



# Dirranbandi P-10 State School

## DAZZLER

*Success Follows Effort*

2024  
Term 3  
August 16

*Striving for an engaged and motivated school community, fostering individual achievement, social responsibility and well being.*

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## Emergency Services Visit



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Welcome to Edition 3 of the Dazzler for this term! I hope everyone has enjoyed the current rain – it has been so pleasing to see how well our students have adapted to the change in weather conditions and that learning has remained active, calm and on-task.

*Our Search for a Prep – 2 Teacher* - As you may be aware, Queensland is experiencing a significant shortage of teachers. This shortage is impacting schools across the state, including our own, and has presented challenges in maintaining consistent staffing levels. Dirranbandi P-10 State School has been very proactive in attempting to secure the services of a P-2 teacher. If you have not seen our advertisement on *Facebook*, please jump on and share it. We have had a record number of hits, but unfortunately due to the timing of our vacancy, many teachers who are available are not available to be released until the beginning of 2025. Our quest will continue, though. Today, together with other principals from across our region, I am meeting with the Regional Director at a Principal Congress meeting and will be highlighting our need to secure a talented teacher to work in this very important space. I need to give a huge compliment to all our staff who have banded together to ensure that both our Prep – 2's and our 3/4 class, who are without Mrs Hilton due to an unexpected absence, are moving ahead with their learning. Our students (and parents) also need to be complemented for their resilience during this time.

*Gratitude Hot Seat* – as I have mentioned in previous edition's of this fine publication, this term we have begun the implementation of the Resilience Project in earnest. As a reminder, the three pillars of this program are Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness. This week, I have piloted the introduction of the 'Gratitude Hot Seat' with our 3/4 class. The 'Hot Seat' is a quick activity that involves students and staff being put in the seat and three people volunteering expressing one thing for which they are grateful for in each individual. I have to say the responses have been amazing! They have varied from, "I am grateful that you always lend a helping hand", to "I am grateful that you are always positive", to "I am grateful that you always check on me if I'm not feeling that happy", to "I am grateful that you track our attendance and remind us of our PBL rules." As Mrs Hadenfeldt told the 3/4's today, it always gives you a 'pick-me-up' when you hear that you are doing good things that have a positive effect on others.

*Word of the Week* – given that we have a focus on building vocabulary across our school as one of our improvement strategies this year, it has been so pleasing to see the involvement and excitement of students in regard to our Word of the Week – so much so, that entries are coming in at record levels! This week's word is 'boondoggle' and I cannot wait to see what lands on my desk on Monday!

*Student Learning Experiences* – this week, Mrs Miller and her 9/10 Design and Technology class, who are studying food technology and sustainability this term, travelled up to *Moonrocks* in St George to experience their cutting-edge technology in regard to onion and garlic growing and processing first hand. *Moonrocks* is a family owned, Australian business, operated by 5<sup>th</sup> generation farmers Andrew & David Moon. *Moonrocks* has been built on a strong foundation of consistent quality through environmentally sustainable farming practices and attention to detail. During their visit, students were required to compile information which will be used in upcoming assessment.

*Upcoming* – *Storyfest* is happening Week 8 for nominated students from Prep to Year 10. Students will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on, age appropriate workshops, where they will hone their writing skills. Also in Week 8, we will be hosting a *Dolphins Rugby League Gala Day*, which will see representatives from the Dolphins NRL club, NRL Development Officers and schools from within the Balonne District attending. *Instrumental Music* students will have the opportunity to attend the 2024 Queensland Symphony Orchestra Combined Schools Workshops in Week 9. The SRC are holding a 'Flanno for a Farmers' Day in Week 7 and Week 10 is a week full of activities to mark 'Mental Health Week.'

*School Opinion Survey* – a reminder to parents that our School Opinion Survey CLOSES TODAY. If you are yet to respond, please check your emails and do so. As I have said previously, any feedback is worthwhile feedback! Thank you again for your support of our school and our learners!

*Pupil Free Day* - Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of August is a designated mandatory training day for teachers and ancillary staff, so students do not attend school. Enjoy the long weekend.

