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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2024 school year! It's fantastic to see all our students back at school and actively engaged in their instructional programs. We have an exciting and productive year ahead, and we are eager to see each student achieve success throughout 2024.

We are thrilled to introduce new members to our teaching team at Dalby South. Please join me in welcoming Mr Matthew Horne in Year Six, Miss Brooke Budden in Prep, Mr Shaun Heffernan in Year Four and Mrs Martyr in Year Five. They are enthusiastic about being part of our school community and look forward to meeting you. Take the opportunity to say "Hi" when you see them around the school or the wider Dalby community in the coming weeks.

Next week, we are hosting the Senior Swimming Carnival at the Dalby Aquatic Centre on Tuesday, 6th February. We encourage Parents and Friends to join us for this exciting event and cheer on our talented swimmers. The upper school has already commenced swimming activities, and Mrs. Glasser is ensuring everything is in readiness for a successful carnival. Unfortunately, due to recent rain, our oval has been out of action, affecting student play times. We hope for some dry days ahead to make it available for student use as soon as possible.

As we approach the season of mosquitoes, please consider applying insect repellent on your child before they come to school to minimize potential insect bites. It's a pre-emptive measure based on last years' experience.

Under the skilled direction of Mr. Millar, instrumental music classes have begun, and many students are excited about learning a new instrument. To all budding musicians, remember that practice makes perfect, so make sure to set aside time each week for practice at home.

School attendance is crucial to our collective success, and we appreciate the ongoing support of our families in maximizing every learning day for our students. We are pleased to report that our attendance data is tracking well above 90%, and we hope to maintain this positive trend in the days ahead.

Thank you for your continued support, and let's make 2024 a year filled with achievements and memorable experiences for our students.

Enjoy your week

David



Dates to Remember

6 Feb	Senior Swimming Carnival	28 Mar	Cross Country
19 Feb	Bunya Districts Swimming Carnival	28 Mar	Last Day of Term 1
19 Feb	P&C Meeting 7pm	15 Apr	First Day of Term 2
21 Feb	Student Leader Investiture		
28 Feb	Dalby Downs Swimming Carnival		
18 Mar	P&C Meeting AGM		
25 Mar	Parent Teacher Interviews		
26 Mar	School Disco		

-tuckshop-

Friday 2 February

Jen Tunley & Michael Roberts

Monday 5 February

Chris Phillips

Wednesday 7 February

Michael Hay & Tara McKie

Friday 9 February

Corinne Lankowski, Michelle Rogers & Michael Roberts

Monday 12 February

Jo Glasby

Wednesday 14 February

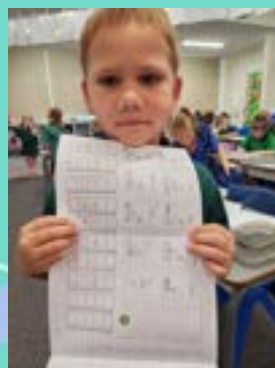
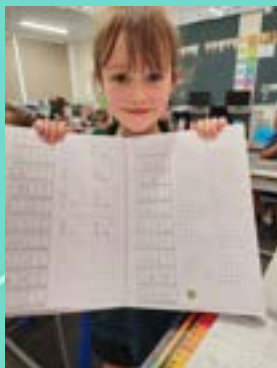
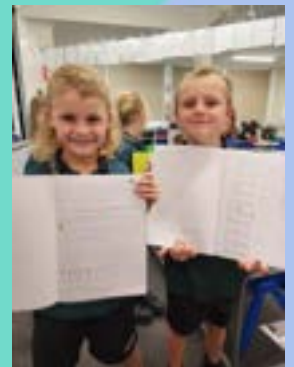
Tara McKie



1B are working hard in SSP lessons. We are learning how to complete all the activities. We have used Elkonin boxes and pyramids to help us sound out our words. We have learnt that only one sound goes into the box. We have also been practicing forming our letters correctly using red and blue lines in handwriting lessons. 1B has had a great start to the year.



