Welcome Back to all our DBNSS school community for 2017

The school staff and students welcome Mrs Fraser as our Acting Principal to our wonderful school! We hope her stay at our school is a pleasant and rewarding one.
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2017 school year! In particular, a warm welcome to the many new families who have joined us this year! I am certain you will feel part of the Deception Bay North State School community in no time. As newly appointed Acting Principal, I am delighted to be part of such a dynamic school community focused on providing the best educational opportunities for each and every one of our students. I firmly believe that each child is entitled to the highest quality education which is achieved through both positive relationships and excellent teaching in partnership with our parents and carers.

Over the last week there have been a number of new enrolments into our school and final enrolment numbers will be submitted to Central Office this week. After this, we will have a clearer indication if any class formations need to change due to our student numbers. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support if we need to restructure any classes. Any changes will occur as soon as possible and then we will all be settled and focused to continue our learning.

School life is exceptionally busy and a great way to share our experiences, access key information and be informed of upcoming events is via our newsletter. Please make sure you enjoy this resource with us.

Parade is a regular opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate students’ achievements. I look forward to parents and carers joining us on these occasions. Junior Parade is at 2:25pm on Monday afternoon and Senior Parade is at 10:30am on Friday.

Thank you parents for returning your children to school in the correct school uniform. We are a sun safe school and all children are required to wear a bucket hat. This means that caps are not appropriate on any occasion. If you are experiencing difficulty with any aspects of the uniform, please contact the school and we will be able to assist you.

As we settle into the regular routine of school I would like to thank parents for the clear routines they have already established with their children. Please minimise late arrivals and early departures, where possible, by making appointments well outside of school time. This will enable your child to have access to all of their learning each day.

I look forward to my role as Acting Principal of this wonderful school and encourage you to be an active participant in your child’s education. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can and working with you to ensure your child is participating in a quality learning environment.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Michelle Fraser
Acting Principal

Our School Rules
- I am respectful
- I am responsible
- I am resilient
- I am a learner

Our Wonderful Learners
Curriculum Update

Student-Led Conferences
The conferences will be held over two days starting after school on 21\textsuperscript{st} and 22\textsuperscript{nd} March 2017. More information will follow in the next few weeks.

School Photos
These will take place on the 20\textsuperscript{th} of March.

Year 6 Camp
This will take place in Week 10. The students are looking forward to this annual event. Parents are encouraged to return forms and monies by the due date.

Harmony Day
The Harmony Day parade will be held in Week 9. This parade will recognise and celebrate the diverse cultures represented at our school.

I am looking forward to working with all parents and students in 2017!

Regards,
Lorraine Poonan
Deputy Principal

FAREWELL
2016 has seen the retirement of two of our long time employees, Cherie Ardern, Head of Special Education and Sandra Clarke one of our wonderful cleaners. We wish these lovely ladies all the best in their retirement!

BREAKFAST CLUB
The breakfast club runs on Mondays and Thursdays throughout the school year, offering nutritious meals to about one quarter of the school student population. If you can come and help, the Red Cross Volunteers would be happy to have you.

ABSENCES
Parents are required to advise the school of student absences either by email at StudentAbsence@decebaynss.eq.edu.au or telephone the school office on 38972360.
Welcome to two new members of the Admin Team!

Hello everyone, I’m Colin Rhys-Jones - Acting Head of Special Education Services.

I began my teaching career 20 years ago, initially in primary education in various posts - including Principal and Deputy Principal - in New Zealand, China, Norway, WA and Queensland. Since making the transition into special education 9 years ago, where I feel I have found my niche, I am fortunate to have had the experience of a further 4 schools including Pine Rivers Special School and North Lakes State College.

As a teacher and school administrator, I passionately work for the betterment of students with disability, helping each child discover and grow their individual gifts and talents, working with their families, fostering excellent communication and understanding, and building collegiality and inclusiveness within the workplace. I believe that cultivating positive and harmonious relationships with the broader community are integral to meeting the best outcomes for students.

My other passion, outside of school, is singing. I love performing and giving pleasure to audiences, and have been doing this from a very young age. I have also seen how fostering creativity in students, and providing positive outlets for expression, can help produce significant results. Because of my interest and experience, I have, over the years and in different settings, provided encouragement and opportunities for students to display their many talents, not least at Pine Rivers Special School where I introduced and lead a highly successful and popular choir.

It is a great privilege to be part of the wonderful team at Deception Bay North and I am very much looking forward to demonstrating my commitment to help ensure all students are provided with the best opportunities to succeed at school. I also look forward to developing and sustaining productive relationships within the school community.

My name is Asha Kumar and I am the Guidance Officer at our school. This is my first year working as a Guidance Officer and I am really looking forward to working in this role. In past I have worked as a classroom teacher as well as in behaviour support teacher in Brisbane.

