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Dimbulah State School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the country in which this school is located and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.
Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to the 2017 school year, and new families at Dimbulah State School. We warmly welcome you all. Term 1 is always busy in our school, and it is pleasing to see students arriving at school with all the necessary tools for the day’s work and settling in to the daily routine. It has been a great start to the school year for our staff and students.

With the school year only two weeks old, it is appropriate to highlight our school’s expectations. Students will:

a) be respectful,
b) be a learner,
c) co-operate (with all members of the school community), and
d) be safe.

A general reminder about mobile phones and any other digital devices; if brought to school they are to be handed in to the office upon arriving at school and to be collected at the end of the day.

Throughout the week Dimbulah State School staff and students have been busy electing student leaders. The responsible and mature manner in which our students approached their speeches was of such a high standard. Congratulations to Jeannie-May Lyall and Desmond Kerlin who were elected Secondary School Captains, and to Bailey Cross, Alwyn Lyall and Jack O’Brien-Harlow, our Primary School Captains.

Last week I had the pleasure of accompanying the Yr10 students on their annual Rocky Top leadership walk. While it was a great day, and the students completed the course and all made it to the summit of Rocky top, it was hot! While at times the heat, flies and spiders seemed almost unbearable, our seniors persisted and worked together to complete the walk.

Next week I will be accompanying our Primary School Leaders on the annual cluster leadership camp held at Tinaroo Outdoor Education Centre. Primary school captains from all state schools in the wider Mareeba Cluster will spend three days together developing their leadership skills and public speaking ability.

Our Reading programs, “Cars and Stars” and “Spelling Mastery” will also begin next week. Understanding and comprehending written text is a critical life skill. Across 2017, Dimbulah State School will be focussing on “Reading for Comprehension”. Developing life-long reading skills can be compared to training to run faster, jump higher, or swimming better. Reading is a skill that requires ongoing training and practice to develop fluency and an understanding of the material that is being read. Just 15 min of home reading per night can make all the difference to a student’s ability to comprehend and take meaning from written texts.

Our refurbished Prep/1 building is almost fully completed. We are waiting for the updated technology to be connected to our school network, which should be finalised within the next two weeks. A big thank you to Miss Michele for her hard work in relocating the classroom over the past week. Thank you also to our staff and students who assisted with the relocation.

A reminder that instrumental music begins next week. Students have received instrument hire agreements over the last two days and will be issued their instrument upon return of the form. Mr “S” has a big year planned, with many workshops and public performances for our talented musicians.

My door and that of the staff at Dimbulah State School is always open, so if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child’s progress at Dimbulah State School please contact the school or come in for a discussion.

Looking forward to another great year,

Tuki Brown
Principal
2017 LEADERS AT DIMBULAH STATE SCHOOL

Secondary School Captains: Jeannie-May Lyall & Desmond Kerlin
Primary School Captains: Bailey Cross, Alwyn Lyall & Jack O’Brien-Harlow

Secondary Sports Captains:

Leichhardt: Hannah MacLeod, Jonah Serafin & Aaron Small
Kennedy: Jason O’Shea & Robbie White

Primary Sports Captains: Leichhardt: Lincoln Wells & Lachlan Van Der Vliet
Kennedy: Nate Campbell & Darcy Fraser

Student Council:
President: Hayley Gargan
Secretary: Hannah MacLeod
Treasurer: Jeannie-May Lyall

YR 10 Representatives: Natalia Westwood, Alana Klappas & Tyrell Portelli
YR 9 Representatives: Rachel Wilkinson & Spike Risley
YR 8 Representatives: Sarah Westwood & Maikali Nichols
YR 7 Representatives: Destiny King, Emma Mc Dermott & Kyan Sheppard
YR 6 Representatives: Caleb Bong & Ayden Boswell
YR 5 Representatives: Chelsea De La & Chase Sheppard

Publicity Officer: Tyla Koulouvi
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Assessment dates:
- Week 9: 29 March
- Week 10: 5 April
- Week 11: 12 April
- Week 12: 19 April
- Week 13: 26 April
- Week 14: 3 May
- Week 15: 10 May
- Week 16: 17 May
- Week 17: 24 May
- Week 18: 31 May
- Week 19: 7 June

Date: Friday, 7/01/2017
Dear Hannah

It gives us great pleasure to inform you that your application for the STEM Girl Power Camp has been successful.

The STEM Girl Power Camp will be held in Brisbane from 21–25 March 2017. The camp aims to provide students with experiences in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and to encourage students to participate in STEM at school and consider it as a future career option.

Teachers from the Queensland Academy for Science, Mathematics and Technology and from your school region will be regional camp leaders and where possible will travel with students to and from camp. Teachers at camp will be supervising students from schools across Queensland.

