As we lead into the end of Term 1 it is pleasing to report some of the educational projects that are happening at Dunwich State School for the benefit of our students.

'Take a Stand Together’ on Friday 15 March

Our school is taking part in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on Friday 15 March.

We encourage students to behave responsibly and safely every day, but on this day we will be putting the spotlight on our anti-bullying strategies by organising a whole school photo on the play equipment at 10.30am. In a lead up to this event the teachers will be talking about the concepts of “Take a Stand Together” with each class.

A “Take A Stand Together” Parent Information Session will be held at school on Tuesday 19th March from 9am till 10am in the community building at Dunwich SS. All parents and community are welcome to attend. This session will be hosted by Veronica Briggs (Guidance Officer).

The Bullying. No way! website has information for parents and students of all ages about the National Day of Action and how we can all help create a supportive school environment free from bullying, harassment and violence. http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/

Year Six Photography

On Wednesday 13th March the Year 6 class participated in a “Wild Life Stories Project” that educates the community about local flora and fauna by way of photography. The students worked with Josephine Ellis who is a professional photographer and Barry Brown a community filmmaker and photographer. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to develop their technology skills through photography and software whilst learning about our environment. Their work will be included in Wildlife Stories Seasonal Posters which will be used as a reference guide for schools and displayed around our community at local festivals.

Special thanks go to the Year 6 teacher, Mrs Michele Connell for taking on the project with our community. Well Done Year 6!!

At the State Principal Conference last week it was announced that the next stage in the State’s pursuit of Education Excellence will be driven by parent and community involvement. Bring it on for the benefits of our students.

See you on Tuesday 19th March at 9am.

Jenny Wilson
PRINCIPAL

The Week’s Behaviour Expectation is

PROBLEM SOLVING

We’re on the Web
Www.dunwichss.eq.edu.au
YEAR 3 STUDENTS ARE CURRENTLY LEARNING HOW TO WRITE PERSUASIVE TEXTS. THEIR FIRST EFFORTS ARE PUBLISHED BELOW.

We need more pool parties at Dunwich, Amity Point and Point lookout. Kids would have fun because they would be with their friends.

By Denzel Hammant

Stradbroke Island needs an Athletics Club NOW! This club should be for young and old, so people can go there and have fun! The Redland City Council must find the money to build an Athletics Club NOW!

By Caitlyn Dormehl

All classes need to go to the fun park with a teacher every week. This will help everyone. The naughty children will be good so they get to go to the fun park.

By Keely Gannon

The people should stop killing the whales because we won’t have any more whales left. We will have more whales if we stop killing them. We need to stop killing them NOW!

By Kyala Koppenol

I think everyone should stop killing the whales. Soon they will be extinct. Rescue the whales now! Can someone help the whales stay alive?

By Satchi Ogilvie

Save the lovely Whales NOW! It’s our responsibility to SAVE them. We need to save them because the Japanese are killing them and eating them and letting them rot. They are killing Sperm and Humpback whales with big guns. SAVE THEM NOW!

By Jakobi Niotakis

I think the Japanese should stop killing the whales. They’re killing the whale future. Soon there won’t be any whales. Stop killing the whales.

By Krystal Geesu

I think that people should stop killing the whales. If they don’t, there will be no whales in the ocean. I think they should stop right NOW!

By Alexis Buscombe

Stradbroke Island needs an enormous skate park for the public IMMEDIATELY! People get hurt because there are lots of people. Please make big jumps and little jumps too.

By Darren Mazzoni

Dunwich needs a water park NOW! We need one now so we have fun and don’t get sea lice and rashes from the sea. Also babies can be safe with a shallow pool. I beg you PLEASE! The Redland City Council needs to find a place IMMEDIATELY.

By Kuruwyerna

Point Lookout and Dunwich need a public pool because Stradbroke Island doesn’t have a pool. There are sharks and stingrays in the ocean. The Council should find the money.

By Jesse Dwyer

Amity Point should have a water theme park so people don’t have to go to Brisbane and they don’t have to pay much money. It will be safe in the water theme park. We need to raise enough money for the water theme park NOW.

