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NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This is the last newsletter for this term. It might have been a short term, but it certainly has been action packed with excursions, learning, cross country, #keepyourhandstoyourself and the School Review.

***New Initiative - Class Parent Representatives***

We are encouraging each class to have a parent representative (class rep). Class reps will assist teachers to keep parents informed of class happenings, promote involvement of parents in class activities, gain parental support for class activities, increase parent knowledge of the school and be part of an informal representative group that the school leadership team can consult to reflect upon ideas, conduct surveys, collect data and provide input for the wider community perspective.

A class rep should be:

- Supportive of their child’s teacher
- Cooperative and interested in school activities
- Available, not necessarily to do everything themselves, but to delegate where possible
- Able to keep matters confidential and be reliable, friendly and non-judgmental

Appointment of class reps

We will encourage volunteers to fill out a nomination form and return it to your child’s teacher. The class teachers will choose class reps from the pool of volunteers and invite them to be the class rep for their class. We will send the nomination forms out after the holiday.

Quadrennial School Review - QSR Steering Committee

The QSR process is most effective when there is a representative group of staff, parents and community representatives. This group will be known as the QSR Steering Committee. The Principal, Deputy Principal and members of the P&C Executive are automatic members of the steering committee.

The role of the steering committee is to develop the consultation and review process, consult with the broader community of parents, staff and students, and work collaboratively with the Principal to develop the Strategic 4 Year Plan for Dakabin State School - 2017—2020.

The commitment required will mean meeting approx. 6-8 times over Term 2 and Term 3 in the evening from 6:30pm - 8:00pm, and an afternoon meeting. We are seeking 4 members of staff, 4 parent representatives and 1 or 2 community members who are optimistic, positive and want to contribute to the future directions of our school.

If you are interested in being a member of the QSR Steering Committee please email Kelly Jeppesen (Principal) kjep2@eq.edu.au or phone 3491 5222 by Thursday 24 March 2016.

Happy Easter to all our families.

Have a great week!

Kelly Jeppesen

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**Upcoming Events**

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**Easter Bonnet Parade**

Thursday 24th March 1.40pm

In the school hall

*Students will be bunny hopping their way into the hall*

**Student Performance**

Prep Red, Prep Blue, Prep Yellow - Little Bunny Foo Foo Run by Ms Morris
Prep/1 Purple and Prep/1 Green - Run by Mrs Beilby
The Tiny People from Magic Forest.
By Prep Blue

Once upon a time in a land long, long ago there lived some very tiny people. The people lived in an old school ground where they would play – Nathaniel. They moved to the magical kingdom where the Fairies lived high in the trees and the Elves lived in the Magic Tree – Leah. Some of the houses were mushrooms with little doors and little windows. – Lincoln.

One day, there came a walking shark and a monster. The monster picked up the little people and threw them away. – Connor

The little boy looked at the shark and saw him flying through the forest. He took out his silver sword and started to fight with the shark. – Emett

The monster with big sharp claws caught the shark and threw him away. – Heath.

While this was happening the tiny people were hiding in their houses because they were scared. – Abby.

A Knight came along and destroyed the dragon and it died. A giant firebird also came. He was a good firebird and he helped the Knight and the boy. – Elijah.

There was a Princess in the kingdom and her name was Heidi. – Chelsea

The Knight saw Princess Heidi and hugged her. He fell in love with her and they got married. – Layne

The Knight killed all the bad animals with a lightning sword. – Dewayne.

All the little fairies and elves were happy and smiling because all the bad animals died. – Julienne

They had a big party with cake and party games. It was also the Princess’s birthday. - Isabella.

More tiny people moved to their village now because it was safe. – Jett

Some of the people lived underground. They built a school, a park and a hospital. – Ronan.

The little people were so very happy. – Max.

The Knight and Princess had 6 children. – Ashleigh

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When we think about this with ourselves in mind it’s like we have 3 tanks – our physical, emotional and spiritual/well-being tanks. Just like our car, it’s vital we are putting good fuel into these tanks and kids are exactly the same. Over the upcoming Easter break maybe take some time to think about how full or perhaps empty yours and your kids’ tanks are. Try to figure out what fills these tanks. It could be things as simple as playing a board game together, having a family movie & pizza night, going for a walk or play at the beach, doing crafts, reading a book, building a cubby-house or cooking just to name a few. When we find out what our good fuel is that will fill our tanks you’ll be surprised at how well you find yourself functioning in other areas of your life.

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PARKING OF CARS

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This week at YMCA we got two stick insect friends and have been enjoying deciding on names for our new pets. We have been enjoying making Easter crafts, painting, watching movies and playing with the new sports equipment outside!

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