**"Always remember that your present situation is not your final destination.  
The best is yet to come."**

Beth

**SEMESTER 2  
TERM 3**

**Week 7**

**Monday - August 19**

Support Officer Visit  
Parade 2:30pm  
Sporting Schools Softball

**Tuesday - August 20**

Support Officer Visit

**Wednesday - August 21**

Tuckshop  
Instrumental Music

**Thursday - August 22**

**Friday - August 23**

P-2 Library  
Year 3-4 Library  
Book Club Orders Close  
Flanno for a Farmer Day

**Week 8**

**Monday - August 26**

Support Officer Visit  
Storyfest  
Parade 2:30pm  
Sporting Schools Softball

**Tuesday - August 27**

Support Officer Visit  
Dolphin's League Visit

**Wednesday - August 28**

Tuckshop  
Instrumental Music

**Thursday - August 29**

**Friday - August 30**

**Pupil Free Day NO School**

**Week 9**

**Monday - September 2**

Support Officer Visit  
Parade 2:30pm  
Sporting Schools Softball

**Tuesday - September 3**

Support Officer Visit

**Wednesday - September 4**

Tuckshop  
IM Workshop - St.George

**Thursday - September 5**

IM Workshop - St.George

**Friday - September 6**

P-2 Library

**PBL FOCUS'**  
I am an  
**ACTIVE LEARNER**  
when I am ...  
**Safe, Responsible, Respectful**



WEEK	FOCUS'
6	<b>EATING TIME:</b> Be in the right place Sit when eating and drinking (at 11:20am / 1:50pm)
7	Keep hands and feet to myself. Respect other peoples' personal space
8	Comply with school dress code
9	<b>PARADE:</b> Sing the national anthem, Sit quietly, look at the speaker
10	<b>CELEBRATION !!</b>

**SCHOLASTIC Book Club LOOP for Parents**

Here are eight easy steps for ordering via LOOP:

- 1 Log in, or create a new account
- 2 Follow the Wizard to set up the child's profile
- 3 Click the ORDER tab, select the child's school & class
- 4 Add the child's first name and last initial
- 5 Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
- 6 Apply any promotional codes that have been earned
- 7 Make a payment via credit card
- 8 Await order arrival at the child's school

**SCHOLASTIC Book Club**

Providing Value to Families

**Book Club**

ORDERS ARE DUE  
Friday  
23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024

**SCHOLASTIC Book Club**

Every Issue 6 order gets a  
**\$5 PROMO CODE**  
to spend on Issue 7!

LOOP Orders only. Spend \$70 on Issue 7 to redeem. See LOOP for details.

**Homework**

**Homework Centre has started!**

To make sure we use our allocated time efficiently please remind your child/ren what day they have homework centre and ensure they have their homework - Thanks.

**SPORTING Schools**

**Monday's**  
3:00pm to 4:15pm

**SOFTBALL**

**JEANS FOR GENES DAY WRAP-UP**

We're thrilled to share that *'Jeans for Genes Day'* was a tremendous success, raising \$126 for genetic research! A special thank you to everyone who participated and supported this worthy cause. The highlight was the "Decorate Your Own Cookie" station, which was a fantastic addition and enjoyed by all.

**BULLYING NO WAY WEEK (12-16 AUGUST)**

Our Year 10 Literacy class is leading the charge for *Bullying No Way Week*, a part of the National Week of Action against Bullying. Themed around "Everyone Belongs," this initiative will feature activities from Wednesday through Friday:

- **Wednesday: Football on the Oval**
- **Thursday: Bullrush and Jelly Cups on the Oval**
- **Friday: Wear an orange shirt or accessory to show your support**

# SRC SNIPPETS

**FLANNO FOR A FARMER DAY**  
 Mark your calendars for *Flanno for a Farmer* on August 23<sup>rd</sup>! Throw on your flanno or work shirt for a gold coin donation, with all proceeds going to Drought Angels. Enjoy lunchtime activities including tractor races (bring your own or use the SRC-designed one), a jelly bean guessing competition and much more.