During the camp, you will join other Year 10 girls from around Queensland to experience the World Science Festival, meet STEM role models, undertake STEM activities and visit STEM researchers.

A STEM Girl Power Camp information booklet and consent forms will be forwarded to you in February 2017 to outline the final activities and gain consent from your parent or guardian.

The Department of Education and Training will meet the costs of your travel to and from the camp. If you have any questions about the camp, please contact Karen Hall via email: STEM@det.qld.gov.au or by telephone on 3055 2824.

Congratulations and best wishes — we hope the camp is a rewarding and exciting experience.

Yours sincerely

Leanne Nixon
Assistant Director-General
State Schools — Performance
Department of Education and Training

Kath Kayrooz
Principal
Queensland Academies – Science, Mathematics & Technology campus

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REMINDER TO PARENTS

It is very important to advise the office if any personal details change (address, contact numbers, medical details etc.) Please contact the school office as soon as possible on 40945333 if there are any changes.
ICT Summer Camp

Last year, I received a distinction in The Australian Mathematics Competition. For this, I was invited by The Australian Mathematics Trust to attend DigIT's ICT mentoring program and camps in Sydney. I applied for a spot and within two weeks, I was accepted.

The purpose of the two camps is to enable the attending students to explore all aspects of ICT.

When I was there I learnt about:  
- Python (Programming)  
- Scratch (Creating a game)  
- HTML (Making websites)  
- Robotics (Design and construction of robots)

I visited:  
- Macquarie University  
- Robert Menzies College  
- University of Technology and Science  
- Google Office Sydney  
- The Darling Harbour

The food was great and so were the people. I had my own room, great view and free Wi-Fi. We had a curfew of 10 (9 o'clock Queensland time) and we usually finished up our mentoring sessions around 8-9, so had free time for an hour or two. Usually I spent my free time playing soccer with my friends, chilling in my room or calling Jezabel and watching the boys play soccer.
A total of 60 people were chosen, and we got split into 4 groups of 15. Throughout the week, they gave us several different algorithmic challenges and ICTrivas’, every question we got correct was worth a point, at the end of the week, the team with most points wins – my team was fast, quick off the mark and very intellectual. We won.

Of all in attendance, I came from the most rural area. The person who came from the second most rural area, had about 3000 people in his town.

Now that I’ve been there, seen and practised different fields in IT, I have a project that I will be completing over the next six months, and when I go back to Sydney, I have do a presentation on it.

Honestly, it’s very intimidating, having to try to compete with some of the smartest year nines and tens in Australia, but I’m ready for it and excited for what’s to come.

Wish me luck!

- Netahnie Christensen

My friends, Rachel and Zara.

Where we played soccer and the accommodation

Google Office and RMC Lobby
YEAR 8 BOYS 1ST COOKING LESSON

“APPLE CRUMBLE”

We are happy to inform you all that the Apple Crumbles were perfect.
Curriculum Update

What are our core beliefs at Dimbulah P-10 State School?

I have included an extract from our school’s Pedagogical Framework. This framework drives curriculum at our school and was put together by school community members.

**We believe:**

1. **ALL** students can achieve to a high academic standard
2. **Every** student matters, every day.
3. Staff P-10 **share accountability** for student outcomes
4. School curriculum must be **consistent**, **planned** and **implemented** to **improve learning**.
5. We promote and strive to embed a culture of **high expectations** with regard to
   - Student behaviour, attendance and dress code
   - Student bookwork standards
   - Teacher and student commitment to high academic performance
   - Student values and a high level of respect
   - Student engagement
   - Feedback being given and received openly and often and valued by staff and students alike
   - There is a high level of community engagement and support
   - There are strong relationships between parents and their childrens’ teachers

In order to ensure that all individual learning needs are met and that we are providing the best program and support possible for all of our students, our school conducts a 3 day Learning Needs Audit. This year the audit will take place on 14th, 15th & 16th of February. Teachers are released from classes and meet to discuss each and every student at our school with a team which may include the Principal, the Head of Curriculum and the Head of Department. Their learning as well as their physical, social, emotional and behavioural needs are discussed, documented and processes, support and planning is put into place to ensure that each student is receiving the best education possible. A review takes place at the end of Semester 1 and if the student requires adjustments etc. this is again discussed with the planning team.

We invite parents to discuss their children’s learning and to be part of their learning process.

Please take the time to discuss your child’s needs with his/her teacher/s.

Kathy Colhoun
Head of Curriculum
Student Safety and Wellbeing is a primary focus at our school.

Crossing at the marked pedestrian crossing is the safe way for students, parents and community members to cross the road and walk to and from the school. Parents are asked to set a safe example for students.

