Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to school after the winter holiday break. I would like to give a warm welcome to the 26 new students and their families who have started at Dakabin this term. The influx of students is representative of the growth occurring in our local area, with new housing construction occurring nearby. You may have noticed that we have a housing development occurring right beside the school at the present time.

Uniforms
This week before school, on parade and also on Facebook, I have put out reminders to parents and students that our students need to be wearing appropriate uniforms. Royal blue jumpers, cardigans and pullovers, and royal blue tracksuit pants are the required items of clothing for winter. Girls are most welcome to wear black or royal blue tights underneath skirts and skorts. There are to be absolutely no hoodies. Some students have been wearing royal blue beanies which are acceptable on these cold, windy mornings. Black school shoes or joggers are the required footwear. Wearing the correct school uniform shows personal pride and self-respect by students. Your support with this is appreciated.

New Website Launch
On Friday 25 July our new website will go live. At the moment when you look up dakabinss@eq.edu.au you will still see our old website; this will be replaced by the new one. This week the newsletter will not be accessible through the website. One of the big advantages of the new website will be that it is linked to the Q Schools app. The Q Schools app is available free on your smartphone, and filters all of the current newsletters, news articles and calendar events as they are uploaded to the website.

Prep Information Evening
An information evening for parents wishing to find out about our school and the learning programs we offer will be held on Wednesday 23 July 2014 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm in the school library.

School Tours
Take a tour of our school with one of our administration staff to find out about our facilities, our school program and ask any questions you might have along the way. Meet us at the administration building for the guided tour of our school.

Tour Dates: Friday 29 August 2014 from 9.30am - 10.30am
Wednesday 17 September 2014 from 9.30am - 10.30am
OR Friday 31 October 2014 from 1.30pm - 2.30pm (the tours are the same)

Kind regards,
Kelly Jeppesen
Principal
P & C Update

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Kind Regards

Jacquie Gane (P & C President)

Jabiru News

The children at Jabiru are having a great time with our new play equipment – a gorgeous home corner, new sports equipment and a collage trolley that makes creativity easy.

We are having fun creating an edible garden for our entry in the Pine Rivers Show.

Come in before or after school to talk to Kerri about joining the fun. It’s easy to enrol and book, and it’s cheaper than you think.

Chappy’s Chat

Welcome to Term 3. I hope you all had a relaxing break and were able to spend some quality time with your kids. I had the privilege of visiting the south island of New Zealand for a road trip, followed by a ski week in Queenstown with my family. We had an awesome time! I definitely recommend snow sports to everyone! I love it!

Chappy’s Quote of the Week: “The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it” (Michelangelo). I recently watched an interview with Terri Irwin, wife of the late Steve Irwin. When Terri and Steve began their work together, they had a 4-acre zoo with a few animals and next to no money. They were both passionate about wildlife and land conservation, so they set about making films about what they were doing to fund their dreams. The first three years, Terri said, produced $0 profit! But as we now know, Australia Zoo is the largest zoo in Australia and currently, Terri’s organisation has purchased 500,000 acres of land for conservation! What an effort!

I’ll be honest: I’m scared of setting goals. What if I fail? What if I don’t live up to my own or others’ expectations? Steve and Terri Irwin had a dream. Even in her husband’s passing, Terri continued to strive for that dream and what surprises me the most is her response: “We have achieved more than I could have dreamed of, but there’s so much more to be done.” Dream big today. Aim high. There’s so much more to be done!

Chappy Josh

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all our students who participated in our Athletics Carnival late last term.

The students showed great sportsmanship and pride in their house. On the day there can be only one winning team and this year it was Magpies. Congratulations to our age champions!

10 years - Jenna Betts & Oscar Wakeham
11 years - Shanae Fooks & Taiki Matehe
12 years - Tiarna Morgan & Levi Nuku
13 years - Ariti Kaburowu & Declan Taylor

Nihongo Notes

みなさん、こんにちは（Minasan, Kon-nichi-wa）It is winter, or ‘fuyu’ here in Australia, so what season would it be in Japan? Haru (Spring), Natsu (Summer) or Aki (Autumn)? Regards

Sensei

Dakabee Award

Recipients for Week 1

Term 3

BE SAFE

Connor Tucker 1B

BE SENSIBLE:

Zoey Richardson 567 ACE
Nicholas Possey 67C
Karl Ratapu 67A
Jacob McIntyre 5A
Sahara Te Aouni Prep B
Travis Mara 3B
Regan Harding Prep C
Mikayla Hess 2B
Neveah Te Aouni 4A

BE RESPECTFUL:

Claudia Thomas 2A
Kady Filmanagan 234 ACE
Jasmine Vane 1/2C
Aidan Geraghty 4/5B
Jayden Potts 1A
Keyda Mackey 6/7B
Chloe Harper 3A
Ben Rumble 3/4C

LOTE: Daniel Flanagan 234 ACE
MUSIC: Devonia Mapusaga 5A
JABIRU: Aidan Geraghty 4/5B

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