## STAY TUNED



**FATHER'S DAY EVENT: Planning and Preparation**  
 We're gearing up for our Father's Day event, and we need to decide on the details. We are planning a stall for Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, and will be consulting with Ms. Harlow to get insights from Blackall's successful Father's Day event. Stay tuned for more updates!

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**TERM 3** SRC EVENTS

7	19	20	21	22	23  Flanno for a Farmer
8	26	27	28	29	30
9	2 SEPTEMBER	3	4  Indigenous Literacy Day	5	6
10	9  Mediate Monday MENTAL HEALTH WEEK	10  Talent Tuesday Dirran's Got Talent	11  Work-out Wednesday	12  Rook? RUOK DAY Thoughtful Thursday	13  Fun Day Friday

*Our SRC events calendar is also available in classrooms, so that everyone is aware when events are happening.*



Flanno

for

FARMERS



Friday August 23 2024

Wear you flanno or work shirt with school shorts to support Drought Angel. Gold Coin Donation

### 1ST BREAK

#### ACTIVITIES AT FIRST BREAK

Tractor pull

Guess the number of Jelly Bean

And much more!



09 - 13 SEPT.

# MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

PURCHASE A POSITIVITY POP  
1 FOR \$1  
OR  
3 FOR \$2  
MONDAY AND TUESDAY



MAKE IT MONDAY - CUPCAKE DECORATING

TALENT TUESDAY - DIRRAN'S GOT TALENT

WORK OUT WEDNESDAY - STUDENT VS STAFF RELAY

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAY - R U OK DAY  
WEAR A SPLASH OF YELLOW  
FRIENDSHIP BRACELET

FUN DAY FRIDAY - GAMES ON THE OVAL



### **What's Been Happening in the Instrumental Music Space...**

The instrumental students have been working hard in preparation for an instrumental music *Band Workshop held in week 9, September 4th and 5th with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra (QSO) from Brisbane.*

The Band Workshop will be led by Conductor and Music Educator, Jeanette Douglas.

Jeannette has extensive experience teaching Instrumental Music and is now a highly sought after Conductor, Educator, and Adjudicator across Queensland. Based in Rockhampton, she currently conducts Capricornia Winds.

Across the two days students will learn new instrument techniques, ensemble skills and performance skills with achievable repertoire provided in advance by QSO. Students will also get the opportunity to play alongside QSO Musicians. The culmination of the band workshop will include a presentation to family and friends to showcase skills learnt.

### **Why are Band Workshop Programs Important?**

Music education is incredibly important for children. Regular engagement with music can develop quantitative skills, discipline, leadership, and improved mental health. For children especially, musical training fosters essential benefits such as brain development, verbal intelligence, listening skills, academic achievement, and confidence.

Band Workshop Programs offer the chance for uniquely intensive engagement with music. Regardless of who you are, learning to play an instrument well takes countless hours of regular practice. If you or your child struggle to keep up with individual practice, a band workshop program is surely a great fit, since it immerses you into a structured learning environment that encourages constant growth.

Band Workshops in particular will allow these collaborative social spaces to foster creativity and self-expression. Instead of practicing an instrument at home alone, these programs provide opportunities for regularly creating music in groups. This teamwork creates a great space for friendships to strengthen, and for musical creations to grow!

### **What can you do to support your child to help prepare for band camp?**

*Allowing your child to practise regularly is key to success.* The students have two pieces they are preparing "Land Ahoy" and "Blackbeard", get your child to show you what they have been learning, ask them to focus on the "hard" parts, a good way to approach practise is small amounts of focused practise, this practise should occur daily. In the early years 10-15 minutes of focused practise is a good starting place. A good tip for finding time in our already jam-packed life schedules is that "10 minutes until dinner is ready" space, use spaces that children have a small amount of free time to fill. Use encouraging words and always make practise a supportive space, as parents with busy lives we don't always feel like listening to a beginner clarinet player squeaking, a loud saxophone or a drummer tapping on the table but allowing students to have a supportive space to practice that happens regularly will see them advance their skills at a rapid pace.

