Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In 2017 we have the opportunity to apply to become an Independent Public School. (IPS) There are 70 places available in what will be the last cohort of IPS schools. The consultation process with our staff and community has been occurring for the last few weeks. The entire staff have been through a consultation process and a large majority of 88% of staff have voted in favour of putting forward an Expression of Interest. At the P&C Meeting on Tuesday night they also voted with a unanimous decision for our school to submit an EOI. Submitting an EOI does not guarantee our selection as an IPS school. There is currently a parent survey available for the broader parent community to voice their opinions about this process.

Survey Link - https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K5M222R

What does it mean to be an Independent Public School?
Through the Independent Public Schools initiative the whole education system is enabled to better meet the opportunities and challenges of educating children in the modern world. While innovation and capacity to improve practice are not exclusive to Independent Public Schools, these high potential schools are afforded operational flexibility to enable the trialling of innovative practice. They are then supported to share their evidence-based achievements with colleagues locally, across the state and further afield so that their successes can be replicated in all state schools.

The Independent Public Schools initiative is about enabling school leaders to take responsibility for decisions that influence teaching and learning, while the department supports capacity and capability building and provides an authorising environment built upon collaboration and shared responsibility. Independent Public School principals are empowered to collaborate with their school communities to improve student outcomes and school performance, taking into account all of the unique complexities, challenges and local features of their school environment.

There are three main concepts that we have captured from the Quadrennial School Review consultation with parents, staff and students in 2016;

1. **Academic Initiatives** through a framework of New Pedagogies for Deep Learning - and the Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow initiatives which are about enhancing the coding, robotics and 21st Century Learning options for students in the school.

2. **Sporting Initiatives** – Basketball Excellent Program – this is to build on the partnership with Dakabin SHS and the Dakabin Dragons Basketball pathway in the community. We have capability and talent on staff to support this program

3. **Performing Arts Initiatives** – Dynamic Choirs, Drama, Dance and Drums – we are already moving into a performing arts culture in the school. This program will be designed to identify talented students and give them a program to encourage their talent across the school. Again we have high quality staff who can deliver these programs

The funding that IPS brings to our school would enable us to build these programs, invest the time to recognise staff working on these programs with greater momentum and purchase any required equipment. The funding that comes with IPS is $50 000 initial investment, followed by $50 000 concurrently for the next 4 years. In total this would mean $250 000 additional funding to our school if successful. My goal is to make these programs sustainable beyond the funding of IPS.

In conclusion, these innovations will set Dakabin apart from other local primary schools and ensure that our students have the opportunity to choose a pathway of excellence and innovation if they choose to take part.

**Myth Busters**
- IPS does not make us a private school we are still part of State Schooling.
- Parents do not have to pay money to attend the school. The only payments are the same ones you currently pay for excursions, camps, buses etc.
- Our enrolment catchment is still the same as it is currently.
- The day to day operations of the school is the same.

Kind Regards
Kelly Jeppesen
Principal
**TRIVIA NIGHT FOR CHAPLAINCY**

Saturday 22nd October
Doors open 6:30pm
Trivia starts 7:00pm
BYO Snacks

**BEER, WINE, CIDERS & SOFT DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE (CASH ONLY)**

**** this is an 18+ only event ****
$10 per person
(maximum 10 people per team)
COME ALONG AND MAKE A TABLE ON THE NIGHT

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**LAST DAY TO PAY FOR BUSH POET**
PAYMENT DUE MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER
Prep to Yr 5 $2.00
Year 6 $3.00

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**Dakabee Award Recipients**
Term 4, Week 3

**Be Safe**
- Harmony Harris 3 Crimson
- Kady Flanagan 6 Tangerine
- Roman Barlow Prep One Green
- Teneal Monssen 6 Olive
- Lillie Karhu 2/3 Indigo

**Be Sensible**
- Jack Sullivan 4/5 Sapphire
- Wyatt Synnott-Ellis Prep Yellow
- Sahara Te Aonui 2 Jade
- Millie Scouller 4/5 Emerald

**Be Respectful**
- Ngatahlia Harris Prep 1 Purple
- Allora Norman 2 Lime
- Emily Lang 3 Navy
- Kaileb Jackwitz 2 Teal
- Lincoln Fleming Prep Red
- Kyle Woodham Prep Blue
- Manaia Matehe 1 Orange

**Music**
- Isabel Ash 1 Ruby

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**PREP BLUE PRACTICE ANSWERING CALLS AT AN EMERGENCY CALL CENTRE**

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**MUSIC COUNT US IN**
Music Count Us In is on again on November 3rd at 11.30. At this time the whole school stops and sings with children all across Australia. This is to advocate for the importance of sharing music as a way of bringing people together. Every class at Dakabin has been learning the song and many students are wanting to practice at home. The link for the song is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMJgxt_kxbbo&feature=youtu.be

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**HALLOWEEN DISCO**
THURSDAY 27TH OCTOBER

PREP–YR 2  5:30PM–6:45PM
YR 3–YR 6  7:00PM–8:30PM
SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR SALE.

Parents we would ask that you don’t dress your children as Clowns for this disco. Normal Halloween dress ups as we have had in the past are fine.

Parents must sign their children in and out of the disco.