
At Dunwich State School we are determined to promote community collaboration through relationships with our school and the wider community to strengthen the ability of our school and families to support our student learning and development outcomes. This week I would like to acknowledge the parent, carer and community participation at Dunwich State School:

Parade on Monday was a whole school community affair. Thank you to all community members who attended the school parade on Monday to support our students. I know that you will all agree that Mr Tony Bertossi was inspirational for our students. His clear message was to have a dream and work hard to achieve that dream.

We are proud to announce that Ms Elisha Iselin commenced work this week as Dunwich State School’s Indigenous Liaison Officer. Elisha is determined to link with the whole community and invited the parents for coffee and conversation after the Monday parade. It was reassuring to see the number of parents who attended the inaugural coffee and conversation morning. The ideas for community involvement and school improvement that were discussed on this morning were well received and Elisha is already working on these ideas.

The Anti-bullying parent information session was very powerful and well received by all of the parents who attended. Each parent received an information pack, that was prepared by Veronica Briggs, our Guidance Officer. If you would like a copy of this package please ring the school office.

On Tuesday 19th March we had a planning meeting with our local police and together we created a clear plan for the AAA program in 2013. AAA (Attitude, Attendance and Academic) is a program that acknowledges student attributes, achievement and work ethic. The dates for AAA this year will be 12th June; 11th September and the camp will be 28th and 29th November. Thank you to our Police, Peter Twort and Tom Governor for their positive partnership with the school and to Sibelco for funding the program.

At Dunwich State School we value the contribution of all of our community members and look forward to many more opportunities for information sharing and opportunities to learn from each other.

Jenny Wilson
PRINCIPAL
Class Report: Year 4/5 Ms East

Do you know what you can recycle? Year 4/5 students do.

As part of our SOSE unit entitled “Sustaining Our World” the students have explored the need for us all to recycle when we can. Our goal is to educate staff and students of Dunwich SS by way of 30 posters (using Ms East’s recycled cardboard from boxes she had at home) to attach our examples to or to create PowerPoint presentations.

We are really enjoying creating our posters and Power Point presentations and will be raiding our recycling bins at home for our recycling examples!

Student Speak...... PREP AT THE RESPITE CENTRE

We are learning to write letters and today we had the perfect opportunity to write and say thank you.

Dear Aunty Mary, Cheryl and all the beautiful Respite people,
Thank you for inviting us over to work with the Elders. We loved making the Easter Baskets and matching Easter Eggs. You make really nice muffins Aunty Mary—thank you.
It was nice working with Aunty Hazel, Aunty Audrey, Aunty Cynthia and Darryl.
We hope you like our drawings and we wish you all a Happy Easter!
Can we come back tomorrow?

Your friends the Preppies.
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ANTI-BULLYING from Veronica Briggs

Students and adults may define and confuse behaviours that represent conflict as bullying and visa-versa so a common definition was needed. Conflict is a normal part of life and can be deliberate or accidental. Students can be taught how to respond to conflict through explicit instruction so a teachers’ role is like a “conflict resolution coach”. Though conflict is unpleasant it can be an opportunity to learn more about oneself and others, to build confidence and create stronger friendships and community understanding. It is important that conflicts are resolved; if left unresolved conflict can lead to bullying.

Bullying is different to conflict. Bullying is deliberate, repeated and involves differences in (perceived) power. Bullying causes physical and/or emotional harm. It can happen in person or via on-line environments. Bullying can affect everyone in the school community so EVERYONE has a responsibility to address it:

• Bystanders—can discourage bullying and report bullying behaviour to teachers.
• Students—report bullying behaviour to teachers and understanding that bullying is not acceptable.
• Parents—listen, record facts and inform their child’s teacher if they believe their child is being bullied.
• Teachers—respond appropriately to reports of bullying. Teachers can seek additional support for students involved in bullying.
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EASTER BONNET

The Easter Bunny is getting ready to visit. We will celebrate his arrival with our annual EASTER BONNET PARADE Thursday 28th March starting at 9:15am. Everybody welcome for a great morning! Don’t forget to wear your Easter Bonnet!

Fiona Surawski

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P & C

25th March is the P&C Annual General Meeting please join us and have a say in your school. We will be meeting in the staffroom of the Administration Office. All Committee positions will become available.

P&C are holding an Easter Raffle, tickets will be sent home this week and the winner will be drawn at the EASTER BONNET PARADE. We are taking orders for hot cross buns.—your order form went home today and is due back by 26th March. All fundraising gives back to our children... so eat up!

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