I am looking forward to working with you and your children. Please feel free to come and see if you have any concerns or matters that I can assist you with.
**Dates to Remember**

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**Over-the-counter medications**
The Education Department recognises that all medications, including over-the-counter (OTC) medications, e.g. paracetamol or alternative medicines, may be drugs or poisons and may cause side effects. As such, schools are required to receive *medical authorisation* from a prescribing health practitioner (e.g. doctor, dentist, optometrist, but **not** a pharmacist) to administer **any** medication to students, including those bought *over-the-counter*.

Whilst parents may administer OTC medications to their child without medical authorisation, they are aware of the child’s complete medical history, and are able to provide ongoing, direct supervision for the course of the child’s illness. Due to these circumstances, a parent is also more likely to recognise if their child is having adverse effects and requires immediate medical attention. The student’s prescribing health practitioner also has the knowledge of the child’s medical history to determine the appropriate OTC medication to administer and is therefore able to determine dosage and provide advice regarding potential side effects or interactions with other medications.

**Medication at School**
The Department of Education and Training and Queensland Health regulations govern administration of medication to students by school personnel. The key points which parents should note and follow are:

- As a parent, you must first make a written request indicating that such medication has been prescribed and is necessary to be administered during school hours or school approved activities. Forms for this are available from the office.
- Medication must be handed in to staff in the school Office by an adult.
- **Medication must be provided in the current container which clearly shows the written instructions from the pharmacist at the direction of a medical practitioner. Instructions must indicate specific times at which the medication is to be administered as well as the dosage.**
- At no time will medication provided for one child be administered to others, even if they are brother or sister of the child for whom the medication has been prescribed.
- **Non prescribed oral medication such as analgesics or over the counter medications will not be administered by the school staff.**
- All unused medication will be returned to parents only. At no time must a child keep medication in their school bags.

**Inhalers**
Many students use Ventolin inhalers at school for the prevention or treatment of asthma. Generally inhalers are kept centrally in the Office so that the spray is readily available when needed and is not used inappropriately or lost.

If you wish your child to be responsible for his/her inhaler, the Office must be notified and the appropriate form completed.
The bitumen area near the Admin Block is for staff parking, delivery and emergency vehicles only. The parking area on the street and in the parking bays along Old Bay Road are available for public parking. The co-operation of all is requested with these arrangements, in an endeavour to make the grounds safer for our children. For safety reasons parents should not park on school property and pedestrian access through the car park or driveway is strictly prohibited.

Important cyber safety tips for parents
The Education Department has recently been alerted to random users contacting children using the social media app 'Instagram'.

Know which social media your child uses.

1. Discuss with your child who their online friends and followers are. Only be friends with people online who you know in the real world.
2. Take a proactive approach and establish clear and agreed rules for your child’s internet use.


Congratulations to “ELLIOTT”
2016 House Champions

Classroom News

2A
Welcome back to school! 2A has hit the ground running this year and we are in the lead! I am happy to say that over the beginning weeks the children have settled well into the classroom and have stepped up to the plate of embracing the Year 2 way. This term involves a range of hands on activities which we are excited about. In 2A the students have the ability to participate in show and tell. Once a week students are invited to bring a small object to show or share an experience with the class. It’s wonderful seeing all the children take their spot on the sharing chair and build in their confidence. Year 2 is lots of fun! Are you ready for a great year?
In 4B we are learning about four and five digit numbers as well as learning our tables. We are practising our handwriting daily. In English, we are reading the book “The Twits” by Roald Dahl. After we read a few chapters Miss Powell quizzes us on what happened. The points we earn in the quiz go towards our class reward system.

P & C News

P&C Meeting: Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 15th February at 9am in the staffroom. All welcome would love to see our new families come along, hope to see you there.

Coffee Van: P&C are organising for a coffee van 3 days a week they will be located at the front of the school just inside the gates near the Teachers Car Park, keep an eye out this will hopefully start within the next two weeks.

Disco: Disco dates for this year are:  
- Friday, 24th March  
- Friday, 16th June 
- Friday, 18th August 
- Friday, 27th October - Halloween theme

Tuckshop: We are advertising in the local paper for a new Tuckshop convenor with the intention to re-open the tuckshop by the end of Term 1 or beginning of Term 2. If you have suggestions of what we could put on our new menu, please drop these to the P&C room or to the office. If you would like to volunteer in the Tuckshop could you please leave your name and contact details at the office or come to the P&C room and your details will be passed on to the new convenor once they have been appointed. Thank you for your continued support.

Senior Shirts: We have sample shirts available to try on for sizing, if you would like to try on a sample shirt please come to P&C where we can assist you with this. Order forms will be sent home in the next week a $20 deposit will be required at the time of ordering.

Easter Raffle: This year we will be having an Easter Raffle and are seeking donations of Easter eggs, Chocolates, Baskets, Vouchers. If you can help in donations we will have a box located in the office for you to leave your donations. It would be great if we could receive a donation from each family to help us raise funds to assist us in putting in airconditioning in the school.