1B



Term 1 Science in 2A - Living & Non-Living Things

Students in 2A have started learning about living and non-living things in their science lessons. They have completed engaging activities where they have had to cut out examples and organise them into the correct category as a class. The students have shown a quick understanding to the unit by having discussions on how living things grow, move and breathe and how non-living things cannot. Each student has also shown their knowledge by giving their own examples of a living and non-living thing. We have also begun exploring what needs and capabilities babies have compared to what adults have. It has been great to see students working well collaboratively and independently.



3B

We have hit the ground running in 3B! Students are getting to know the routines and procedures and demonstrating how to be responsible, respectful and safe. We have had time to get to know each other and the topics that we are working on this term and we are excited about all that is to come this year. Watch this space - because we are ready to do great things!





NEWS

Welcome back to another great year at Dalby South.

We started with a bang in the 2nd hand uniform shop. Thank you to all the families that have donated their uniforms for the P&C to sell at a minimal cost to families. Families are really finding things tough, especially at this time of year and every little bit helps. The 2nd hand uniform shop means that all students are able to wear our school uniform to school with pride and truly feel a part of the 'South' family. The 2nd hand uniform shop is open every Wednesday morning 8:15 - 8:55am prior to the school parade.

Creative Embroidery have had their hat order arrive. If you have ordered one or are still in need of a school hat, they have plenty available. I believe the larger sized hats will be another couple of weeks away.

Mrs. Akers has been busy cooking up a storm with tuckshop back into the swing of things. We do prefer for orders to come via Flexischools, this can be accessed by the app or online system. It means the children are not dealing with money or remembering to hand their orders into the tuckshop. It does also make it easier for us in the tuckshop with tallying quantities. The Monday Meal Deal (pizza, garlic bread and drink) has been very popular. Mrs Akers is also making Pineapple and two fruit icy poles which have been a hit on these overly hot days lately. Just a reminder for parents/carers of Year 4-6 students, they are to collect their ice blocks at 2nd break play time. Once they are let out of class they can come straight to the tuckshop and collect their ice blocks. If you are ordering for your child, could you please let them know you are ordering them an ice block so that they know to come and collect them.

The P&C help to organise the recycling of cans, poppers and bottles. We have three main recycling bins (on the left side of the normal waste bins) in the eating areas and a small one in the Prep eating area. There are posters labelling these bins with pictures to help the students and adults as to what waste items belong in which bin. I have a team of keen students who help with the collection and sorting of the recycling bin on a Friday afternoon before I take it down to the recycling centre. If your family or friends would like to contribute their cans and bottles to the P&C, our Containers for Change code is [C10262819](https://www.c4c.org.au/C10262819). Bags can be taken directly to the recycling centre at 2-8 Napier Street or dropped to the school. The money collected from this scheme is used towards reducing the cost of camps and projects around the school.

Next Tuesday, 6 February we will be helping to run a sausage sizzle and bottle water at the Senior Swimming Carnival at the town pool. We would love to have some help, either with cooking the sausages or serving. Sausages will be \$3, water \$2. We will have EFTPOS available.

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be the third Monday in February, so February 19. Our meetings are set for the third Monday of every month (excluding school holidays) starting at 7pm and are held in the staffroom in the Administration building at school. We encourage and welcome all parents to come and attend, we keep our meetings to an hour in length, and we do offer attendance via Zoom if you're unable to attend in person. This is a great way to find out extra information about what is going on in and around the school, to meet other parents and careers, to meet the Admin team and be a part of the conversation about decisions decided at the meetings.

Hopefully you have all received our "Information about your P&C" flyer. From time to time we will send home information regarding upcoming event and fundraising opportunities. These will be coming home via the youngest child in the family. Please also join the "P&C" group in Audiri so that you can keep up to date with all our information. If you have any questions or suggestions for the P&C, please feel free to email me or contact the office.

Cheers,
Jen Tunley
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COME PLAY

JUNIOR TOUCH

SEASON 1 BEGINS
WEDNESDAY, FEB 7TH
5:00PM
DALBY TOUCH FIELDS

U7 | U10 | U12
FEES
\$80 - RETURNING PLAYER
\$102 - NEW PLAYER (INCL. INS.)

