WE VALUE LEARNING
WE VALUE RESPECT
WE VALUE SAFETY
WE VALUE CO-OPERATION

Friday 14th October, 2016

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OUR P&C MEETS SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:30 PM

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Dimbula 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 final term of 2016. Term 4 is always a busy time at Dimbulah State School with teachers working hard to complete the necessary units of work from the Australian Curriculum, as well as preparing students and classrooms for 2017. This term will be especially busy for our Prep and Yr 1 students who will be moving out of their classroom towards the end of the year. This move will be completed by the end of Week 7 of this term, to allow sufficient time for a full renovation of the current building. This overhaul is being funded by the department and will include the removal of asbestos, a full facelift of the interior of the building and a complete technology upgrade. While the move to the meeting room will be disruptive for the students and teaching staff, the benefits of a near new Prep/1 facility will be worth the inconvenience.

Mrs Toffanello will be taking leave for Term 4. Mrs Balzarolo will continue full-time with Yr 5/6 for the remainder of 2017. We wish Mrs Toffanello an enjoyable break and look forward to her return at the beginning of next year.

Last Friday Prep-Yr8 students participated in a Fun with Maths program. This focussed on practical problem solving utilising the skills developed in maths. The activities were all hands on, which the students thoroughly enjoyed. Some of our fantastic Yr 7 and Yr 8 students enjoyed the experience so much that they volunteered to give up their lunchbreak to assist our younger students through the program. Congratulations Yr 7 and Yr 8 on a job well done.

Earlier this week our students attended an Instrumental Music day at Mareeba State High School. A great day was had by all, which involved music, meeting other budding musicians and catching up with like-minded students from other schools. Thank you to Mr “S” for his organisation of the event and his ongoing dedication to Dimbulah State School’s Instrumental Music Program.

At the end of last term Dimbulah State School upgraded many of its aging computers. All old monitors and keyboards were donated to students, staff or community organisations, with the old computers being dismantled and taken to Officeworks for recycling. E-waste is an ongoing issue for all schools. Thank you to staff and students for their assistance at the end of last term with this upgrade and the recycling of old computers and components.

Two key dates for Term 4 involve the recognition of student achievement and the graduation of Yr 10 and Yr 6 students. Secondary Speech Night will be held on Monday 24th October starting at 7.00pm. The Primary Recognition Evening is on Thursday 1st December starting at 6.30pm. Both are very special occasions at which the achievement of our students will be recognised, rewarded and celebrated. A large variety of great student work, across the various areas of the curriculum, will also be on display. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Regards
Tuki Brown
Principal
Congratulations to the following students for:

50 nights of reading
Ashley-Rae Collins

75 nights of reading
Lara Martin

100 nights of reading
Georgia Lamont
Tizzeem Starkey

125 nights of reading
Tanesha King

150 nights of reading
Harper Brunjes

175 nights of reading
Aisha Lam
Sean Lam

200 nights of reading
Paige Carey
Abby Martel

225 nights of reading
Tyler Carey
GOTCHA!  Students who are following our school values of LEARNING, RESPECT, SAFETY AND COOPERATION are automatically entered into the school’s weekly GOTCHA draw. The following students received free poppers over the last fortnight. Well done students!

Shaquille Dodd – Cooperating
Dani-Marie Fitzgerald – Learning
Ayden Boswell – Learning ‘Excellent Spelling’
Micah Archer – Learning ‘Great Work in Maths’
Sean Lam – Being Respectful ‘Great Manners’
Kyan Sheppard – Being Respectful
Olivia Tiberi – Learning
Janice Lyall – Learning
Lilah Colclough – Learning, Cooperating and Being Respectful
Dario Dalla Lana – Learning, Cooperating and Being Respectful
Meika Sheppard – Learning, Cooperating, Being Respectful and Being Safe
Tyler Triantafyllou – Being Respectful
Darby Brunjes – Learning, Cooperating, Being Respectful and Being Safe
Over term 2 and term 3 primary students participated in the annual Premier Reading Challenge. QSuper ran a partnering competition in conjunction with the challenge to encourage students to read. Prep – Year 3 could enter a photo or a collage about a book they had read and Year 4 – 6 a statement. I entered about 20 different entries from Years 2 – 6.