*Happy Music Making!*  
*Miss Nia Hadenfeldt*





**PREP-2 NEWS**  
*Is ice-cream better than pizza?*

*Measuring in maths.*

*Prep students using number-lines to add.*

*Digital Tech and Maths skills combined to map data on IXL.*

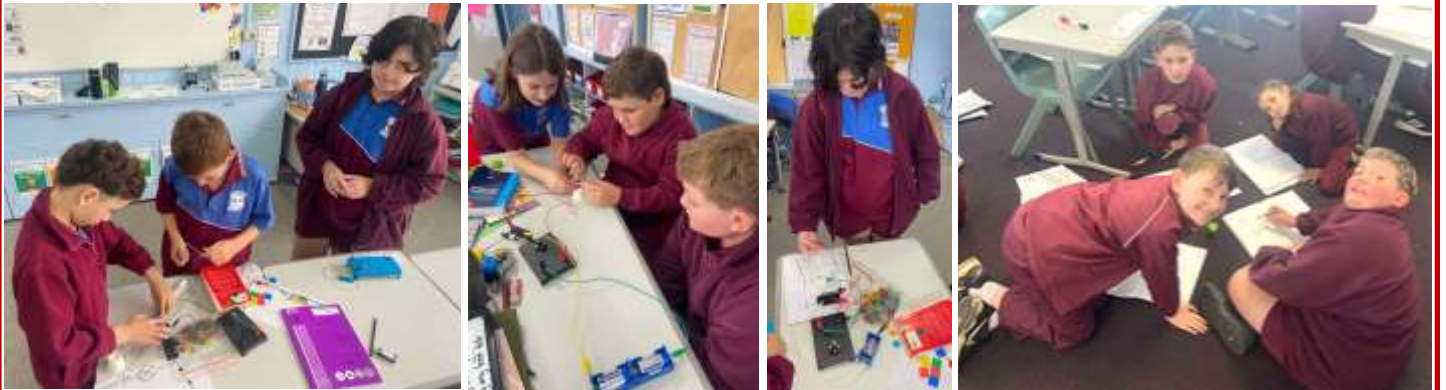
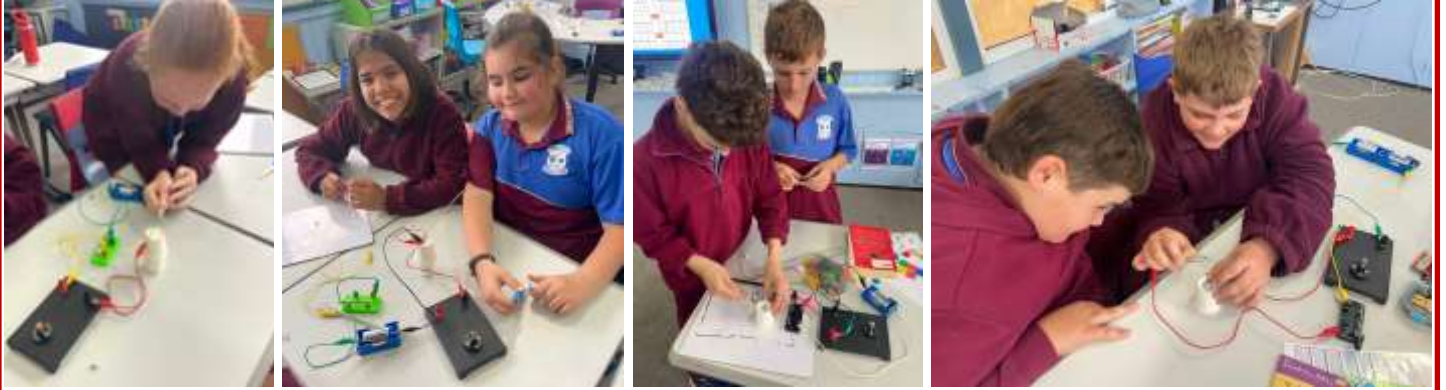
*Fun Emergency Services visit.*





**YEAR 5-6 NEWS**

*In maths* we have been learning how to do division and practising how to sequence decimals



*Science* - Students have been designing circuits and observing energy transformations.

*In English* we combined with the Year 3-4's and had a poem war!

*Emergency Services Day* was great! Thank you!





