Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a busy week we have had at school this week. Not only has there been some terrific learning going on in the classrooms but we have had some wonderful activities going on throughout the whole school.

Swimming Instruction:
Our Prep to Year 3 students have commenced their 4 weeks of swimming instruction at the Lawnton Aquatic Centre on Thursday. As some of the children may be having their swimming instruction in the larger pool, it is important that ALL children bring a swim shirt for wearing in the water each time they go to lessons. A reminder also for parents who are using a payment plan to keep up to date with the payments as Mrs Meehan (school BSM) needs all payments finalised before 28th November.

2015 Leadership application:
Many of our current Year 5 students are busy with their applications as either School Captain or House Captain for 2015. These students have been collecting signatures and ratings from many of the teachers around the school. They then need to write a single page letter saying why they would be a good leader in the school. A reminder for those students that all application forms and letters MUST be handed into the office by Friday 14th November.

Prep Transition Day:
Another very successful day was held on Wednesday for our prep students of 2015. They certainly are making the most of the chance to get to know our Prep classrooms and activities.

Movember:
As you may have noticed, our MO BROS have started again in their quest for the best moustache at Dakabin. They are raising money for men’s health issues and any help is appreciated. There is a collection box at the office if you are able to help with any donations.

Kind regards,
Tony McNee
A/Principal

Many of our students from ‘The Writer’s House’ were runners-up in the Write4Fun writing competition. Over the next few weeks we are excited to share some of their stories:

**Short Story: The Chainsaw Event**  
By Jack Sullivan  
Year: 3

I was nine years old when something bad happened. I was in my tree sleeping when I woke up to the sound of chainsaws. I saw trees falling down around me. I was totally freaking out. The chainsaw noise was getting louder. Then the people started cutting down my tree. Eek! I started falling down. Then I jumped and I landed on another tree. A tiger also heard the chainsaw noise. He was asleep and getting woken up made him really angry. He ate up all the people. But I was still really annoyed. He started roaring but we kept on throwing pieces of wood at him. Finally he gave up and went away.

Everything was okay. We decided to get married. After we got married we had three children. We taught them how to write.
Dakabee Award Recipients for Week 5 Term 4

Safe
Holly Slaughter 567 ACE
Zachary West 1A
Kai Koubwere 5A
Michael Lazaaras 4A

Sensible
Aisha Moser Prep B
Sebastien Barstys 234 ACE
Shakira Hartle 34C
Junior Rynehart 1B
Kaitlyn Sayers 1A
Reece Torrisi 2/3D
Rami Jewel Prep C
Isabella Screen 67C
Cameron Vane 2A

Respectful
Alice Kaburoua 6/7B
Oliver Geary 6/7A
Cara Neilson 6/7A
Xantia Welsh 6/7A
Alicia Parker 4/5B
Daniel Breed 3A
Javiah Kemp 1B
Madison Reeves 2/3D
Jake Von Dohren 3B

PE
Chad Campbell 1B

LOTE
Kady Flanagan 234 ACE

Jabiru
Sarah Hess 2/3D

At dawn we MO!!
After the excitement of World Teacher’s Day we can now move onto Movember. As of dawn tomorrow the Dakabin Mo Bros consisting of Chris Ure, Andrew Morrison, Michael Hart, Rob Rigby, Abdenour Djellaoui and myself will commence the month of Movember. For the next 30 days we will be attempting to produce some moustaches that the action movie stars of the 70’s would be proud to have owned.

The serious side is that we are raising money to fight some of the biggest killers of Australian males in prostate cancer, mental health and depression associated suicide. If you want to make a donation, go to the Movember website, click on the donate tab and enter our team name, Dakatche, and then make your donation. Alternatively there is a collection box in the office for any cash donations. Any and all support from the Mo Sistas & Mo Bros on staff or community is greatly appreciated.
Tony McNee

A very big thank you to the Endeavour Cork Lodge No. 1 based in Petrie, for their donation of $200 to our breakfast club program. The Endeavour Cork Lodge aim is for members to have fun whilst raising money for the benefit of children (without any deduction for administrative costs).

This generous donation will keep us in breakfast club goodies into 2015.

Nihongo Notes みなさまこんにちは（Minasan, Kon-nichi-wa）
It’s Melbourne Cup week and this year is also the Year of the Horse. So let’s learn the word for horse in Japanese. Horse is ‘uma’ and to say that it is the ‘year of the horse’ you say ‘umadoshi.’

I don’t know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please.