This photo above WON FIRST PRIZE!!!!! We have won $1000 towards books for the school library.

We tied with Laura, however, they said that we are both small rural schools so they didn’t want to split the money between the schools. Both schools will receive $1000.

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**SWIMMING**

Secondary swimming begins Friday 28th October.

Primary swimming begins Thursday 3rd November.

Ensure students remember their swimming gear on swimming days.

Permission notes will be sent home soon.
Fun with Maths

On Friday 7 October, students from Prep to Year 8 participated in a maths workshop in which they worked in collaborative teams to solve fun, real-life maths problems. Students were challenged to solve over 20 different hands-on, student-centred problems that promoted problem solving skills, critical thinking, and creativity.

A whole range of maths skills were required to be activated in order for the students to find solutions to the different challenges. Emma and Ally used their whole bodies to play Old MacDonald Had a Farm on the thong-a-phone. Paige, Tanesha and Nika used their computation skills in a dartboard problem. Sean and Jason had fun using their knowledge of shape and their problem solving skills to tackle a maze challenge.
Dear Parents, Students and Community of Dimbulah P-10 State School,

Dimbulah P-10 State School would like to invite you to the 2016 secondary Speech Night. This is a very special night for all our secondary students. The night starts at 6.45pm with the program commencing at 7.00pm sharp. Parents are asked to bring a plate of food to share for supper.

VENUE: DIMBULAH MEMORIAL HALL

DATE: 24/10/2016
Vietnam Trip September 2016 – Incredible!✈⇒🚢

WOW! What an adventure! Sin cheow! (Hello!) Oi gioi oi! (Oh my Buddha!) Cam on! (Thank you!) Tam Biet! (Goodbye!)

During the September school holiday period, fifteen members of Dimbulah P-10 State School embarked on an overseas journey to Vietnam. We had a one night stop-over in Singapore and we were on our way! We began our trip in the North – Hanoi and Halong Bay – and ended our trip by traversing through the South – Saigon. Our guide, Hai, was fantastic, as was Tram and Brett Macdouall for creating a perfect itinerary!

Good Morning Vietnaaaaam! Our plane landed, we stumbled through the airport and were ushered onto the bus. Once we arrived in Hanoi’s Old Quarter, we hit the ground running, quite literally. We arrived at the hotel, dropped our bags and tried one of the nation’s signature dishes – the Vietnamese Pork Roll (YUM!) We toured the city in the comfort of our cyclos and became a part of the action, meandering through the madness of Hanoi’s city streets, coming into close contact with motorcycles, cars, trucks, buses and bikes! We immersed ourselves in the evening’s colourful sights and sounds. That same evening, we discovered the Night Markets.

The next day, we set off for our Halong Bay overnight cruise. This was definitely a highlight of the trip. We took in the picturesque sites of emerald waters, a floating village and limestone islands from our kayaks and fishing boats. We swam in the ocean and witnessed a breathtaking sunset. We even explored natural forming caves. Words cannot describe the beauty of the bay. It is, after all, a UNESCO World Heritage wonder.

On the way back to the city, we stopped in at Choung’s house to be a part of the ‘Eco Adventure’. We have to admit that Choung’s family’s spring rolls were the best (after eating twenty different varieties of spring rolls, we now consider ourselves ‘Spring Roll Connoisseurs’ and reserve the right to make this judgment). We biked through the rice paddies while basking in the scenery of the country. We learnt about traditional farming and fishing techniques and about honouring ancestors. We even witnessed a funeral and rode Emily the Buffalo! We finished off the tour with a fishing boat race and made our way back to Hanoi city.