By Sasha Steinke

Point Lookout needs a shelter on the skate park right NOW! It needs to be over the whole thing. Everyone needs it because whenever I go to the skate park everyone says “I am so hot!” We need to save up money and get a shelter.

By Maya Sheil

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By Satchi Ogilvie

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By Krystal Geesu

All classes should leave the school grounds at lunch time every day. Students can stay at school if they want to.

By Marcus Nicholls

Stradbroke Island needs a motorbike path through the pine forest NOW! My friends and I could go on it doing aerials and it will be AWESOME. To build it we can fund raise then we will have enough money to build it.

By Sol Shilling
Year 3 Class Report

We are now used to being in Year 3 with Ms Turner and Ms Niotakis. We have realised that Year 3 work is more difficult than Year 2 work and we have to work harder.

In English we are learning about persuasive language and how to write a persuasive text. We have just written persuasive paragraphs and these are included in this newsletter. We also work in reading groups two times a week and are reading a book called *Matty Forever* about a boy who meets an interesting girl named Matty. She is a tom-boy and likes to wear different costumes.

In Maths we are learning about time, measurement, graphs, money, plane and solid shapes, as well as cross-sections. We are also learning the numbers up to 10 000.

In Science we are learning about living, non-living and once living things. We can sort living things into different groups depending on their features.

Ms Niotakis teaches us History and we are learning about celebrations and commemorations around the world.

In SOSE we have learnt that we all belong to groups such as family, football swimming and school. We have also learnt about the three Australian flags, who designed them and their colours.

Other activities include learning different strokes in swimming, learning new spelling words, completing lots of Homework, creating patterns and weaving in Art, typing a personal information report on the computer, taking photos to add to our report, designing a new Australian flag and $5.00 coin and practising for our NAPLAN test in May.

Photographing Nature Year 6

On Wednesday 6 March the Year 6 class were fortunate to participate in a nature photographic course with Josephine and Barry. We moved all around the school grounds to make photographic records of birds, flowers, insects and ourselves. After completing the photography section we moved into the classroom to learn how to transfer the pictures from iPads and cameras onto computers. We then chose three photos each to put onto Microsoft Photo Manager. Barry and Josephine then showed us how to edit the photos to get the best possible display and how to crop the photographs to emphasise the effect we needed. When we finished we had a Power Point presentation.

There were some amazing photographs. The Year 6 classroom by Oscar and Paris, and one of our regular plovers by Kiara and Camille, are examples of our work. We are looking forward to the next session and to improving our editing skills with photographs. We are really thankful to Josephine and Barry for sharing their skills with us. **Jack Burling**
**Students of the Week—**

**Congratulations to the following students:**

Maya Sheil, Harlan Lawlor, Jai Jenner, Jakobe Niotakis, Lincoln Buscombe, Mimi Moreton-McDougall, Sylah Costelloe, Marli Lawlor, Olivia Lindner.

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**DENTAL VAN**

Children who are 4 years old and over who have not started school yet are invited to get a free dental check up at the van. Phone this number to make an appointment. 0407735445

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**DO YOU HAVE WORMS?**

The School Garden Group is looking for donations of compost worms for our worm farm! If you can help call Jess on 0477 533 001 or drop your container of worms into the school Admin Office. The Garden Group meets at the school garden on Thursdays at 12:15pm. Thanks Jess

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Oscar Brewster, Paris Prior-Dallas and Reo Wall who represented the Dunwich State School by attending the Redlands District Rugby League Trials. Oscar was chosen to play in the District Team - well done!

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**Advertisements**

**THE WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE**

The Leukaemia foundation’s Worlds Greatest Shave is on again from the 15th –17th March. Come and join us on Saturday 16th at 3pm at Seashells Café. Donations can also be made before the event at Seashells café and also the “Bowls Club Kitchen”. Sorelle Routledge.

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**STRADDIE SHARKS FOOTY CLUB**

EASTER CARNIVAL: Easter Saturday, all the fun of the Fair. Stall holders wanted. Please contact the Club on 34099216 if you would like to hold a stall. No cost to hold a stall. Wrist Bands pre sold $25, on the day $30.00

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**PARADE IN THE LIBRARY**

Lynise Coghill addresses the parade and our school recorder band play.