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YEAR 6 TRANSITION CAMP TO FAITH LUTHERAN COLLEGE
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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**A Snap Shot of Term 3**

Being the last week of Term 3 I would like to acknowledge the work of students, staff, parents and the wider school community, ensuring that learning is valued and students achieve at Dirranbandi P-10 School. It has been a busy and productive term, some notable achievements include:

- The outstanding collaboration of students, parents and teachers at this term’s PLP meetings.
- The excellent participation of our Year 4-6 students in the School Public Speaking Competition and students that went on to represent our school at the Balonne Public Speaking Competition.
- The fantastic work of the Student Representative Council in organising fundraising ventures and being the voice of their peers.
- The amazing sportsmanship and effort displayed by students at our school Athletics Carnival.
- The commitment of our students participating in district and regional sporting events.
- The achievement of many students in this year’s NAPLAN Tests.
- The outstanding participation of our students and staff during celebrations for Literacy and Numeracy Week. Dress up day was a hit!
- The outstanding success of the Year Six Transition camp.
- The strengthening of partnerships with Community Services, including the Dirranbandi Police, Police Liaison Officers, the Sport and Recreation Officer and the Balonne Indigenous Cultural Officer.
- The continuation of the schools action research project around Age Appropriate Pedagogies, this is in partnership with the Department of Education and Training and Griffith University. Through the project we aim to ensure students are engaged, motivated and achieving to their potential in the early years and beyond.
- The participation of students in Sporting Schools and Homework Centre

**Welcome**

- To St George High School work experience student Olivia Hoolihan to the Primary School. We hope you have enjoyed your week.

**Congratulations To …..**

- The many students who participated in Thursday’s rewards’ session! Well done on a great term of positive behaviour and learning choices!
- Our Year 6 students who attend Year 6 Transition Camp at Faith Lutheran this week. We are very proud of the way you represented our school. We hope you had an excellent time and learnt some important skills to prepare you for high school!
- Our Attendance winner for last week, Year 9 with 100%; second with 95.5% was Prep and third was Year 7 with 94.5%. At the end of this week we will announce the winner of our Term 3 Attendance Competition. The winners have a choice of how to celebrate their win. Usually this is a food option! For our first five weeks of Term 3 we averaged 78% attendance and have shown an increase in the past four weeks with an average of 85%. With Spring now here, hopefully the dreaded flu bugs have disappeared. Let’s give our best effort to increase our attendance in Term 4. It was mentioned on parade to achieve our 90% goal, each child should have no more than 5 days off for the Term. This is achievable!

**Thank You…**

- Pam Crothers of the Dirranbandi Arts Council for involving our students in the Arts Council’s Place Making Posts Project. Students had the opportunity to design images that best represent Dirranbandi. Some of their designs will be selected to be stencilled on the posts that will later be displayed around the town.
- Mrs Hegarty, Mr Geary and Miss Betts for accompanying students on Transition Camp. A special thank you to Mrs Hegarty for organising the camp.
- Parents for ensuring your child is at school every day. Thank you also to the many parents that promptly call the school in the morning to notify that their child is absent.
- Staff for making Rewards’ Day happen. Students presented their wish list to staff of what they would like rewards day to look like. Lots of fun was had by all!
- PLO Adam Osborne and Officer Shelly for joining in the Reward’s Day celebrations with students.

Wishing the Dirranbandi School Community a happy and safe break. I look forward to seeing students and staff at the beginning of Term 4, Tuesday 04 October!

*Mrs Andrea Killen - Principal*
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Cultural Enrichment Holiday Program Activities
To be held at Dirranbandi School
Times: 10.00am – 1.00pm

When: Week 1  > Monday 19th Sept 2016
Week 2  > Monday 26th Sept 2016
Registration forms will need to be completed if you haven’t done so.

Arts & Craft  Painting  Beading  BBQ
Indigenous Dancing  Sports  BBQ
Dancing  Traditional Games  Cooking

Thank you to all. With families communicating with school and adhering to timelines, things are all on track and we are ready for our big adventure. Only one more important thing to do ... all camp students and their luggage need to be at the school, Sunday 9th of October by 6am!