The following day, we made our way to the North, to Saigon (i.e., Ho Chi Minh City), where we spent most of our time. After we settled into our hotel in District 1, we braved the Ben Thanh Market and we had fun bartering for souvenirs and gifts. Throughout our time in Saigon, we visited the market three other times. Thank Buddha we had a weight limit of 30kg on our return to Australia!

Then, we headed for the Mekong Delta, otherwise known as the ‘rice bowl of Vietnam’. Our boat took us to a local workshop where we witnessed, with stunned fascination, the making of rice paper, rice puff treats and coconut candy. We enjoyed some herbal tea with some locally produced snacks – Delicious! Afterwards, we met up with our Homestay family, where they fed us to within an inch of our lives. So...much...food. Luckily, we worked off our Buddha bellies and toured the neighbouring villages on bicycles and motorcycles. We chatted to the local farmers and witnessed them at work. We agreed that Zak and Desmond had found their true calling – Rice Farming. We stopped in at the local soccer field and played a game against a few of the local children. Then came the wild wind and rain (which lasted about an hour)! We arrived back at the Homestay safely and relaxed in hammocks before helping the family prepare dinner – We made traditional Vietnamese cake (nom, nom, nom).

We then set off for an early morning start to navigate, by boat, the Cai Be Floating Market and bustling river systems of the Mekong Delta. This was an eye-opener! Completely unreal, yet a sustainable way of life for the Mekong peoples. We then donned a traditional Vietnamese rice paddy hat and toured the narrow tributaries by small fishing boats that were expertly manoeuvred by friendly Vietnamese locals. We made our way back to Saigon city by bus (it’s fair to say that we will not be getting on a bus for a very, very long time! We spent many hours travelling by bus. Though, our main bus driver, Dat, was awesome!). That night, we enjoyed an exquisite four-course meal at K.O.T.O (‘Know One, Teach One’). Their cause is wonderful and it is well worth your time to look up the ideals behind this non-profit foundation!

This brings us to our Vung Tau coastal overnight visit and the lovely, the enchanting, Mrs Banana! We stayed at a historical hotel (we even witnessed a wedding!) overlooking the ocean. Some of us went swimming at the beach and
saw the last rays of sunlight disappear over the horizon. With Mrs Banana’s expert knowledge, we learnt about captivating stories related to the 1ALS (1st Australian Logistic Support) base area and the Minh Dam Secret Zone. We also visited the Nui Dat Task Force Base and the Long Phuoc Tunnels where we conversed with a former Viet Cong soldier. We visited landmarks such as the War Memorial at Back Beach and the Peter Badcoe Club site/‘Flags’ site. We stopped briefly at the Nui Dat Kindergarten and were surprised to find out that Miss Banana petitioned for years to get the school successfully up-and-running. Mrs Banana is a local celebrity, with many Australian Veteran mates. I guess that’s why she regaled us with Aussie idioms (Pulling your leg! G’day mate! Bloody hell mate! Fair dinkum mate!) And, had such a cheeky and entertaining personality! We shared a memorable experience by paying tribute to the men who fought and died in Vietnam by laying a wreath at the Long Tan Cross Memorial, as part of the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Service. We then made our way back to Saigon.

Rotary Interact’s fundraising and our large $1500 donation paid off! We were guests at the Christina Noble Children’s Foundation and saw, first hand, the benefits of our hard work. Piers and Phuong, the Coordinators, guided us through their Day care, Primary and Secondary centres. Each of our hearts were touched at the sight of the children’s smiling faces and the care and education they were receiving. We took our time cuddling and playing games with the children. We spent one-on-one time in a Secondary classroom and interacted with the students using English and Vietnamese. We drew Australian animals on their blackboard and acted out the movements of these animals in front of their class – We were all amused and laughed a lot. We also spelt these animals in English so that the Vietnamese students could practice and refine their English speaking skills. All of the volunteers and the teachers should be recognised as saints and that they have, without doubt, hearts of pure gold. Once we finished our morning at the CNCF centre, we made our way to the Cu Chi Tunnels. We learnt about their complex history, crawled through a tunnel 60m long and shot ten rounds of a military gun of our choice. That was very cool. We ended on a high and returned to the hotel.

