Hi everyone,

Welcome back to the school year at Dajarra State School. I would like to begin by saying a big thank-you. As a new principal to the school and the town I am very excited for the year to come and all the new experiences we will share together.

Please feel free to come and chat with me and say G'day!

We have two new teachers on staff this year! Please welcome Miss Krystal Atkins and Miss Bernadette Walker to the team at Dajarra State School.

Dajarra State School Priorities
- Attendance, Reading & Writing

Our Attendance Goal is 90%

Later in Term 1
Books in homes Ceremony Book Fair Learning Fair

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Where Everyone is an Achiever
Hi everyone,

My name is Miss Walker and I am the K-2 teacher. I was born in Hobart, Tasmania. Hobart is also where I have lived for most of my life up until now. Unlike Queensland, Hobart is quite cold so getting used to the hot weather has been an adjustment. Although I am a long way from home, I am excited to make Dajarra my new home.

Favourite Subject: English and Science
Favourite Book: Harry Potter Series
Favourite Colour: Purple
Favourite Food: Lasagne
Favourite Music: Anything with a beat, but my favourite band is Coldplay.
Favourite sport: Soccer and Netball
Hobbies: Listen to music, read books, watch tv series, and play the clarinet.
Hi!

My name is Miss Atkins, and I am very excited to be a teacher at Dajarra State School. I was born in Nambour, Queensland, and moved around a lot throughout primary school and high school. There is so much I am looking forward to over the next couple of years and I cannot wait to get to know you all. If you have any questions please feel free to ask, as I am more than happy to answer any of the questions you may have.

A few of my favourite things...

Favourite Colour: BLUE
Favourite Fruit: WATERMELON
Favourite Drink: WATER
Favourite Hobby: READING
Favourite Animal: DOGS
Favourite Holiday: EUROPE
Hello everyone,

Really excited for the new school year. I spent my time over the holidays in Townsville meeting my new niece and I also went on a cruise from Sydney with my mum and brother. I hope everyone had a great holidays despite the weather.

Favourite Subject: Maths
Favourite Book: Harry Potter Series
Favourite Colour: Green
Favourite Food: Ice-cream
Favourite Music: I like rock music.
Favourite Sport: Basketball
Hobbies: Reading, watching tv, arts and craft.
Hi,
I am excited to be a part of Dajarra State School. I love the outback, the city, the beach and the bush. I was born in Nigeria, West Africa and try to get back to visit family when I can. I’ve lived in Sydney, Alice Springs, Gold Coast and Mt Isa. I became a teacher because I like the feeling I get when I help a student succeed. The best feeling in the world!

Favourite Subject: PE (physical Education)
Favourite Book: Star Wars
Favourite Colour: Green
Favourite Food: Nigerian Food
Favourite Music: Hip Hop and alternative
Favourite sport: Hockey (I love all sports)
Hobbies: Reading, travelling, eating.

School Captain Speeches

In week 2 we were treated to some awesome Leadership speeches from the senior class. Afterwards the students in year 3-6 and the staff voted for our new school captains. We are very happy to announce the new School Captains for 2018.

CAPTAIN
Summer Jack

VICE CAPTAIN—
Haylee Marshall
EVENTS!

Healthy Living Workshop

Growing big and strong!

NWRH Health Clinic Visit
Gold Coast Commonwealth Games 2018

Jekeira has been selected to be a baton bearer for the 2018 Queens Baton Relay for the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. Jekeira was selected from thousands of applicants to represent our beautiful town of Dajarra and also Aboriginal youth. Jekeira will run with the baton in Mount Isa on March 6. I have marked it in the school’s calendar for an excursion for our students. I know that Jekeira will appreciate all the support of our community on the day.

Thank you to Auntie Cassie for the delicious Cabbage stew!

Thank you to Miss Bafico and the 5/6 class for the games!

Thank you to Christine, Stella and Meryl Bismark for the stew, damper and drinks!
We read every day at Dajarra State School. Teachers share their love of reading with students. When children love reading they grow up loving reading as well. Teacher aides show students the strategies that will help them become strong readers.

Here are just a few ways we read at Dajarra.

**Reading and Learning Centre**

**Literacy Rotations**

1-on-1 Reading

Reading Groups

Library Borrowing

Teacher Modelling Reading

Silent Reading

**Reading Strategies**

- **Eagle Eye**
  - Look at the pictures for clues

- **Lips the Fish**
  - Say the beginning sound

- **Stretchy the Snake**
  - Stretch the word out slowly

- **Skippy Frog**
  - Skip it! Read to the end of the sentence then hop back and re-read.

- **Tryin’ Lion**
  - Try a word that makes sense.

- **Chunky Monkey**
  - Look for a chunk that you know (-at,-an)
  - Look for a word part (-ing,-er)

Students can use this help at HOME!
## Appointments in your community are FREE

Dates subject to change pending clinician availability, please contact NWRH to confirm dates on 1800 221 131

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**February 2018**

Dajarra
Hear Well!
Australian Hearing will be here on:

Thursday 8th March 2018.

If you're having trouble hearing, ask at the clinic to see us.

When: Wednesday 21st February
9am – 10:30am
Families with Children 0-5 years & P-3 Class

Where: Dajarra State School