School Commences: TUESDAY 28 JANUARY

Easter Vacation: FRIDAY 4 APRIL to TUESDAY 22 APRIL

End Semester: FRIDAY 27 JUNE

Winter Vacation: FRIDAY 27 JUNE to MONDAY 14 JULY

Spring Vacation: FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER to TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER

End Semester: FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER

PUPIL FREE DAYS
Please note that pupil free days are in the school holidays

Thursday 23 and Friday 24 January

Three additional days within the Easter holiday or other negotiated flexible arrangements

Gazetted Holidays:

MONDAY 27 JANUARY AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY
FRIDAY 18 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY
MONDAY 21 APRIL EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY
WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL ANZAC DAY
MONDAY 9 JUNE QUEENS BIRTHDAY
MONDAY 11 AUGUST LOCAL SHOW HOLIDAY
MONDAY 6 OCTOBER LABOUR DAY
The ABC of Learning at DECEPTION BAY STATE SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE
Regular full-time attendance is essential for all students if they are to make the most of their learning. Our classroom doors are open at 8:20am for students to enter and settle for learning. Formal teaching begins at 8:30am. It is most important that all students attend school every day and for all the day. If your child is sick, please ring the Office to notify the class teacher of their absence.

BEHAVIOUR
We have very high behaviour expectations of our students. Students will learn best when they are focussed and behaving. Our three core school rules are CARE, DO and SPEAK. Please refer to the brochure entitled" Our Responsible Behaviour Plan” for a detailed account of our behaviour policies and procedures.

CURRICULUM
The curriculum refers to “what” we teach our children. Our subjects include English, Maths, Science, Studies of Society and the Environment (SOSE), Technology, the Arts (Music, Dance, Drama, Art and Media) and Languages Other than English (LOTE). As with all schools in Australia we teach the National Curriculum – the same subjects and standards as are taught in every school throughout Australia.

DIET
A healthy diet is most important for learning. We ask all parents and carers pack a healthy lunch for their child – sandwiches or wraps with a nutritious filling and fruit. Please do not pack sugary foods for your children as they do not provide for the lasting energy students need for their learning. Please note there are two lunch breaks in the school day so children need lunch for both. All children benefit from bringing a water bottle to school each day – they are permitted to have a water bottle at their desk during the school day.

EXCURSIONS
Throughout the school year, our students will participate in school excursions. These excursions are always closely connected to what the students are studying in their different subject areas. Our excursions are always kept as cheap as possible to ensure every student in the class can attend them.
FIRE DRILLS
To ensure student safety in the event of a fire, we practise fire drills throughout the school year. The fire siren is the intermittent sounding of the school siren. In the event of a fire drill, all students move under the direction of their teacher to the school oval. It is most important that any person within the school grounds follows the fire drill procedures should the fire siren sound.

GOALS
Our students are strongly encouraged to develop goals for their learning. Teachers will assist their student develop their next reading goal, their next Maths goal etc. It is most important that all students are striving to achieve the next level in all aspects of their learning.

HOLIDAYS
The School Holidays for the 2014 school year are as follows:
We ask that wherever possible, holidays are not taken throughout the school year so as not to interrupt student learning.

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INTERSCHOOL SPORT
Interschool Sport is offered to students in Years 5, 6 and 7. Students have the opportunity to play in school teams and travel on a Friday with their team and teacher/coach to play students from neighbouring schools. In addition to playing the sport on a Friday, students are also expected to attend regular practices throughout the week and commit to their team.
JEWELLERY
Jewellery is very precious and needs to be left at home. Only very simple ear rings – small sleepers/studs - are permitted. A watch and signet ring is also permitted. The P & C have ruled that there is to be no facial piercings at our school.

KINDNESS
As part of our “CARE” rule, we ask all school community members treat each other with kindness. Please refer to our school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan for more information on our CARE rule.

LOCKDOWNS
To ensure student safety in the event of an intruder in our school, we practise lockdown drills throughout the school year. The lockdown siren is the continuous sounding of the school siren. In the event of a lockdown drill, all students are to remain in their classroom under the direction of their teacher. Doors and windows are to be locked. It is most important that any person within the school grounds also remain inside a locked room for the duration of the lockdown.

MOBILE PHONES
Mobile phones are expensive and need to be kept safely. Students are to hand in their mobile phones to the School Office at the start of the school day and are to collect them at the end of the school day.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN stands for the National Assessment Plan for Literacy and Numeracy. NAPLAN involves tests in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy for all Year 3, 5 and 7 students within Australia. NAPLAN tests are in May of each year.

ONESCHOOL
One School refers to the database that we keep all student records. The One School database is very safe with all student records being kept confidential.

P & C
P & C refers to the Parents and Citizens Association which is comprised of parents and carers from the school. It is a friendly group who assist the school with decision making and fundraising. The P&C meets monthly – the third Tuesday of each month at 3:00pm in our hall.
QUESTIONS
We invite all parents and carers to be closely involved in their children’s education. Please ask questions!

RESPECT
We ask all school community members – staff, students, parents carers and other community members to respect one another at all times. We also ask that all school community members respect the belongings of others, school and school facilities and our school environment.

STATIONERY PACKS
It is most important that all students have access to their stationery requirements – pencils, pens, writing pads, dictionaries etc … Students are significantly disadvantaged if they do not have the books they need to learn. If for any reason you are unable to provide your child with a stationery pack, please contact the school Office.

TEACHER MEETINGS
We value working closely with parents and carers. Each year, we offer all parents and carers the opportunity to meet formally with their child’s teacher to discuss their child’s progress. These are called Parent Teacher Interviews. In addition to formal Parent Teacher Interviews, please feel free to approach a teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time to chat about your child’s progress. All parents and carers are also encouraged to have a chat with the Principal or Deputy Principal should they wish.

UNIFORM
Deception Bay State School is a “uniform school”. Our uniform is endorsed by the Parents and Citizens Association and it is important that all students wear the correct uniform. Please refer to earlier pages for a detailed description of the school uniform. If for any reason, parents and carers find it difficult to provide the proper school uniform for their children, please see the Principal who will be able to assist with a suitable uniform. Please note students are not to wear make up and hair is to be of a natural colour.

VISITORS
Visitors are welcome at Deception Bay State School. All visitors to our school are required to present at the Administration Office and “sign in”. Visitors are also required to read our Fire Evacuation and Lockdown Drills to ensure they are familiar with them. Visitors are also required to “sign out” when they leave the school. If the visitor is not a parent of a child attending our school, they are required by Education Queensland to show their “Blue Card” (Suitability to work with Children
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WET WEATHER
Our school has a “wet weather policy” when it rains. When raining at lunchtimes, students are to remain in their classrooms under the supervision of their teachers. All children have the opportunity to have a break from their formal learning— to eat their lunch and play board games or other suitable activities.

XTRA EFFORT
All students at Deception Bay State School are strongly encouraged to put extra effort into their schoolwork. It is by hard work and persistence that we achieve and succeed in our goals.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A PARENT
We value having a close partnership with all parents – it is by working together that your child’s learning can be maximised. Please be as involved as you can with your child’s education – attending Parent Teacher Information sessions, Parent Teacher Interviews and where possible volunteering in the classroom. If you ever have any concerns about your child at school, in the classroom or the playground, please see their class teacher as soon as possible or see the Deputy Principal or the Principal.

ZZZZs
ZZZZs or sleep is so important for every child. All children need quality uninterrupted sleep each night to ensure they are able to learn properly at school.