This was ALMOST the end of our trip...We spent the day after on a walking tour of the nearby old and new parts of the city – the Reunification Palace, the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Old Post Office. Our day encompassed feelings of contentment and joy but we also, equally, shared feelings of devastation and sadness. This is because we visited the War Remnants Museum where we witnessed the atrocities committed on both sides of the Vietnam War. But, as Hai and Miss Banana would say, we honour the past but we have the courage to accept it and to move forward. We did finish the day on a positive note though – We made our way to the harbour and enjoyed a dinner cruise. It was touch-and-go about whether or not we would cruise as a storm raged for about half an hour! But, Buddha was, once again, looking out for us and we were thankful that we could appreciate a peaceful and cruisey dinner that superseded the dramatic weather– A perfect way to end a perfect voyage.

This, therefore, marked the end of our trip. Some of us spent the last day receiving TLC and getting pampered at the Beauty Spa and some of us walked around the shopping square not far from the hotel, purchasing last-minute items. We shared a relatively tear-free goodbye with Hai and off we went – again via Singapore – and made our way safely back home. There really is no place like home and it’s great to be back!

We made lifelong friends and we captured memorable photos and video footage. This will help us to remember the wonderful times we shared together. We will cherish this trip for years to come. Some of us were already talking about returning there soon!

Before we end our story, we have to make special mention of the food. Oi gioi o! Seriously A-MAZ-ING. Every meal was different and I don’t think we had one unappetising experience. We could easily write an article just on the food alone. And, the coffee – Astonishingly good. All we will say is that you should visit Vietnam and try it for yourself!

From all of the Vietnam trip attendees of September, 2016, we say

SIN CHEOW and TAM BIET!

“We enjoyed our time overseas in Vietnam! We enjoyed spending time firing the M-16s (one of the weapons used during the Vietnam War). We also enjoyed staying at the Grand Hotel in Vung Tau City. What made the Grand Hotel unique was knowing Australian diggers also stayed there during the war” – Desmond and Clinton

“It was a great experience – One that showed me how different people live” – Brooke.
“I enjoyed the food” – Kelsey.

“It was an eye-opening experience and I really enjoyed the activities that we took part in” – Isabella.

“The most life-changing experience for me was when we visited the Christina Noble Children’s Foundation in Saigon” – Will.

“Our favourite moments were the Halong Bay overnight cruise and the kayaking through the limestone mountains” – Cara & Marcia.

“I valued our visit to the Christina Noble Children’s Foundation” – Breeanna.

“Vietnam is a beautiful and interesting country. As a school group we were attracted by the country’s wonderful natural beauty: From the green rice fields in the north to the fascinating bustle of the Mekong Delta in the south. Vietnam is also a country with a long history and ancient traditions. It has many historic attractions and old temples. We enjoyed the different transport methods of boat, cycle cart, cycling and row boat. You don’t just cross a street in Hanoi, you will yourself to be alive on the other side of that street! We tried a varied selection of different and yummy food during this trip. At times there was too much to eat. Watermelon, Dragon Fruit and other fruits were always so fresh. Shopping at the markets (both night and day) made us very competent buyers (expert at bartering). Lucky we could carry 30kg back to Australia! Although it was the rainy season, we managed to stay mostly dry. There is diversity that comes with travelling in such a big country but there is also a guarantee that Vietnam will not bore you with its possibilities!” – Mrs. Cagnola.
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**Term 4 2016**

**Year 7 Assessment Timeline**

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- **Week 5:** Year 7 26 Nov
- **Week 6:** Year 7 23 Nov
- **Week 7:** Year 7 16 Nov
- **Week 8:** Year 7 9 Nov

**Year 8 Assessment Timeline**

- **Week 4:** Year 8 26 Nov
- **Week 5:** Year 8 23 Nov
- **Week 6:** Year 8 16 Nov
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*Term 4 2016 Year 9 Assessment Calendar*

*Term 4 2016 Year 10 Assessment Calendar*
Well Women’s Clinics – Mareeba Hospital & Mulungu
(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Mareeba Hospital – Thursday 20th October Ph: 4092 9311
Mulungu – Monday 31st October Ph: 4092 3428

Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Bowel Health, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.

