



9th February 2017

From the Principal

We have continued a very positive start to the school year. It's been pleasing to see that our Monday morning assembly time has continued to be popular with parents. Those who attended on Monday, were treated with our first class item for the year. 3/4 P presented a item with many interesting details about the origin of the Australian flag, as well as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. Congratulations to Mrs Power and her class in their preparation and confidence on the day. If you missed their class item, feel free to pop into the Office to see their display.



We will be endeavouring to include a class item approximately fortnightly throughout the year.

Congratulations also to our 2017 School Captains, Bastien, Alijah, Ellie and Laura. After two weeks at school, they have now all had the opportunity to lead the community at Assembly. Our School Captains have shown confidence and have worked hard to overcome their initial fears. I look forward to working closely with

our Captains over the year to continue to develop their leadership skills.

I have been overwhelmed with the number of Year 6 students who have applied for our other leadership positions: House Captain, Student Council, Media Crew, Music Captain, Band Captain and Cultural Captain. While it may not be possible for each applicant to be awarded a position, it is encouraging to see that the students in this school have such a strong sense of wanting to 'make a difference' and being involved in various ways within our community. These positions will be finalised in the coming week, with our Student Leader Induction Ceremony planned for Week 5.

Last year, our school partnered with Centacare to provide some valuable programs to families in our community. This term, we are pleased to be able to offer the following programs:

- **123 Magic Parenting Education Program:** This program is an evidenced based program that provides parents with ideas and strategies which can help them to more effectively manage difficult behaviour in their children. These methods required the parent to use less talk and helps children to manage their own emotions. The program is provided in three sessions (once per week for three consecutive weeks). There is a minimal cost of \$10 which covers the cost of the workbook. Sessions this term will be run at Dutton Park State School on Mondays 27 February, 6 March and 13 March from 9.30 – 11.30 am.
- **I Can Program:** This program runs over 6 weeks from 22 February, and is aimed at students in Years 1 to 3 who lack confidence and find it difficult to make friends.

If you are interested in attending 123 Magic or including your child in the I Can program, please contact me either via the school Office (Ph: 3010 8333) or via email (principal@duttonparkss.eq.edu.au)

Many of your children may have been talking about receiving 'train tickets' recently. These tickets are a part of our school-wide approach to encouraging positive behaviours, most specifically the expectations of Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner. Students are able to redeem these tickets for prizes. I would

encourage you to ask your child regularly about the specific behaviours they are demonstrating at school to be rewarded with 'tickets'.

Tonight, as you would all be aware, is our Parent Information Night. I would encourage you to come along if possible, to meet your child's new teacher and hear about what will be happening in their class throughout the year. There will be two identical sessions for parents, with the first from 5.30 to 6 pm, and the second 6.15-6.45 pm. Teachers will be offering individual Parent-Teacher Interviews throughout Weeks 5 and 6.

Nicole Goodwin
Principal

P&C News

15/2/2017 - Annual General Meeting
P&C

21/2/2017 - P&C meeting

Book Club

It's bookclub ordering time again!! The brochures for the first Book Club for the year have now been handed out. Orders are due back by Friday 10th February. Any queries please phone Coralie on 0410 446 091.

School Information

Hours

First Bell: 8:45am

Dismissed: 3:00pm

Pick-up zone unsupervised from
3:15pm

Contact

Student Absences: 3010 8360

Administration: 3010 8333

Facsimile: 3010 8300

Email

admin@duttonparkss.eq.edu.au

Web

duttonparkss.eq.edu.au

Parents & Citizens Association

Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at
6:30pm

All parents and caregivers invited to
attend. Please email:

pandcsecretary@duttonparkss.eq.edu.au

Religious Instructions

Catholic Sacrament of Confirmation 2017

If you have a child who is currently in year 3 or older and feel ready as a family to prepare with your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2017 please collect a form from DPSS school office. Or contact the Parish Office on (07) 3844 2744, or the sisters on (07) 3252 4441,

Email:

sacramental.duttonpark@bne.catholic.net.au

Preparation lessons will begin on Sunday 19th February, St Francis Church, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End. The Candidates will celebrate their Confirmation on Sunday 14th May at 9.00am mass.

Plush Family Adventure

Thursday February 23rd, 3.30 - 4.30pm, Ms Farrell's room. Come and hear about the adventures of the

Before & After School Care

Morning: 6:30am - 9:00am

Afternoon: 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Telephone: 3844 4474

Email: adp@ymca.org.au

Web: www.ymca.org.au

Date Claimers

09 Feb - Parent Information Evening (5.30pm & 6.15pm session times)

15 Feb - Annual General Meeting P&C

20 Feb - Leadership Badges presentation at assembly - 9am

22 Feb - Prep Vision Screening

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A strong voice for the future

  

Plush Family in the Marshall Islands.

