

14 March, 2024

Be
Responsible
and Learning

Be
Respectful

Be Safe

Principal: (Mrs) Judy Angel

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Remember we are now working on assessments in all areas as there is 2 ½ weeks left until holidays.

It is essential that they attend up to and including the last day of school. As mentioned in previous newsletters, it is very difficult for students to catch up on missed work when they are absent. There is a direct correlation with attendance and achievement.

Going to school imparts a lot of life skills to students, such as specifying a start and finish time – these are relevant to employment in the future. Also, there are time restraints on different facets of school, just as there would be time limits on areas with work.

As well, when students begin their working life, there will not be 10 weeks for holidays: most only have 4 weeks per year.

Our key improvement priorities for 2024 are:

- Performance
- Capability
- Teaching
- Partners

Also, wellbeing is an area which was commenced last year. We have had a few areas of wellbeing: lunches, rewards – end of term and during the term, breakfast club, and Fun Friday.

All of these are being addressed through school processes, such as the Professional Development being undertaken, coaching and feedback, PM benchmarking, PAT and other testing.

Every student has the ability to learn and should be able to demonstrate progress on an ongoing basis. A whole-school approach to improving student achievement means that the responsibility for every student's achievement is shared by the school community. This shared responsibility and accountability requires:

- leadership and high expectations
- a commitment to continual cycles of inquiry and action to improve student achievement
- focussed teaching for all students.

At the end of term, there will be a 'rewards' day for students who have consistently followed the school rules. Students need to make sure they are following ALL school rules. This includes:

- **students doing their homework**
- **watching, listening and learning**

Students get constant feedback on their learning and behaviour, so know where they need to improve. Students need to consistently:

- * **Be responsible and learning**
- * **Be respectful**
- * **Be safe**

If you have a chance to get the Dalby Herald from Wednesday, please check out our Prep photo.

Regards

Judy Angel

TENNIS

Tennis will be every Wednesday until the end of term. As Tennis will be included in the curriculum, the school will be paying for the tuition cost.

HOMEWORK

It is a policy at this school for students to receive homework each week. Students are expected to complete homework as this does help them remember and revise the curriculum. As this is an expectation, any time homework is not completed, is counted in the data book. Homework has commenced.



RESPECT OUR STAFF, RESPECT OUR SCHOOL

IMMUNIZATION/MEDICAL CHECKS IMMUNISATION

Please ensure immunization records are up-to-date as the school and Queensland Health may require them. It is often a good idea to have hearing, sight and speech checked as this may identify areas that may lead to learning difficulties.

ATTENDANCE

If YOUR child/ren are not at school, a reasonable excuse needs to be provided.

If your child is away, it is also a parent responsibility to inform the school of the absence, the reason for the absence and the expected time for a return to school. For absences of more than 2 days, a doctor certificate is required.

Our expected attendance rate for this school is >96%. Please ensure that you are working towards your child getting the best of their education, which includes attending school every day.

Our overall attendance rate for this year is (92%), which is below our expected attendance.

Prep	88%
Year 2	96%



P & C

There will be a general P&C meeting in the week 26 – 28 March. All are welcome. Please let me know day/days you can attend.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS

No one is allowed access to the school grounds unless through express permission given by the Principal. If you see anyone on school grounds, do not approach them. Phone School Watch on 13 17 88.

Education Queensland

Visitors must report to the school office.

After hours use of school grounds/facilities requires prior approval from the school office.

Warning: unauthorised entry may lead to prosecution.



DATES

Mon 25 Mar	Darling Downs Trip
Tue 26 – 28 Mar	P&C meeting
Thur 28 Mar	Last Day of Term 1
Mon 15 Apr	First Day of Term 2
Thur 25 Apr	ANZAC day

Homework - get into the habit

Lots of kids groan about homework. They think that if you are working at school all day, you shouldn't have to do it at home too. You should be able to relax and have fun, play sports, hang out with friends and do all the relaxing things you need to do after a hard day at school.

Homework does have its 'up-side'

- You can practise what you have learned.
- You can learn things you need to know by heart, eg. times-tables, spelling.
- You can learn how to work alone and be responsible for your work.
- You can get into the routine of organising your time so that you can do all the things you have to do or want to do.

Did you know that in 'the olden days', people often stayed in the same job, at the same place and doing the same thing all of their working lives?

Nowadays people change jobs or their job changes, they move all over the country or even to other countries because of their job, and they are learning all the time!

That means that even when you are working, you need to do 'homework' to keep up with all the changes in your life. If you learn to use your time well and work well at home, it will help you to cope well with all these changes.

