Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Happy Mother’s Day
This week our P&C have held a Mother’s Day stall. We hope that all the mothers, nanas and grandmas have a great Mother’s Day on Sunday. The P&C raised over $900 through the stall - thank you for your support.

Don’t forget that the Mother’s Day Garden Party High Tea is on Saturday morning from 10:00am - 11:30am at the North Pine Baptist Church. All money raised supports Chappy Beck and the Chaplaincy program here at Dakabin.

Our Prep and Prep/1 classes enjoyed pampering their mums, aunties and grandmas, and a few teacher aides were substituted in to make sure every child was able to participate.

NAPLAN 2016
Next week our students in Year 3 and Year 5 will sit the National Literacy and Numeracy Tests. On Tuesday they will complete their Grammar and Writing Assessment, Wednesday is Reading and Thursday is Number. They only take about 40 - 50min each.

At our school, these assessments are just another part of school life. We normalise this assessment so that children understand that assessment comes in different forms. We ask that parents be supportive of their children and just treat it as a normal school day. Throughout their schooling life they will be assessed in all manner of ways and NAPLAN is just another way of identifying their literacy and numeracy strengths and areas they can improve. We want children to try their best, have a go and not give up.

Student and Staff Illness
Over the last week we have had a few gastro and vomiting bugs and flus presenting for both staff and students. We would like to think our staff are super human but like your children they still get ill. As a community we can work collaboratively to minimise the transmission of illness. I would ask that parents be respectful of other children and staff and not send their children to school if they are obviously sick or unwell. As we head into Winter this becomes more of an issue.

Parent Representative Forum
Thank you to all of the parents who have nominated to be class parent representatives. Next Thursday, May 12, we will be holding our parent induction workshop. At the workshop we will explain the role, how it works, and seek some ideas from the representatives on how they would like to work in their role. More information will come home next week to the class parent reps.

Year 6 Camp
Parents who have not completed their payments for Year 6 camp, can you please make sure these are paid by May 25.

Cross Country
Congratulations to our students who participated in the Pine Rivers District Cross Country today. Our students’ behaviour was exceptional and they certainly represented our school with pride. Well done to all who ran and did their very best.

Late Arrivals and Student Absences
Please make sure that children who are late are accompanied by a parent if they are late to school. This is an important process that ensures the safety of our school students. Students who are absent for any reason either need a note to the teacher explaining their absence, a phone call to the absence line or an email to admin@dakabinss.eq.edu.au letting us know why your child is away.

Have a great week!
Kelly Jeppesen
Principal
Dakabee Award
Recipients for Term 2 Week 4

Be Safe
Emily Hopkins 5 Turquoise

Be Sensible
Isabella Jensen 4/5 Emerald
Hannah Thomassen 6 Tangerine
Nicholas Evans 3 Crimson
Baylee Watson-Warren 4/5 Sapphire
Zach Davenport 4 Garnet
Mialene Ras 6 Olive
Bailey Lackey 3 Violet
Cadence Thomson 2/3 Indigo

Be Respectful
Tyler Swensson 3 Navy
Taylor Blake 2 Teal
Matthew Belcher 2 Jade
Cooper Brack 4 Topaz

Japanese
Teneal Monssen 6 Olive

Music
Zachary Stevens 6 Tangerine

PE
Jamie Hanfling 2 Jade

YMCA
Phoenix Ryan Prep/1 Green

WELL DONE!

Winter Mapleton Adventure Camp
This is a fantastic camp happening in the first week of the school holidays for kids in grades 5 & 6 - I go along to this camp every year and it is so much fun. We get to try activities like archery, canoeing, abseiling, rock climbing, the giant swing, bush skills, NERF WARS and have an amazing time at Carnival Night!

If you would like to know more or to register your child jump on www.sucamps.org.au or speak to Chappy Beck.

SPORTING SCHOOLS UPDATE
The dates and time for the Sporting Schools activities have now been finalised.

Basketball: Monday 9th May 10.30 – 11.10 Basketball courts (meet at the library)

Cricket: Wednesday 11th May 10.30 – 11.10 Oval (meet at the Senior Undercover Area)

Rugby Union: Friday 20th May Year 3 activity 1.30 – 2.15 Oval

Dress Wacky for Wakakirri
Next Friday, Student Council have arranged Dress Wacky for Wakakirri. We want you to dress up in the wackiest clothes you can find - like long socks and mismatched clothes; you can even style your hair in a totally wacky way. There will be a gold coin donation to participate. The more of us who pitch in, the more we can help the Wakakirri students! So next Friday, dress up in the most wacky clothes and hairstyle you can think of...and don’t forget bring a gold coin donation.

School Banking
We are running a school banking competition where once you have put 13 deposits into your Commonwealth Bank account you will be eligible for a prize from our prize draw. There are 14 prizes to be won. We will put a note in your bankbook to let you know when you have reached 13 deposits and arrange for you to collect your prize.

Fun in the sandpit in the Prep Playground

Well done!