Ayli (1/2A), Don and Rae spent 2016 living on this coral atoll. Rae was volunteering with Australian Volunteers International.

This interactive presentation will cover living on a remote island in the North Pacific and to learn about the Marshallese culture.

Hope to see you there!

Cheers Rae



Community News

21 March is Harmony Day - a time for students and staff to celebrate our cultural diversity.

Schools have always been Harmony Day's greatest supporters.

Teachers and staff create important opportunities for students to think, talk about and recognise how our differences make Australia a great place to live.

With Harmony Day fast approaching on 21 March, we've developed new tools and resources tailored especially

for schools to help make it easy for you to plan your Harmony Day activities.

- Take two minutes out and register an event for your class or school! Events are still one of the best ways to celebrate cultural diversity on Harmony Day. Your school will receive free promotional products when you register your event.
- Need help with an event? Whether you're looking for new ideas or resources new schools event planning kit will help guide you through the process. We also have an online promotional kit that includes digital graphics, web badges and online products you can use to help promote Harmony Day in your school.
- Dedicated resources for schools - lesson plans for early childhood, primary and early secondary, videos and other educational resources, many of which align with the Australian Curriculum, are now available in a dedicated section for schools.

We'd love to hear stories about your Harmony Day activities from your classroom. Share your stories and photos on our [website](#) and on social media using #harmonyday or connect on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#).

Want to keep informed? [Subscribe](#) to our mailing list to receive email updates.

We look forward to hearing about your celebrations!

Many thanks

Harmony Day Team

Uni Job Spot

Let me introduce ourselves, we are Uni Job Spot a new website dedicated to posting jobs specifically for the University Students of South-East Queensland. We have found that Parents in particular, are always looking to hire University Students and up until now have never had access to one place to do that.

Does a student need help with their Japanese or History studies? Perhaps the parents want a psychology student, to help out with a special needs child. Or a French Au Pair for a semester. Someone to do extra jobs

around the house or mow the lawn at an elderly family members house. There are many things parents look to Uni students to help with and now they have a direct access to them with Uni Job Spot. All they have to do is sign up and post the job and the students will come to them. At \$30 to post the job for two weeks it is the cheapest option out there and they can hire as many people as they need.

Maybe the school itself is in need of extra hands, students to do a few weeks of work experience or a paid post. Uni Job Spot can cover it all.

We are currently affiliated with students from a range of Tertiary Education Schools, including UQ, the University of the Sunshine Coast, Central University of Queensland and the University of South-East Queensland. We have new students signing up each day.

Never has employing a University Student been so easy!

With Thanks,
Christie

ACTivate Children's Club

Bazil Grumble is running a fantastic series of FREE workshops, as part of the ACTive Parks program with Brisbane City Council. It would be greatly appreciated if you could assist us in promoting the workshop series to the students at your school.

Details are as follows:

ACTivate Children's Club (after school club)

Come and get healthy and active, meet new friends and develop a new skill each week. Using balls, hoops, parachutes, tunnels, jumping sacks, puppets, storybooks, costumes and music, participants will explore all the different ways their growing bodies can move. These sessions will ACTivate the children and their caregivers and have a focus on creativity and fun in a safe, relaxed and energetic environment.

Please note that this workshop is FREE.

There will be two sessions running

simultaneously at the workshops – one for children from three to four years of age, and one for children from five to 10 years of age. Children register just once for the full eight week program.

Every Friday from 10 February 2017

3.45pm to 4.45pm

Orleigh Park, West End

Bookings are essential and can be made by visiting:

www.bazilgrumble.com.au

Smith Family Saver Plus Program

Many of our successful families have received \$500 in matched savings to assist with costs such as:

School Uniforms and shoes

- *Text Books and Stationary needs*
- *School Camps and excursions*
- *Sporting, Art, Dance or Music fees*
- *Laptops or iPads*

******See Parent Hub for more Information******

**BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR
SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE
TO LIFE !**

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France mid year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. Arriving in June, all the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses ,and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It's fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you'd like know more, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au or call 0438 689828.

**Supporting your child with
Anxiety**

If your child shows signs of normal childhood anxiety, you can support them in several ways:

- Acknowledge your child's worry or fear – don't dismiss or ignore it. Help your child see that the situation may not be as bad as they think.
- Gently encourage your child to do things they are anxious about, but don't push them to face situations they don't want to face. Encourage your child to give things a go to give them the opportunity to see they may be able to do it!
- Praise your child for facing their fears. Praise for a good effort rather than on performance or outcome!

******See Parent Hub for more Information******

Tennis Court • Oval • Cricket Nets • Half-Court Basketball • Arts & Activities Centre
School facilities are for hire (fee applies) by the community. Anyone interested should contact the office and complete the Hire of Facilities agreement form.



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