You are warmly invited to The Dimbulah Football Club’s 60th Anniversary Saturday 15th October

Celebrations start at 4pm with Dinner at 6:30pm

Bubble Soccer
Crossbar Challenge
Photos throughout the ages
Music by DJ Nipper

Adults - $35
Children - $20 (5-15yrs)

Bookings are essential – RSVP by 12th October with Resina at Dimbulah Health & Beauty (4093 5350) or email: dimbulahbarras@gmail.com

You are invited to come and see our Kindergarten

When: Monday, 31 October 2016
Time: 9 - 11 am
Bring: Your child, Birth Certificate, Health Care Card, Immunisation Record

Come and spend the morning with our friendly staff and see what is available for your child in 2017

Enrol Now
Affordable Kindy - Discount on Fees for Health Care Card holders and ATSI children if your child turns 4 by 30 June 2017

For further information, contact Leanne Harrigan on 4093 5450
'Bringing Up Great Kids'

Dimbulah
Wednesday mornings 8:00-11:00am
at the Dimbulah Community Centre 4093 5444
October 19, 26
November 2, 9, 16, 23

Free workshops for parents, grandparents, and carers

There is no such thing as a perfect parent.
There is no such thing as a perfect child.

There are many ways to parent. Children and parents learn from each other.
Children of all ages are constantly watching, imitating and learning from their parents. They watch how you do things, how you express your feelings and how you relate to others.

As a parent, you constantly learn more and more about your child as they change and grow. Your parenting should change with the changing needs of your children.

We all want to be the best parent we can be.
We all start out as parents with many ideas about parenting. We have hopes and dreams for our children and ourselves as parents. However, sometimes things get in the way of us being the parent we want to be. Sometimes we can feel stuck in patterns of responding to our children that we don’t like, without really understanding why it happens.

Just like our children, our life experiences shape us as we are. We draw our ideas about children and parenting from many sources around us, including our own parents, family, friends, child care, schools, professionals and the media.

As parents, we often repeat what we know best. Most often what we know best is drawn from our own experiences. Our experiences of growing up in our family of origin are an important basis for the values and beliefs we hold about children, parenting and families.
We’re now a recognised provider of professional learning for KidsMatter schools

Choosing external providers for professional learning can be tricky. “Will the content match our needs? Is the training of a high quality? Is professional learning user-friendly and easy to access?”

If you’re a KidsMatter primary school, or a school who is using the KidsMatter framework then choosing your professional learning just got easier.

Great news!

We’re thrilled to announce that Parentingideas Teacher Programs have just been added to the KidsMatter Primary Programs Guide. You can see our programs on the KidsMatter website here

Here’s how we can help

Parentingideas can support KidsMatter schools through our unique online membership to achieve three important aims:

- Create more collaborative working relationships with parents
- Support parents with their parenting
- Promote children’s good mental health and well-being habits within families

We’ve been supporting Australian schools to achieve these aims for ten years. Our track record speaks for itself.

Get ready for 2017

If you’re a KidsMatter school you can be assured our professional learning and parenting resources will help you take your programs to a higher level in 2017 and beyond.

Find out how we can assist by:

- Visiting our website
- Sending us an email for more information
- Freecall 1800 004 484 during school hours

Using Parentingideas programs is now a no-brainer for KidsMatter schools. That’s what I call great news!

Take care,

Michael Grose
Founder, Parentingideas