Itinerary: Students have made great decisions, the tickets are ordered and the gear is organised to make these experiences memorable.

- Remember if you opted for the (Ride BMX) you will need to provide your own bike helmet.

What to bring:
- water bottle
- swimmers with beach towel that are to be packed in the school backpack.

And good luck with the packing!!

Excitement factor: Now the countdown is really on ... Only the weekend, the school holidays, 1 public holiday, 4 school days and another Saturday to go (or 22 sleeps)!!!
**YEAR 6 CAMP**

**Sunday 11/09/2016**
Today we boarded the bus at 7am in Dirran. Lollies were had before Noondoo Hill! We had loads of fun singing and laughing on the bus. Mr Geary didn’t mind us making this ruckus. We stopped in Toowoomba to have lunch with Miss Mandy Staines and pick up Lachlan. Luckily Miss Betts packed a vortex and soccer ball for us to play with. When we arrived at Faith Lutheran we were impressed by all the beautiful buildings, how big it was and the gorgeous landscaping. We had lots of fun shopping with our teams, including ‘Mr Dad’ (aka Mr Geary), taking over the Woolies store and stocking up like D o o m s D a y Preppers. After a delicious dinner of chicken, ham and salad we watched ‘Eddie the Eagle’ and had dessert. We have had a fantastic time already!

**Monday 12/09/2016**
Today we woke up bright and early (before 6am!!!! much to Miss Betts’ dismay) and had a scrumptious cooked breakfast including; eggs, bacon, beans, spaghetti, toast and yoghurt. Then we met our amazing buddies who welcomed us to their gigantic school. During the whole school parade they gave us a special welcome. We then caught the bus to a sports field where we played one of the following choices: soccer, touch football or soccer. Some standouts from the day included Olivia scoring her first try ever, Emma taking on some very tall Year 7 girls in netball and Lachlan’s team winning the overall soccer trophy.

We loved the chicken/ham and salad rolls and getting to meet lots of new personalities. In the afternoon we went to the Transport Museum in Gatton, where we got to climb in a fancy new truck cabin and play with the controls on the dashboard. We then raced each other on pedal bikes (on a track) and managed to convince Mr Geary to push us. We hit down town Gatton, shopping up a storm at Wacky World and Target, with Mrs Heg treating us to a frozen coke at Maccas, resulting in braaaiiiinnnn freeeeezzzzeeeeesss!!!!!! We were all glad for a shower before having our delicious pizza and watching ‘Finding Dory’.

**Tuesday 12/09/2016**
Year 7 is SO much fun!!!! Today we met up with our buddies and they took us to their regular Tuesday classes. Some of us got to do robotics, science experiments, watch the movies students made in Media, Visual Art and Drama.
“I enjoyed challenging myself at a higher level of schooling. It ended up being surprised at how much fun it was!” Olivia
“I enjoyed playing with the robots which were inside plastic balls, we manually drove them on the computer.” Lucy
“It was happy when my buddy and I watched a movie that linked to HECS.” Emma
“In the afternoon I loved playing dodge ball with the older kids, I even got someone out! It turns out I’m pretty good!” Tilly
“My buddy was great - he baked Klaus and I a cupcake and looked after us really well!” Lachlan
“I enjoyed hanging out with my buddy and seeing what High School was like.” Maddie
“It was great getting to watch a movie in HECS.” Martin
“I liked seeing the car in the workshop, high school kids learn how to fix stuff.” Klaus
“This afternoon Jacob (Year 11) played a running game with us, he threw the Vortex really high and we had to catch it. It was a cross between Netball and Gridiron.” Jake
“It was fantastic to see the Year 6 students learning independence and confidence as they navigated between a range of Year 7 classes.” Miss Betts

**A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!**
**ARTISTS AT WORK**

Children preparing designs for 'Place Making Poles Project'. The poles will be placed at the corner of Kirby and Railway Streets. This is a part of the Rail & River Precinct initiative preserving heritage and celebrating our community. Most businesses have a copy of the Rail & River Master Plan which was designed after a consultation process with Zen Landscaping and community members. Some fantastic designs have been created! Thank you!