Book and Uniform: The Book and Uniform shop is open Tuesdays, 8:30 -9:30 and Fridays, 8:00-11:00 for all your uniform and stationary needs, we also now have eftpos located at the Book and uniform shop for your convenience.
POSITION VACANT
Tuckshop Convenor - Casual

Exciting opportunity is available for a motivated and Matured Minded Person for a Casual Tuckshop Convenor position with the Deception Bay North State School P&C Association.

You will be working in a very friendly team environment 3 days a week. Days and Hours will be Wednesday-Friday, 7:30am – 1.00pm.

Your duties will include:-
- Cooking and preparation of food as approved by the Association
- Ordering of stock
- Managing the roster and volunteers
- Conducting food safety audits and stock takes
- Adhering to food hygiene and workplace health and safety standards
- Ensuring compliance with all Government Regulations, legislation, standards and Education Queensland requirements.
- Responsible for developing new and enticing menus including Breakfast for students and staff

To succeed in this exciting role, you will need:
- A strong cooking background
- Cook or Hospitality Experience Desirable but not essential
- Knowledge of Smart Choices Menu desirable but not essential.
- Demonstrated organisational ability,
- Proven understanding of Quality Assurance & Workplace Health and Safety
- Demonstrated history of purchasing and monitoring stock
- To hold a Food Safety Supervisor Certificate or equivalent (or be willing to obtain one at own expense)
- To hold a Suitability Blue Card (or be willing to obtain one at own expense)
- To be flexible and multi skilled
- Experience in dealing with Children of various ages and Cultural backgrounds

Wages and conditions will be subject to Award Conditions.

If this sounds like the perfect opportunity for you, please forward your resume and a cover letter outlining your experience by email addressed to the P&C President pandc@decebaynss.eq.edu.au

Applications are required by 6pm Friday, 10/2/17.
Deception Bay North
Early Childhood Development Program

Playgroup 2017 for families of children aged 0-3 years

This program caters for children as young as newborns. In this program, parents and babies are supported and educated in the many facets that will touch their lives once a disability diagnosis has been made. Guidance is offered on how to best support your child and ways to stimulate listening and language skills at home.

The main focus is on language acquisition, listening and play skills as well as explaining general child developmental milestones.

Hearing impairment sessions will guide parents on the use and care of hearing aids and provide information on cochlear implants.

When?
Tuesday mornings
during school terms
from 9:00 to 11:00

To apply to join the playgroup, please contact:

Dolin Rhys-Jones
Head of Special Education Services
Deception Bay North State School
35-49 Old Bay Rd, Deception Bay QLD 4508
Ph: 07 3207 2333

PLAYGROUP

Tenei te mihinui Kia Koutou Katoa
Ngaa whanua whaanui
AKOAKO KI PIRIPANE - “LEARNING TOGETHER”
Are holding Maori lessons at our school in Room Mod 7
Every Wednesday
Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm
Ages: 2-5 Maori
Ages: 4-5 Eng/Maori
Please bring shared morning tea / lunch
Drink bottle / Hat / Sunscreen
Contact Bebe on 0450 006031 or Harata 0410 866253
QParents is here

Our school now has QParents. Parents will receive an invitation email or letter before the end of Term 1 2017.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child's school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child's student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child's school to access and manage their child's student information, including:
- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Academic report cards
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

If you wish to register for QParents now, please see Sheena Ralph, Business Services Manager

Over time, QParents will become an integral part of how we communicate with parents. Get on board now to enjoy the ease and convenience that QParents offers.

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**SCHOOL SKATING OUTINGS 2017**

- **✓ SCHOOL SPORT**
- **✓ BREAKUPS**
- **✓ REWARD DAYS**

**AVAILABLE MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9AM TO 3PM - DURING SCHOOL TERM**

**TERM SPORT**
- Minimum 5 bookings
- Up to 1.5 hour session
- (Minimum $40 per booking)

**ALL NEW PRICE**
- $5.50
  - Includes skate & wrist guard hire

**ONE OFF VISITS**
- $11.50 per head
  - Includes skate & wrist guard hire
- Up to 2 hour session
- Minimum school group - 50 students

**OPTIONAL EXTRA FOR BREAKUP PARTIES**
- $4.50 per head
  - Hot Dog & Drink (Dine in Bistro Water)
- $5.80 per head
  - Pizza (2 slices) & Drink (Dine in Bistro Water)

**REQUEST BOOKING VIA PHONE AT THE SCHOOL**

**Skateaway.net.au**

**SKATEWAY FAMILY CENTRE**

**SUNSHINE COAST**
- 13 Calypso Rd,
  - Caloundra
- Ph: 5459 4205
  - RollerDrome.com.au

**ICE SKATING - TERM 4**

**Age 4-12**

Dribblerz

Great fun environment where children learn confidence, teamwork, skills, co-ordination and skills for the world’s most popular game through fun, games and reward.

Our season kicks off with a Free Trial on

Saturday Feb 4th

at the Morayfield Indoor Sports Centre

9am - Ages 4-5 | 9:30 - Ages 6-7
10am - Ages 8-9 | 10:30 - Ages 10-12