From the Principal’s Pen…..

Welcome
I would like to congratulate our students for the pride they are demonstrating in wearing their uniform, work ethic and within class and playground behaviour. It has been a very positive start to the year.
Thank you to all the parents who have offered to volunteer in their son or daughter’s class. We still require parents to help out around the school. If you are able to help, even for a small amount of time, please contact the office.

Assistant Regional Director’s Visit
This week we were paid a special visit by our Assistant Regional Director, Mr Brian Ragh. These school visits occur two times a term at each of the schools that Brian has responsibility for. Brian made visits to classrooms and chatted with teachers and students. He had a special story reading time with Mrs Gregory’s Year 1 students on his visit on Wednesday. The year 1 children loved listening to Mr Ragh read part of “The Pout Pout Fish” and especially hearing him make the animal noises!
Mr Ragh was very impressed with the calm and settled school environment and made special mention of how focused and engaged all students were with the teaching and learning that was occurring in all of the classes, regardless of the subject area.
Recognition of our school working to maintain a learning environment that is safe, respectful, tolerant, inclusive and that promotes intellectual rigour on a daily basis demonstrates the priority we place at Dunwich SS on a culture that promotes learning.

Enrolment
Our Day 8 student numbers are 169. When considered in light of our 2013 student enrolment of 126 students, it’s great to see that we are growing our enrolment numbers.

Attendance
Our whole school target for attendance is 93% each day, each week for each student.

At the end of week 2 our whole school attendance percentage is 91.8%. An increase from week 1.
Our second week daily whole school attendance rate is tabled below

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<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>92.6%-great improvement</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>92.9%-even better</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
<td>92.9%-great job</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
<td>92.9%-great job again</td>
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While there has been some illness, please ensure your child is at school every day and have every class reach 93% and be ‘Every Day Counts’ Champions.
Our whole school daily attendance percentages for the third week so far, is tabled below

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<td>Monday</td>
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<td>Tuesday</td>
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How is your child’s class travelling towards 93% end of term pizza party reward?

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<td>Year 3</td>
<td>90.7%- improvement from last week</td>
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<td>Year 4</td>
<td>87.8%- improvement from last week</td>
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<td>95.1% controlId</td>
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<td>Year 6</td>
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Let’s keep up the great effort. Remember every minute of every hour of every session of every day of learning counts at Dunwich State School.

Jayne Barnett
Acting Principal

“Working together to ensure that every day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving”
Congratulations to the students who will be representing our school at the District Swimming Carnival at Chandler Aquatic Centre next Wednesday 16th February. Students needed to be over the age of ten to qualify for this event. Those attending will be Grace Costelloe, Jai Jenner, Mia Lana, Oliver Sheil, Addison and Zali Agnola, Tyrese Coghill, Charlie M-M, Lucy M-M, Sophia S, Haydan Stewart, Beau Williamson, Rosie Scott and Harrison Cowell. We wish them well in this event!

Year 4 Literacy

Year 4 have been reading the wonderful book by Roald Dahl, “The Twits”. Students are thoroughly enjoying this entertaining story and practicing using noun and verb groups when recounting the text. Examples of their brilliant work is:

Mr Twit tied Mrs Twit tightly to the sixty colourful, helium balloons. Mrs Twit frolicked to the disgusting and revolting garden to quickly dig up long, slimy, wriggly worms.

Here’s the challenge Mums Dads and Carers, see if you can find the noun verb groups in these two sentences. If you are having any trouble please ask the students to assist you. You will be so pleased with their literacy skills they are currently learning in the classroom.

Mrs F Surawaski Year 4 Class Teacher

Try For 5!

After coming third against other schools in the Try For 5! Program in 2016 we are seeing our students back on track for a great result for 2017. New prizes are on offer to promote and celebrate student attendance. Ambassadors are back on board and the school will keep you up to date with current information. We encourage all parents who received Try For 5! t-shirts last year, to wear them in the community to promote Dunwich State School attendance. Year 4/5 are our first winners in our Try For 5! Attendance program for 2017 seeing 20 of the 24 students in the class attending every day. We look forward to seeing our students attending school all day, every day all week.

Calendar

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<td>Walkathon Prep- Yr 2</td>
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<td>Circus Challenge</td>
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<td>Prep to Brown Lake</td>
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<td>Anzac Day</td>
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Based on the voting and interviewing process it has been decided for 2017 that there will be two School Captains. This is a great credit to the students who were nominated, voted for and interviewed. Congratulations!

Voting for the House Captain positions will take place on Friday 10th February and the results will be announced at Parade on Monday 13th February. The Badge Ceremony for the 2017 Student Leaders will follow in the coming weeks.

Indigenous Liaison Officer—Position Vacant

A part time position exists at Dunwich State School for an ILO to commence in Semester 1 through until the end of this school year. Role description details can be collected from the school office. Due date for applications is COB Friday 24th February 2017.

Outside School Hours Care—Update

The next step in this process is now underway. DET has now advertised for Tenders, which means potential providers apply as per departmental requirements. After the closing date, there will be a applicant shortlist and panel interview process.

After School Surfing

After school surfing commenced last Thursday. Students had a wonderful time cooling off in the water while learning some new techniques to improve their surfing skills. If you would like to take part and have not put in your forms as yet please return them to the administration area as soon as possible and you too could be part of this healthy after school activity. Many thanks to Murray Taylor, the other coaches and to Yulu Burri Ba for supplying the bus to transport the students out to Point Lookout.

Students of the Week
Emergency Drills

This Week’s Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Social Skill

Maya Sheil who attended Year 6 in 2016 competed in the Ormiston College Swimming Carnival recently. Not only did she win the 50 metre freestyle event for 13 year old girls, but also smashed the school record as well. You have got to love the Dunwich students! Congratulations Maya on such an outstanding performance!

Holly Middleton recently completed a university degree in Business Management with Honours attaining the highest level of results possible. Her father phoned to thank our school for our educational input to allow her to achieve this great result.

FOOTY SIGN ON DAY
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10am til 2pm
Bring a copy of Birth Certificate for all new players.
Bring your Get Started voucher if you have applied for the funding otherwise fees are $150.00 per child with concession for families.
Interested in Coaching and Managing?
Talk to Tony Brown - 0438778242.
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Tuckshop News

Thursday 16th February
LITTLE LUNCH
Choc Chip Cookies (2) $1.00
Blueberry Muffin $1.00
Choc Chip Muffin $1.00
Lamingtons $1.00
Over the counter - Flavoured Milk $2.00 - Poppers $1.00 - Water 50c Chips & Snacks 50c Assorted Yoghurt $1
BIG LUNCH
Fish and Salad $4.00
Fruit Salad $4.00

Please come along Every Monday at 5pm
Kids Gym $5 / class

Past Student Performs Well!

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