## SECONDARY SNAPSHOT

**Study Centre:** Study centre runs every week. This is a great opportunity to complete homework, revise study notes and complete assessment. Wednesday and Thursday are the study centre afternoons.

**Visit to Moonrocks:** The Year 9/10 students visited Moonrocks in St George to look at the technology used in food production.



**Art** - The Year 7-8 students have been using objects from nature to create pictures. They are in the process of creating a series of collaged scenes from a window, similar to the style of *Jeannie Baker*.



**Food Tech** - The students have been presenting some very delicious food in lessons and following their kitchen safety and food handling practices.



**University Immersion Camp:** Students in Year 7-10 have been invited to attend a camp, where they will be able to see what University is all about and pathways that they might be interested in. All applications are now due to Mrs Hegarty.

**Science** - Year 7 students experimenting on separating mixtures and crystallisation.



**Ag** - The greenhouse is completed the spacing for the tables is sorted and the orchids are ready for propagation.



**Certificate Courses** - The Year 9-10 students are attaching the basketball hoop nets as part of their safety training unit.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Visiting service

We're visiting your community soon.

If you need help with Medicare, Centrelink and Child Support come and speak with our staff.

We're visiting on:

Tuesday 20 August 2024.

You can find us:

Dirranbandi Rural Transaction Centre  
Tuesday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Please phone 0436 622 654 if you need to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

For more information about payments and services you can call the Centrelink Indigenous Call Centre on 1800 136 380.

## DIRRANBANDI GOLF CLUB OPEN CARNIVAL 2024

SPONSORS: RON IRWIN, CURBIE AG, SEB MECHANICAL

### SATURDAY 24th AUGUST

18-HOLE 4BBB STABLEFORD MEMBERS & ASSOCIATES (Choose)

Hit off running draw from 11am  
\$40/Player incl. BBQ lunch & Ham Roll Dinner

**Members & Associates:**  
Long Drive  
NTP on all Par 3s

### SUNDAY 25th AUGUST

18-HOLE SINGLE STROKE MEMBERS & ASSOCIATES

Hit off running draw from 9:30 – 10:30am  
\$40/Player incl. BBQ lunch & Noodle Box Dinner

**Members, A & B Grade / Associates, A & B Grade:**  
18-Hole Gross & Net  
9-Hole AM Gross & Net  
9-Hole PM Gross & Net  
Long Drive  
NTP on all Par 3s

PRESIDENT: MONICA HADENFELDY - 0428 258 638

SECRETARY: HEATHER WILSON - 0427 268 213

CAPTAIN: TREVOR COOPER - 0448244860

## FREE GOLF SESSION WITH A PRO!!

Children and Adults  
Friday, 23rd August  
3pm until - ?

At Dirranbandi Golf Club.

Don't beat around the bush.  
Improve health and wellbeing  
services in your community.

Be your  
local voice

Join the Consumer  
Advisory Committee  
Expressions of Interest close  
5pm, 19 August 2024

Apply now



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WESTERN QUEENSLAND  
A Division of Queensland Health

## Goondir Social Emotional and Wellbeing Community Day

Tuesday 27th August 2024

10am – 3pm

Free BBQ & Haircuts

The Rural Transaction Centre  
35 Railway Street, Dirranbandi QLD 4486



goondir  
INDIGENOUS WELLBEING



### Event Participants

Nelly (SEWB Counsellor Goondir St George), Chris Cole (SEWB Counsellor Goondir Oakey), Bruce Kelly (Darling Downs Health Toowoomba), Ben Chan (Drug ARM St George), Felicia Lin (Drug ARM Roma), Breann Hobbs (Head to Health Roma), Shaun Lacey (Community Justice Coordinator St George), Jason Troutman (Plainlands QLD Musician & Cultural Worker)

## Dirranbandi Campdraft

23rd, 24th & 25th August 2024

FRIDAY 23rd, 6:30am START

variety **BASH**

COMING TO  
YOUR TOWN!

Variety Victoria Bash  
Swan Hill to Airlie Beach 2024



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Town: **HERE!**  
Date: **Sun 18th Aug**  
**Approx 3pm.**



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