

Week One

29/01/2019

# Newsletter



*Every student matters! Every student has individual needs! Every student reaching their potential!*  
**Dingo State School Values: Honesty, Respect, Empathy, Resilience**

## "Dowling's Dingo Diary"

Quote:

*After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb! Nelson Mandela*

Welcome back to 2019. I trust that you have all had a relaxing and refreshing break. It was heart-warming to see all the cheerful faces of your children back at school this morning ready to launch into another year.

At the end of 2018, our school was in a great place. The students' results for Semester 2 were impressive to say the least, the school community involvement in our Awards Night was fantastic, our Year 6 graduation was a resounding success and the staff left for their well-earned break in a very positive mind frame.

### So what will 2019 look like at Dingo State School?

We welcome ten new preps into our school. Thanks to the wonderful work of our Kindy, we expect these children to transition seamlessly into our school routines. We also welcome ten new Kindy students to our program. Once again, Mrs McLaughlin and Miss Golden will run the KP1 class ably assisted by Mrs Margaret McNamara and Mrs Heidi Smith (Kindy days). Amy and Allie will be teaching all subject areas this year.

Miss Cooper will be teaching the 2-3 class. On the day that Miss Cooper is taking the Instrumental Program, Mrs Dunne will teach the class. Miss Cooper will continue to teach Science and the Arts and Mrs Dunne will teach HASS to the Year 2-6 students.

I will teach the 4-6 class four days a week, with Mrs Dunne teaching them on my Admin day, which will be Thursday this year. Mrs Seeds will continue to be our IT support person and will work across the year 2-6 class, supporting children's learning.

For the first two weeks Instrumental will be on Wednesday and my admin day will be Friday, but after that, it will change to instrumental Friday and my admin on Thursday.

Library will be on Thursday afternoons for all classes at this stage. Parade will continue to be on Friday afternoons from 2.40pm, so parents can have the opportunity to attend.

### Day 8

We are very close to reaching the magic number that will mean that we gain funding for a third teacher. Last year the school in conjunction with the P and C had to provide funding for this. It is very important that every child attend school on Day 8, which will be Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Attendance will continue to be a major focus in 2019. We encourage parents to send their children to school every day that they are well. We have a full and busy timetable and even one day of unnecessary absence, can put a child behind. Every Day Counts is the departmental line.

### Teacher Aide

With the departure of Maddison Barlow from our staff, a position is going to open up for a Teacher Aide. At this stage it will probably consist of two half days on Monday and Tuesday and a full day on Wednesday. If you are interested, please contact the office to lodge an expression of interest.

## Important Dates

JANUARY	
29 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term One 2019
31 <sup>st</sup>	Medical Information Session
FEBRUARY	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Information Session Class Meetings
8 <sup>th</sup>	P&C AGM Meeting - 3:15pm Welcome back BBQ
12 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter

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### MONDAYS

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### TUESDAYS

- Student Banking

### WEDNESDAYS

- Instrumental Music

### THURSDAYS

- PE & Music
- Library

### FRIDAYS

- Parade 2:40 pm
- Newsletter Deadline

We will then distribute more information to the interested applicants in Week 2. Definite hours will be decided after Day 8.

### **Students with Medical conditions**

We would like to invite parents who have children with a medical condition to attend a short meeting after school on Thursday to outline your child's condition to all staff members. If your child needs to have their medical plan updated or new medication provided we will discuss this at this meeting.

As a staff we are bound by departmental guidelines and therefore not permitted to administer medication to any child unless the required procedures are followed. It puts the staff in an awkward position when parents ask us to do a favour and break the rules. If you are concerned that your child might need to have Panadol administered to them during the year or if they have antibiotics, please ensure that you get your doctor to label the medication with the child's **individual name** and dosage before sending it to school. There is also paperwork for you to complete around this. We are permitted to keep this labelled medication at school and administer it as you see fit.

### **Class Information Meetings**

Next Tuesday afternoon, 5<sup>th</sup> February, the teachers will be holding class meetings between 3.00pm and 4.30pm. Similarly to last year, the teachers will repeat the meetings three times, so parents can attend other classes for multiple children.

From 2.00pm to 3.00pm, Louise will run parent sessions for writing, numeracy and reading to inform you of the strategies used in our school to achieve success. The reading in-service will be revision for many of you, but the numeracy session will outline our new focus for 2019.

Classroom session times will be as follows: 3.05pm – 3.30pm; 3.30pm – 4.00; 4.00pm – 4.30pm

### **Welcome Back BBQ**

Our Welcome Back BBQ will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February starting at 5.00pm. Please phone Helen in the office or return the attached form to let us know how many will be attending from your family. There will be a minimal charge to cover the cost of meat with the teaching staff providing salads for dinner and ice-cream cones for dessert. A special certificate will be presented for our 2019 leaders and family photos taken before the commencement of BBQ.

Prior to this, starting at 3.15pm, the P and C will run their Annual General Meeting. All parents are encouraged to attend and have their say.

### **Congratulations**

It was great to hear that our Chaplain, Anita, was recognised on Australia Day for her commitment to the students in our

area, in particular to developing their sporting skills. We know how committed Anita is to her job and the people of our Dingo Community, so we couldn't be more proud.

Congratulations also to Sister Colleen who received the Citizen of the Year award.

I'm sure you will also join with me in congratulating Miss Golden on her recent engagement. It is very exciting news and we are thrilled for Amy and Lloyd. They plan to get married in March 2020.

The Dowling family also had exciting news over the holidays. We welcomed Mac Alexander to the family. He was born to my daughter on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January and my son and his wife are due to have their first child any day. Exciting and proud times for us all.

Regards  
Wendy.

## **From the Office**

### **Student Banking**

This year student banking will be on a Tuesday. Students are encouraged to place their banking books into the student collection box in the office before school. Students receive a silver token for each deposit, when they have 10 tokens they are able to exchange for them for a reward item.

Reward items for term one are:

- Scented Stackable Highlighter
- Snowy Origami Set

## **P&C News**

### **Annual General Meeting**

The Dingo State School P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 3:15pm. The Welcome Back BBQ will follow the meeting. We look forward to seeing all our families

Thank you,  
Katie Rea

*Dingo and District*

*Community News*

### **Newsletter Deadline**

Whilst we love to have community information included in our newsletter, we do have a deadline. We do our best to keep things up to date but if details are sent in after the deadline we can only include them in the following fortnight's newsletter. Messages must be written in detail. These can be faxed or emailed to us. The deadline for our fortnightly Newsletter is Midday Friday for items you would like included in newsletter. Fax: 49359300 or Email: [admin@dingoss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@dingoss.eq.edu.au)