**YEAR 7-10 VISUAL ARTS CLASS**

Students completing their major assessment item in this terms Year 7-10 Visual Art unit focusing on sketching and drawing.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

DIRRAN ARTS COUNCIL PRODUCTION

“NOTHING SHORT OF MASTERFUL” — THE SYDNEY TIMES
“ARTFUL...” — THE NEW YORK TIMES

The Dirranbandi Civic Centre will host a production of "SHOUGO" by Japanese playwright Tadashi Endo. The play explores themes of identity and belonging, and promises to be a thought-provoking and entertaining experience for all audiences.

DIRRAN ARTS COUNCIL PRODUCTION

PONY CLUB CAMP CANCELLED

It is with regret after falls from 30-45mm in Dirranbandi that we have decided that we will have to cancel Pony Camp for the week starting 19th September 2016. We have deliberated over it but the grounds are so wet, as are the showgrounds, it is just beyond our control! This is disappointing for all of us but on a positive note it is great for our pasture, stock and crops!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

JRL MEETING AND PRESENTATION EVENING

The President of the Dirranbandi Junior Rugby League Inc. cordially invites all members, players & families, coaches & sponsors to attend the

2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at 4PM

and

2016 ANNUAL PRESENTATIONS

at 5 PM

on

Saturday 22nd October 2016

at the Dirranbandi Motel

Please come and join us for the presentation of end of season awards, drinks, nibbles and dinner afterwards.

To RSVP or for more details please contact
- Grant Murphy 0428 261 969
- Edwina Graham 0437 258 000

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SWIM CLUB SIGN-ON ARVO FOR 2016/17 SEASON

Dirranbandi Swim Club

Information and Sign On afternoon for the 2016-2017 Season

At 5.30 PM

Tuesday 4th October 2016 at

the Dirranbandi Pool

DATE CLAIMER

29 October 2016

THE PHANTOM DERBY RACES

The day will be full of entertainment with Fashions of the Field (Ladies Striky Black & White ensemble to enter), Live Entertainment by Agent 77, Fashion Parade by tv, Toowoomba, Calculata on the Derby, Foot Race and DJ, Full Bar & Cocktails. Numerous wide screen televisions and bookies will be there for you to enjoy the racing atmosphere and try your luck on the winning horse of the Derby.

Hosted by St George Jockey Club, St George Pony Club, St George Publicans Club together with AlcoVET Agencies

Gates Open 10am
ST GEORGE RACE TRACK

River Dragon Multicultural Festival

FRI 30 SEPTEMBER 6PM
- Wine and Cheese evening
- Indigenous welcome to country
- Smoking ceremony
- Indigenous music and dance display
- Art and Photograhy exhibition
- Live entertainment

SAT 1ST OCTOBER 6AM
- Best Dressed Window Competition
- Local businesses will participate by adopting a country of their choice and decorating a shop window accordingly.

SAT 1ST OCTOBER 9PM
- Street Parade (including ‘Classic Cars’ display)
- A parade exhibiting multicultural themed floats from various community groups and schools will proceed through town. St George’s ‘Classic Cars’ group will also participate.
- International Food Expo

Follow the street parade to the Amphitheatre where a wide variety of International dishes will be available for a free sample. A barbecue and hot chips will also be available for purchase.

- International Cooking Demonstration
- Bar and Live Entertainment

Around the World from Pub to Pub:

Local establishments will get involved by adopting a country and featuring an International Meal as a special.

SUN 2ND OCTOBER 2PM
- Barbecue Breakfast on the banks of the Balonne
- Dragon Boat Regatta
- Novelty Pageant Racing
- Dragon Country Markets

- Live entertainment at the Saint George Hotel to celebrate conclusion of Festival.