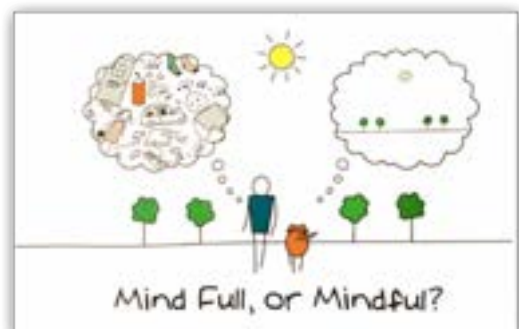
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A Mindful Moment...

with Mrs Russell (Support Teacher and Peaceful Kids Facilitator)

What is mindfulness?

A way of **PAYING ATTENTION**. To the **present moment**. **Without** judgement.
Be fully present without getting caught up in your thoughts.





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Little Sprouts Playgroup meets every Tuesday at 9am. This playgroup provides children with opportunity to explore a wide variety of activities and toys, encouraging play-based learning experiences aimed at fostering children's social, emotional, physical and cognitive development.

Each week a variety of activities are available for all age groups, with special events held throughout the year, nurturing the parent-child bond and increasing parental capacity and confidence. Parents are our children's first educator and children are born to learn through play.

Time: 9am – 11am

Day: Tuesday, during the school terms

Place: Dalby South State School – Playgroup Room – Bunya Street

Cost: Free

For more information visit:

Facebook: Little Sprouts Playgroup @ Dalby South

<https://playmatters.org.au/playgroups/3467526285>

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Discover more play experiences at: playmatters.org.au



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Little Sprouts: Mums & Bubs Group

Join our Play Matters Affiliated group!

Little Sprouts: Mums & Bubs group meets every Tuesday at 1:00pm. This casual playgroup provides an hour of free play with a focus on babies and their parents or carers. Little Sprouts Mums & Bubs aims to provide children with the best start to life by empowering parents and carers with the skills and confidence to guide and support their children's development through the fundamental act of play.

Each week a variety of activities are available for all children under one year old, with special events held throughout the year. Please note this playgroup is held Tuesday afternoons from 1pm during the school term.

Time: 1:00pm

Day: Tuesday during the school term

Place: Dalby South State School – Playgroup room – Bunya Street

Cost: free

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Awards Week 2, Term 1

ACHIEVER OF THE WEEK

Prep A	Alora Campbell	3D	Norma-Jean Akers
Prep B	Isabella Baker	4A	Chase Thompson
Prep C	Elsie Dick	4B	Abbey Hoare
Prep D	Eli McGee	4/5D	Dominic Carter & Lucy Hultgren
1A	Atlas Pharaoh	5A	Harper Jenkins
1B	Scarlett Logan	5B	Indira Miers
1C	Iris Larsen	5C	Anna Patterson
1/2D	Narlee Gower	5/6E	Tyi Holder
2A	Kane Bryson	6A	William Brannock
2B	Aurora Grealy	6B	Marcus Cora
3A	Emily Crawford	SSH	
3B	Allora Robson		
3C	Bailey Rowe		

HOUSE POINTS THIS TERM

Waratah	1676
Wattle	2245
Kalbarri	1966
Kurrajong	1882

*Congratulations Wattle!
This week's winner!*

WRISTBANDS
TOTAL

2261

Dalby South Weekly Attendance

Our overall attendance rate for the whole school was 96.23%.

Top Attenders this week were Prep B, Prep C, Prep D and 4/5D.

Year Level:	Attendance:	Rating:
Prep	98.59%	Excellent
Year 1	97.89%	Excellent
Year 2	95.79%	Excellent
Year 3	95.29%	Excellent
Year 4	98.40%	Excellent
Year 5	96.18%	Excellent
Year 6	91.32%	Good

The Cleaners Award was presented to: Prep B
The 'Go Green' Award was presented to: 5/6E
Tuckshop voucher winner was: Arlie Duncan