When approaching the school crossing when it is supervised at high traffic times ALL OF US are expected to:

- STOP back from the edge of the kerb.
- WAIT for the supervisor to blow the whistle for you to cross.
- WALK smartly. Don’t run.
- Keep your eyes on the traffic and the supervisor whilst crossing.
- If you are on a bike or scooter or skateboard, get off the vehicle and wheel or carry it across

If the crossing is not supervised:

- WALK up to the crossing
- Stop
- Look both ways
- Listen
- Think- Is it Safe to Cross?
- Keep looking and listening whilst crossing the road
- Do not run, ride or skate across

Please use the crossing
MANGO'S MATES KICKING GOALS

Cowboys House welcomes first intake of students

TWENTY-FIVE indigenous students have officially moved into NRL Cowboys House, with the youngsters to kick off their school year next week.

The $2.5 million facility will house up to 50 students from Years 7-12 that have moved to the region from remote indigenous communities. Paynter Dixon Queensland managing director Michael Keen said that, while his firm had built the facility, they wanted a continued relationship.

"We did the design and construction over eight months," he said. "I've spent a lot of time in remote indigenous communities and I've seen firsthand the challenges that children can experience.

That's why we were keen to get involved." Paynter Dixon North Queensland manager Michael Keen said that, while his firm had built the facility, they wanted a continued relationship.

"We did the design and construction over eight months," he said. "I've spent a lot of time in remote indigenous communities and I've seen firsthand the challenges that children can experience.

That's why we were keen to get involved." Bowen, the club’s community engagement officer, said preparations for welcoming the inaugural student cohort were under way. "Coming to this house will be an exciting new opportunity for these kids and we can’t wait to share in their experience both in and out of the classroom," he said.

Project manager Gayle Deans said the new facility was not just a football academy. "The funding from the Federal Government was quite specific, it was to reduce housing and remoteness as a barrier to education," she said.

"It's a boarding facility, so the boys will go to TechIQ and do a trade, others will go to William Ross State High School, Kirwan State High School and Ignatius Park high school." The Cowboys' community day is on Saturday from 1pm at 1300Miles Stadium. The morning will include player signings, games, prizes and live music.
RHEE TAE KWON DO PLEDGE:

As a student of RHEE Tae Kwon Do I solemnly promise:

1. To abide by the rules and regulations of the school
2. To obey the instructions of our instructors
3. To cultivate self discipline and perseverance
4. To achieve fitness and good health
5. To strive always to be modest, courteous and respectful to members senior to me
6. To put the Art into use only for self-defence and defence of the weak, and never to show off my knowledge of the Art
7. To endeavour constantly to improve myself both mentally and physically – through my study of the Art of RHEE Tae Kwon Do
8. To respect and obey my parents, be courteous to my elders, and strive to set an example as a good citizen
9. To respect the laws of the country at all times
10. To be honourable in my dealings with all my fellow members

In 2017 RHEE TAE KWON DO Celebrates 40 years training in Dimbulah

COME & TRY!

After School & Evening Training Sessions:

Mondays & Thursdays
3.30pm - 4.30pm
7.15pm - 8.15pm

Dimbulah Memorial Hall
Beginners always welcome!
First 2 lessons FREE!

Contact Instructors Phil & Gaye
Ph: 40935357 Mobile 0428935357 Email: gaye.rtkd.dimbulah@bigpond.com

Mareeba
Children & Family
Centre

Come join us at the CWA Hall

Dimbulah Mobile
Playgroup

2017 Tuesdays 9:30am – 11:30am
Commencing 31/01/2017 for each School Term, no Public Holidays

Learning Through

Playing Singing Stories Craft

Bring Hat & Water Bottle
Light refreshments available

Mareeba
Netball

Have fun, make friends, get active.

Sign On

www.mareebanetball.qld.netball.com.au

Register Online

This Saturday 4th February
9am-11am
Davies Park Sporting Complex
Jasper St, Mareeba
(EFTPOS available)

Contact: Donna/Sarah for information
Phone: 0740278767 Fax: 0740282826
Email: enquire@mareebanetball.com
37 Market Street, Mareeba 4880
Mobile: 0427

Play netball in Queensland

FOR MORE INFORMATION
P: 0427994082 E: mareebanetball@gmail.com
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This year the Sacramental Program is being offered at Saint Anthony’s Parish. If your child has been Baptised Catholic, is in year 4 or above and wishes to take part in the following Sacraments:

*First Reconciliation
*Confirmation
*First Eucharist

Please contact Rachelle De Iacovo at St Anthony’s School (4093 5319) as soon as possible for enrolment forms.

HAVE FUN
PLAY SOCCER

Sign-on Day
Sat 11Feb
9am – 12 noon, Dimbulah Football Club

Players to self-register online (preferably in advance)
New players must provide birth certificate or passport for registration

Ages: 4 - 18 years

Follow us on Facebook “Dimbulah Football Club”