Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Over this last week I have been privileged to take up the position as Acting Principal of our great school. I’m enjoying the challenge and look forward to the next six weeks. Thanks to the whole school community for your support.

This term we have welcomed 25 new families to Dakabin State School. Congratulations! We’re happy that you chose us and look forward to you becoming a part of our community.

**Pine Rivers District Athletics**

Congratulations to all of our athletes who competed in the District Track and Field Carnival this week. I have to share with the community how proud I am of our team. Not only did they perform magnificently, they were the best school on ground for behaviour and sportsmanship! It is a great feeling as an acting principal to be told how well behaved, encouraging and respectful our students were when they were down at the sports fields.

Congratulations must also go to Mr Tony McNee the convenor of the carnival. The carnival involved 24 local schools and 1,000 athletes across both primary and high school.

**Students with Illness**

We certainly know the that “Flu and Bug season” has hit. Over the week we have had to send up to four sick students home per day. Thank you to all parents who respond so quickly when we have to call. If you child is away please let the class teacher or office know. On top of the winter flu we have had one confirmed case of chicken pox, so please be vigilant.

**After school**

Just a timely reminder to parents, that sometimes if other students are going home with you the arrangements and communication about this should be parent to parent. If there are changes in who is picking up your child please also inform the office.

**Special Events and Excursions**

Please be checking the event list as over the next few weeks. There are some fantastic things happening in our school. We are particularly looking forward to welcoming our prospective Preps for 2015 to their transition days and interviews.

**Show Holiday—Don’t forget Monday 11 August is our Show Holiday for the Moreton Bay Regional Area**

Have a great week!

Lyn Griffiths

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**Upcoming Events**

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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS:**

Xander Holloway 1A
Chloe Harper 3A

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**What is the Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses?**

The Code outlines expected standards of primary, middle and secondary school student behaviour while travelling on buses so that bus travel can be safe and enjoyable for everyone. The Code encourages all students to be safe and responsible passengers, provides clear processes for dealing with misconduct, outlines categories of inappropriate behaviour, consequences for students who misbehave and the rights and responsibilities of those involved in school bus transport.

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**How can I help my children to be safe and responsible bus travellers?**

Parents/carers need to ensure that their children have the necessary skills and knowledge to be safe and responsible bus travellers and are capable of travelling independently on the bus. You can support your children by talking about the Code to ensure that they are aware of their rights and responsibilities and the consequences of misconduct on the bus.
We could learn a lot from crayons; some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, while others bright, some have weird names, but they all have learned to live together in the same box.

P & C Update

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a great turnout at our disco last week. I hope that everybody had a great time. A big thank you to all our volunteers on the night and a huge thank you to Jabiru for their donations and help on the night; because of this we were able to raise over $2000 for the school.

Have a great weekend!
Kind regards,
Jacqui Gane
P&C President

Chappy’s Chat

The CONNECT team and I canoed the upper Brisbane River for three days. I was really proud of the boys’ efforts, attitude and participation throughout camp, especially when the night time temperatures were in single figures! Next week, I will be away at the annual Chaplains’ Conference, but feel free to get in touch with me through the office for any urgent matters.

Chappy’s Quote of the Week: “No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite” (Nelson Mandela). I’m always interested in finding out why people do what they do, why people think what they think. So often, I read of people slandering other people, just for thinking something different from them.

As a chaplain, my role is to respect and support people from all walks of life, no matter their religion, no matter their background, no matter their beliefs. Of course, I have my own ideas about life, and each of us is entitled to that. But what about loving unconditionally? Loving no matter how different I am from those around me? Let’s teach our kids to love, to be united, to be a friend. Love keeps us alive.

Chappy Josh ☺

Nihongo Notes

凪はさん. こんにちは( Minasan, Kon-nichi-wa)
We’ve learnt the word for mother, so let’s try the names for other family members. Father is ‘otousan’ (pronounced ‘o-tor-san’), big brother is ‘otanisan’, big sister is ‘oneesan’ (pronounced ‘o-nair-san’), little brother is ‘otouto’ (pronounced ‘o-tor-to’) and little sister is ‘imouto’ (pronounced ‘ee-mor-to’).

Kysen Love was awarded for his Maths skills by Ms Jeppesen

Dakabee Award

Recipients for Week 4 Term 3

Be Safe
Javarne Lewis 1B

Be Sensible
Honey Cupples Prep C
Cooper Nott Prep C
Taylor Blake Prep A
Tyler Greenfield Prep A
Aiden Pearce Prep B
Ashton Rider Prep B
Shannon Slater 2/3D
Jayden Selby 3A
Bethany Halpin 567 ACE
Ashlyn Rush 3B
Baylee Watson 3/4C
Jackson Douglas 4/5B
Selena Byrne-Bagnall 67C

Be Respectful
Rachel Taylor 234 ACE
Lucas Marozza 2B
Jai Campbell 6/7A
Lisa Dohle 6/7B
Kaelan Caston 1A
Lillie Perfrement 5A
Kyson Love 1/2C
Damon McFie 4A
Logan Hudson 2A

Music
Katelin Brown 6/7C

PE
Selena Byrne-Bagnall 67C

Japanese
Emma Young 4/5B

Jabiru
Lucas Marozza