Message from the Principal

As we approach the mid-point of the final term of 2015, preparations are well under way for next year and the major developments that are on the horizon.

Opening up a brand new school was a big task but next year will also include some equally important projects and transitions. The biggest of these is the commencement of Year 11 at DCC. We are investing heavily in staff and other resources to ensure we provide a high quality senior school program that will compete even with the bigger established schools in the region.

Our pioneering group of Year 11’s will be offered a wide range of subjects giving them opportunities to pursue their passions and open up pathways to future study or vocational careers.

I have recently appointed several more experienced teachers to join our team for 2016 to enable us to provide excellent tuition during these critical years in the student’s school life. Once again, just like last year, I am very pleased with the quality of new staff that we have been able to recruit and I am thankful to God for his ongoing provision for DCC.

At the other end of the school, I am delighted that we will also be launching Grades 1 and 2 next year. Work has begun in the setting up of our Early Years program and we are very excited about welcoming a dozen or so 5 and 6 year olds into our community, who will hopefully see out their entire education here at Discovery Christian College.

In order to accommodate the rapid expansion of the school and its programs, you will notice construction commencing on the Eastern side of school land. When completed, this building will become our Discovery Hub. It will contain new learning spaces, study zones and a large open library and resource centre.

We will be spending in excess of $50,000 on resources, furniture and equipment for this new and exciting learning space and look forward to seeing our students enjoying the new facilities.

2015 has been an incredible year so far and our intention is to go from strength to strength in the years to come.

An important event that I would love all parents to attend is our Official Grand Opening which takes place on Thursday, November 5th at 10am.

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Blessings,

Damian Higgins

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Year 7/8 PE Surfing

The Year 7-8 PE class have started a series of surf lessons every fortnight on a Monday morning. Great fun was had by all last Monday as they gave it a go and rode a wave or two!

Some of the group getting ready to catch a wave.

Year 5/6

As usual, we are having lots of fun investigating various things in class.

In SOSE we have been learning about where things are made and are currently researching a place in the world we would like to visit. We have also been learning about significant events locally, in Australia and world wide.

In Science we are investigating energy! The class is on a secret mission to foil the super villains’ (Pitch Black and Short Circuit) evil plan to destroy Electric Boy (the good guy). We need to find out information about energy in order to help the Super Taskforce Investigating Villains with Superpowers (STIVS). So far we have gained a lot of knowledge, but more needs to be done to save the day and foil the evil plan of Electric Boy’s nemeses.

Spelling Bee

On Friday, 23 October, DCC sent one senior and two junior teams made up of our school’s best spellers to compete in Round 3 of the Wide Bay Schools District Academic Triathlon.

The Spelling Bee morning challenged teams with Individual Spelling, Find-a-word, Make-a-word, Un-jumble and Crossword activities.

All spellers had a great time and enjoyed the fun and healthy competition. Our senior team were very competitive and after an exciting final round pulled ahead to win their division!

Congratulations to all the students who were chosen and represented our school so well!

Spelling Bee winners.

Electric Boy.

Yr 5/6 SOSE.
Year 3/4

On Friday the 16th of October the Grade 3s and 4s had a class campout at DCC.

For the overnight experience tents were erected on the oval and children excitedly set their beds up for the night. Games were played and a campfire was lit in preparation for after dark use. After filling up on dinner and dessert we all watched Paddington on the big screen in the classroom and shared popcorn and lollies. Once the movie had finished we sat around the campfire. Here we sang songs, enjoyed each other’s company, and cooked the damper that everyone had helped make earlier in the evening.

After rising early the next morning we played more games, ate more food and had lots more fun! The campout finished with a short ceremony where all participants received a certificate then left for home with lots of great memories. A wonderful campout experience with was had by all!

Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped prepare for the event, making it a truly unforgettable time for the class. The kids had a wonderful time and are looking forward to their future camp experiences at DCC.

Interhouse Competitions

In the past month the secondary students have been competing every Wednesday in interhouse sporting competitions.

Thus far our victors are Heron for soccer and Keppel for volleyball. Ultimate Frisbee and netball competitions are on-going.

Well done to all the students who put in their best efforts, encourage team members and create a great team spirit.

The students enjoyed the campfire.
With Thanks

With our official opening early next month we would like to acknowledge the funding contributions which the Australian Government, Queensland Government as well as the Queensland Block Grant Authorities has put towards our beautiful facilities.

Donations welcome for Yr 1/2

Next year DCC will be having Grade 1/2! If you have craft items such as cardboard boxes, egg cartons, milk bottle tops, paddle pop sticks, toilet paper rolls or any other recyclable crafty items that you would like to donate please bring to the office anytime this term.

Design Technology

It may be term 4 and nearing the end of our first year of Design Technology at DCC but we certainly aren’t slowing down on producing exciting projects.

This term the year 7 students will be making wooden toy jeeps while the 9/10 class will be making solid timber stools. Throughout the year I have been very impressed with the quality of work produced by all students and look forward to seeing more great work this term!

Genius Hour Final Presentation Afternoon

Students in the 7-8 and 9-10 Genius Hour classes have been working hard to finish their products in time for their final presentations taking place in class during Weeks 4 and 5. Then, starting at 1pm on Tuesday, November 10th students from the Grade 5-6 class as well as any parents who wish to attend are invited to come along for a showcase of Genius Hour Final Products as well as a selection of final presentations.

Bianca and Ayla with their grass heads.

DCC Library Update

Lots of exciting things are happening for the DCC library this term.

We have recently received a computer, allowing for a cataloguing system, cataloguing information service, scanner and other necessary components to get our own library loan system set up within the school.

The library will also be receiving some new books, bean bags and more games in the upcoming weeks for the students to enjoy. More exciting news is that the library will be moving to a bigger space next year to allow for expansion and a comfortable space for the students to be able to read, learn, work and play.

At present, the library is open at Tuesday and Wednesday lunch breaks for the students to come in, read, work, relax, play games and compete against each other in a game of chess. We look forward to seeing you there!

Yr 9 and 10 are looking forward to making their own stool.