Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Never a week goes by without it being full of great learning and activities for our students and this week was no different. In amongst the fun of the Halloween Disco to support our P&C there are also some serious messages to share around student safety, along with an opportunity to thank our wonderful teachers on World Teacher’s Day.

Day for Daniel

Whilst we have not dressed up in red this week, every day should be a Day for Daniel when it comes to teaching our students and your children about safety. Personal safety and cyber safety have been the priorities we have been focusing on here at school. Personal safety is about the 3 key messages of Recognise, React, Report. The messages you can use with your child are as follows.

Recognise

Our bodies tell us when things aren’t safe through body clues: things like - our hair stands on end, we have butterflies in our tummy, heart pounding, wobbly knees, crying, sweaty palms.

React

If you feel scared, confused, sad or upset you need to REACT. This could even mean breaking a rule, like smashing a window to escape a fire or screaming “NO” to an adult, running away, yelling for HELP!, ringing a parent or police for help.

Report

This is a really important safety message. This means telling an adult in your life who cares about your safety when there is a problem. It’s adults who can keep you safe from harm and who can make a situation safe again for you.

2015 Planning

Last week along with the newsletter we sent home a letter to parents with the youngest in the family explaining processes and planning for 2015. Don’t forget to let us know if you are leaving our school and, if you have any parent concerns you wish to share with me prior to the class list development, could you please submit them in writing either in a letter, on the form attached last week or via email to theprincipal@dakabinss.eq.edu.au

School Security Procedures

Every year our school has to conduct evacuation and lockdown drills and practices. These are an essential part of our Critical Incident Plan and we conduct these termly. We do this so that student understand what they have to do and in the event that they need to be used for a critical incident, staff are confident in their roles. Evacuation and lockdown strategies can be used for a number of other purposes, it does not mean that students are in imminent danger, sometimes it is an operational strategy that we can use to better manage a situation.

As you could imagine eating and play times are the most difficult times to manage. This week we used the lockdown strategy to delay students leaving the classroom at second break to allow the administration team to support a student without escalating the situation. If there was a serious critical incident or issue, we would absolutely send a letter home to inform parents of the situation. If your child has come home after a drill or the use of these strategies and you aren’t sure, please email theprincipal@dakabinss.eq.edu.au or use the private message function on our school Facebook page to send a message.

World Teacher’s Day

Every year this is an opportunity to thank and recognise the wonderful work of our teachers. Our teachers work tirelessly in the pursuit of supporting, teaching and inspiring students to reach their potential as learners. The effort our staff go to from Breaky Club and Drum Beat, to Student Council, School Excursions, supervising discos and preparing school camps are all testament to the wonderful work our teachers do, above and beyond their work in the classroom. Thank you to all our fine teachers!

Kelly Jeppesen
Principal
Happiness is a butterfly, which when pursued, is always beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are having our Halloween disco on Friday 31st October—TONIGHT!!! There will be prizes for best dressed, so put your thinking caps on! We will also be having a sausage sizzle and goo products available for purchase and, as usual, the tuckshop will be open to purchase drinks etc.

Times are
Prep - Year 2  5:15 pm- 6:45pm
Year 3 – Year 7  7:00pm - 8:30pm

Can’t wait to see you all there and see all the wonderful Costumes!

Kind regards,
Jacqui Gane
P&C President

Respectful
Niamh Geraghty 4/5B
Cooper Hodson 6/7A
Reuben Jeffs 1A
Renee Fernandes - Rossen 3A
Jordan Smith 6/7B
Tali Flanagan 1/2C

Sensible
Jack Molloy 567 ACE
Domanick Ribbe  Prep B
Riley Rush 1A
Isaiah Te Aonui 2A
Thomas Finch 6/7C
Imogen Skinner-Martin 5A
Elizabeth Jones Prep C
Kaleb Valentine 4A

Safe
Anita Houston  Prep A
Joshua Lang 2B
Leah Berg 234 ACE
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Jorjie Connell 34C

PE
Cooper Hodson 6/7A

Music
Corey Barnes

LOTE
Aidan Geraghty 4/5B

Jabiru
Sali Griggs 2B

Week 4

Dakabee Award Recipients for Term 4

Respectful
Niamh Geraghty 4/5B
Cooper Hodson 6/7A
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Bank Deposits
A reminder to parents and caregivers that if you are paying tax invoices through bank deposit please ensure you use your student’s name as the Reference. This will make it easier for the cashier to match the payment to the correct account. Also, if you are paying by bank deposit please allow 2-3 days for the payment to process into our account. If you leave it until the day before the excursion / incursion we will not be able to see the deposit and the students account will appear outstanding.

OneSchool Performance
During the September/October school holidays there were enhancements done through the department on OneSchool. OneSchool is the program all schools use to process payments and attendance (along with many other applications). Unfortunately this has caused our system to slow down. The school is currently waiting for a bandwidth upgrade which will help, but until then can I please ask that you be patient when waiting for a receipt. I am sure you would all agree with me in saying Mrs Hennessey and Mrs Skaines do a wonderful job in the office and it is out of their control how long the system takes to process. Hopefully the performance issues are sorted over the coming weeks.

Payment Plans
Anyone needing to make a Payment Plan for swimming please do so as soon as you can. Payment plans can be done with the Business Services Manager, Nicole Meohan in the office. Payment plans will need to be completed by Friday 28 November 2014; this leaves families six weeks at the most to complete payment for swimming.

Many thanks,
Nicole Meohan
Acting Business Services Manager

Happy Halloween

Nihongo Notes

Nihongo Notes みなさな、こんにちは (Minasan, Kon-nichi-wa) When Japanese people run into someone they know, they don’t usually say “Hi, how are you?” as we do in English. In Japan, it is more usual to comment on the weather. You could say ‘atsui desu ne’ (It’s hot, isn’t it) or ‘suzushii desu ne’ (It’s cool isn’t it).
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