How to organise for homework

- ✓ Use a diary to write down your homework and make a note of when you have to hand it in.
 - ✓ If you don't understand something ask the teacher before you go home.
 - ✓ Have a special study area - not where there is a TV - as homework takes heaps longer if you're watching TV at the same time! (Some people find that they work well if there is music playing. Do you?)
 - ✓ Get into a study routine. Do homework every night, even when you haven't got any. Use the time to practise skills, read or find out about something.
 - ✓ Make a homework timetable. Put down all the things you do after school - eg. sport, music lessons, drama etc. - and work out when your homework time will be each night. Stick to it, and you will find that homework gets easier to manage and you still have time to hang out with your friends.
 - ✓ Do your work on your own. It's OK to ask mum or dad for help - after you have had a really good try by yourself. They're not going to be sitting next to you at school so you need to learn how to do things by yourself don't you?
 - ✓ Negotiate with mum and dad about programs you want to watch so that you can work round your favourite shows. Or ask if you can tape them so that you can watch when you have time.
 - ✓ If you know something special is happening that night - eg. you're going straight to a birthday party - ask your teacher if you can have extra time or work at lunch so that you get your work done.
 - ✓ Catch up on work missed if you are sick.
 - ✓ Get work from school if you are sick for more than two days or are going to be away for a long time.
 - ✓ Make it a rule that you don't do homework on weekends, then make sure you get it all done during the week so that you can keep the rule.
- After all, a kid has got to have some fun! So do parents!

Plan: Sunday nights can be pretty awful if someone suddenly decides that the three-week project they haven't started yet is due to be handed in the next day!

Homework excuses

Some kids have some really amazing excuses for why they didn't get their homework done.



Here are a few of them:

- My dog ate the book
- My baby brother/sister ate the book/scribbled on it/threw up on it
- An alien took my homework
- I did it but it vanished overnight
- My friend lost it in her bedroom
- I left it in the car
- It fell into the river on my way to school
- My mum can't find the book
- I gave it to the teacher and she lost it.

What's the best excuse you have heard?

The thing is that you have to keep thinking up new excuses because your teacher has probably heard most of them before!

I guess that if you have to keep thinking of new excuses and the teacher doesn't accept them, then it might be easier to just do the homework! Making up excuses isn't taking responsibility for yourself, and isn't helping you to do well.

Dr Kate says:

"As you get older, you get longer assignments. Your teacher might give you days or weeks to complete the work. Use your diary to plan, and aim to finish before the due date.



No mad panics the night before, and you have time to do work you can be proud of. How good is that?"

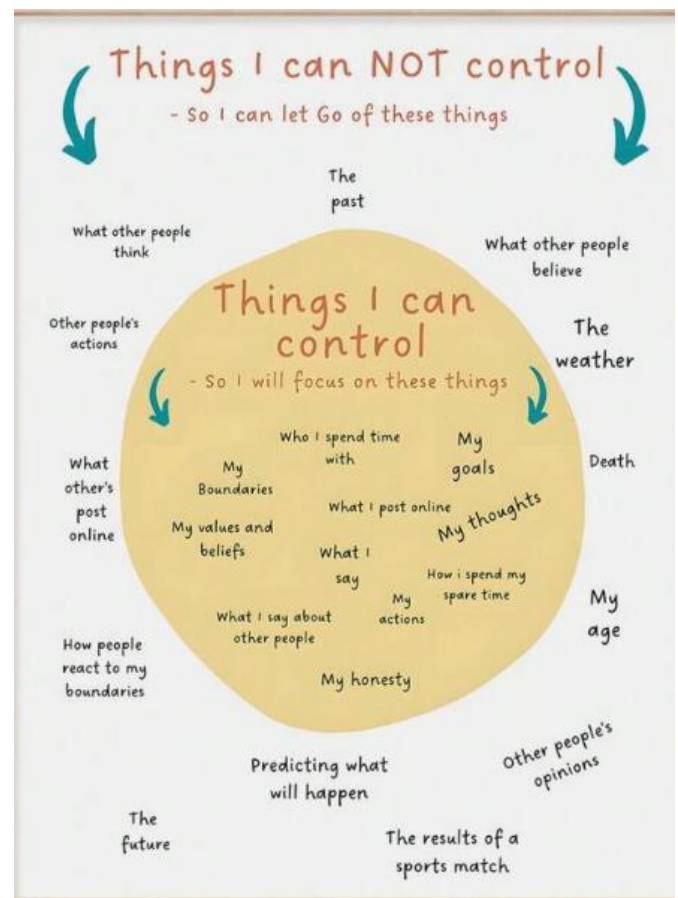
From the wall of an Orphanage in Calcutta, India:

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight. Build anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give the world your best anyway.



DISCOVERY ACADEMY

Have fun exploring the game of touch football
Suitable for ages 6-11 yrs

FORWARD THINKING | STRONGER TOGETHER | LEADING WITH HUMILITY | PASSIONATELY PROUD | FOSTERING FUN

DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

Develop fundamental skills to improve your game
Suitable for players ages 11-16

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