

14th February 2019

Music Program off to great start



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

At the start of each school year the Education Department determines school staffing and support funding based on student enrolment numbers on the 8th day of school. We have begun 2019 with 338 students, which allows us to maintain our current class structure without disruption to learning.

We are continuously looking for ways to improve Deception Bay SS. In **2019 our school improvement priorities** are to:

- Develop a whole school approach to explicitly teach simple, compound and complex sentences.
- Analysis of data to ensure improved Literacy and Numeracy outcomes.
- Devise and implement connected units for all Key Learning Areas aligned to the Australian Curriculum.
- Continue to strengthen partnerships between our local Early Childhood centres to support the transition into school.
- Continue to promote a culture of learning to improve attendance and engagement.

We are also pleased and excited to inform you that we will be moving to a new electronic newsletter with Schoolzine. The move to this new format will enable us to communicate with the school community across multiple channels. We believe it will promote and enhance our engagement with parents, students and the wider community. **This newsletter will be our last paper-based newsletter.** The new format will allow the inclusion of video, photo galleries, mobile app, calendars and so much more. In preparation for our next newsletter, we request parents download the App below to mobile devices or tablets. Newsletters will also be available on our school website. During this transition, we will keep some paper copies available in the office.

Come along and support our Meet the Teacher Sessions next week. We understand that time is precious and we appreciate your attendance at these meetings. The partnerships that are established between teachers and parents are vital for supporting student learning and are highly valued within our school. Specific details were sent home recently.

We strongly encourage students who ride bikes to school use a chain and lock to secure them to the bike racks throughout the day.

Our 2019 Student Leaders will be formally recognised and inducted into their leadership positions on Thursday 21st February at the **Student Leader Induction Ceremony**. Feel free to join us in the Library for this special occasion.

You are welcome to drop in and see me, telephone me on 38972444 or email me on the.principal@decebayss.eq.edu.au with any queries or concerns.

Warm Regards
Trudi Ivins
PRINCIPAL

Date Claimers 2019

Term 1

Feb 18	Years 1, 2 & 6 Meet the Teacher afternoon
Feb 19	Prep and Year 4 Meet the Teacher afternoon
Feb 20	Years 3 & 5 Meet the Teacher afternoon
Feb 20	District Swimming Carnival
Feb 21	Student Leader Induction ceremony
Feb 21	P&C Meeting - Library 3pm
Mar 1	National Young Leaders Day
Mar 4	Year 5 excursion
Mar 8	Interschool Sport begins
Mar 8	AFL Statewide Cup
Mar 12	Year 6 excursion
Mar 14	Cross Country/Fun Run
Mar 15	National Day Against Bullying
Mar 19	School Photos
Mar 21	P&C Meeting and AGM – Library
Apr 1-3	Athletics Carnival
Apr 5	Community Breakfast/Celebration Day
Apr 5	Last day of Term 1



Maths Week 3 Growth Mindset

Did you know? Curtis Jackson, 50-Cent, grew up in New York to a very poor family. His mother died and his father left and so he was raised by his grandmother. He was frequently in trouble with the police and was even sentenced to prison, but was instead sent to bootcamp and managed to complete his high school certificate while he was there.

After his release he renamed himself as 50-Cent. After a number of contracts and false starts he was eventually signed by Eminem's label Shady Records and has since become one of the world's most famous and best selling rappers.

Even with a difficult start and some poor choices along the way, we can turn things around and be successful in whatever we choose.

Patty Holmes
Numeracy Co-Teacher



Reading at Home

Reading is a fundamental skill we all need. We need to be able to read street signs, bus schedules and different forms and bills. Reading, is like any other skill, the more we practice the better we get. You can help your child develop their reading skills by reading to them or having them read to you. This can be incidental, while you are walking and looking at street signs, or it can be focused reading of books or magazines. Reading does not have to be a chore - look for things that interest your child. The school has recently purchased a range of new and interesting books that

are available to borrow to help you with this. If your child is only young or is struggling with their reading, you reading to them or with them is still highly beneficial.



Senior Camp

Yr 6 Mapleton Camp is on Tues 7th May and Wed 8th May. The cost will be \$135.00. The first payment of \$45 is due by 15th Feb, the second payment of \$45 is due by 29th March and the final payment of \$45 is due by 30th April.

P & C News



Next P&C Meeting will be on Thursday 21st February 2019 at 3:00pm in the Library. Everyone is welcome.

Volunteers Needed



If anyone is available to help in the Tuckshop this year please let the Office know. Tuckshop day is Friday.

Uniform Donation



If your child has outgrown their uniform and you would like to donate it to the school, please feel free to drop it into the Office.

If you have a borrowed uniform, please return it to the Office for future use.

Gr 6 Parliament House excursion forms will be sent home in the near future. Gr 5 Mangrove excursion forms have gone home. Please return forms by the due date.



Sport News

School Cross County Races will be on Thursday 14th March 2019 between 11:15am and 12:15pm on the school oval.

Training will be Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 7:45am to 8:15am starting Tuesday 12th February 2019.



Music News

Our Instrumental Music Program is underway. The cost for the year is: \$35.00 Deposit (Instrumental Levy) and \$55.00 (Instrument Hire). The Deposit is due now and needs to be paid to allow your child to attend the Queensland Symphony Orchestra on Wednesday 6th March 2019.



Choir notes have been sent home to students who expressed interest in becoming a member of the Deception Bay State School's Choir for 2019. Please return the form as soon as possible. Practice Sessions will be Friday 10:30-11:00am (First Break). This rehearsal time is compulsory.

New E Newsletter

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2. Search the App Store for **SZapp**.
3. Download and install **SZapp**.

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