Dunwich State School had an outstanding outcome in the Teaching and Learning Audit conducted by Jo Acton on Wednesday 24th and Friday 26th April. As part of an initiative to improve student learning in Queensland state schools, Teaching and Learning Audits are conducted in every Queensland state school to provide quality feedback on how the school is performing and to inform school planning processes.

During our audit, an independent, experienced school principal, Jo Acton who was Principal of Benowa State School, visited the school to collect a range of data and information about our school practices, programs and procedures in the area of teaching and learning. Interviews were conducted with staff, students, community elders and the P&C President (Amy Sheil) to gather a range of perspectives on school strategies and practices. The eight-page profile of the school following this process shows that Dunwich State School has achieved a “high” level in every dimension of the Audit.

This eight-page profile is available to parents and caregivers on the school’s web site and you are welcome to come to the office and ask to see a copy of the profile.

In 15 days the school will receive a report including commendations and recommendations. I will work with the school community to include any recommendations in the school’s forward planning, including the Quadrennial School Review.

Congratulations also go to Oscar Brewster, another high achiever. Oscar has made the Metropolitan East Rugby League team. Just like the Dunwich SS community Oscar has worked very hard to achieve this great result and we wish Oscar well at the state carnival.

GO DUNWICH STATE SCHOOL!!

Jenny Wilson
PRINCIPAL
Students Speak—Year 6 Science
This week we have been experimenting with simple circuits and electrical energy transfer. We make up simple switches with cardboard and paper clips and use batteries to power and light up 1.5 volt torch globes. We can turn the globes on and off using our switches. If there is any gap in the circuit the bulb will not light up. By turning the switch on we close the circuit and the bulb lights up. If the circuit is complete then the problem will be either the battery (it is flat) or the light bulb (the bulb is broken).

It was lots of fun experimenting with the circuits.

EVERY DAY COUNTS
Don’t forget the importance of attending school every day!
More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html

Pamper Club
Elisha Iselin will be running a “pamper club” in the mornings from 8.30 next to the Breakfast Club. Students can bring their own Hairbrushes.

Volunteers Welcome

Preppies Stepping Back in Time
As part of their ANZAC day celebrations, the prep students tasted the bully beef our soldiers used to eat. Some even came back for seconds.
Help Needed
As part of the core priority of literacy the school has purchased new PM Readers and Flying Start Reading Kits
To protect these books we need them covered.
If you have time to help us cover books, please call the school office
Thank you in anticipation

This Weeks Social Skills
This week’s social skill is about Following Instructions.
An instruction is any order or direction given to you by any of the school teaching or administrative staff, or any other person visiting for special occasions. An instruction might be given in the form of an order or as a request. We must all learn to follow instructions quickly and without argument.

Following instructions helps us to:
- Get the whole class to where they are supposed to be quickly
- Be ready for our next learning period on time
- Allow easy movement of classes around the school
- Maintain a peaceful and pleasant classroom environment
- Keep our teachers happy

The better we follow instructions, the more effective will our school learning become. But we must remember that it is equally important that we follow instructions from our parents as well.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

12 ALTERNATIVES to ‘Losing it’ with your Child
We all know that children, including adolescents, at times, can drive you crazy. They may not listen. They are messy. They don’t think before they act. They don’t consider another’s feelings. Unfortunately these factors are a part of growing up, and it takes a loving family to help them learn to be respectful, responsible, tolerant, caring, loving and self-controlled. When everyday problems pile up, our tolerance as parents may not be as strong. Often our ability to control ourselves will be tested. We may be easily angered but the message here is: DON’T TAKE IT OUT ON YOUR CHILD or CHILDREN or PARTNER.

It’s a matter of mustering your self-control (we all have it). Think of the benefits.

If you show self-control, your child knows what it looks like and can copy it.

Here are some alternatives:
- Stop in your tracks. Step back. Sit down. Talk yourself back to calm.
- Take 5 deep breaths. Inhale. Exhale. Slowly. Slowly
- Count to 10. Better yet, 20 or say the alphabet out loud or backwards
- Phone a friend, or a relative. Even the weather number.
- Still mad? Punch a pillow, a punching bag or munch an apple.
- Thumb through a magazine, newspaper, photo album, work manual.
- Do some sit-ups, kick a ball, jog on the spot
- Pick up a pencil and write down your thoughts/feelings/frustrations
- Take a shower, or better still, a bath
- Lie down on the floor listening to your favourite music
- Talk to your pet – they are good listeners and non-judgemental
- Go to your shed (if you have one) otherwise do that gardening/ mowing you need to do

By now hopefully you are feeling calm. By now the problem may not have seemed like it deserved the blood pressure, but it’s time to deal with the issue in a calm, peaceful, rational way. You can do it. It’s all a matter of choice.

Adapted from: Qld Centre for Prevention of Child Abuse Information Sheet

Percussion Students
Petah Ritson, our awesome music teacher, teaches the students percussion on Tuesdays. The students love their music lesson
FOOTBALL NEWS—Attention: all football parents and carers

There will be no game on 8/5
Don’t forget our Mother’s Day Raffle. We need your donations. Bring them to school at anytime.
Thanks Fiona

Redland District Primary Schools Sports will be conducting Rugby Union trials.
**Trial Date:** Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th May
**Trial Venue:** Bayview State School, Ziegenfusz Rd, Thornlands
**Trial Time:** 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm

Redland District Primary Schools Sports will be conducting Boys Softball trials.
**Trial Date:** Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th May
**Trial Venue:** Redlands Softball Association Fields, Ormiston
**Trial Time:** 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm

Redland District Primary Schools Sports will be conducting Senior Girls Softball trials.
**Trial Date:** Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th May
**Trial Venue:** Redlands Softball Association Fields, Ormiston
**Trial Time:** 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm

For more information and forms please see Mrs Dibble at the office.

A request from the library please, if your student brings a book home from the school and it gets ripped or needs repairing, please do not use sticky tape to repair it. Please send it back to the school and it will be repaired by our library staff with the correct type of acid free tape.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Yes We Need You
Thank you to Sue Jenner, Elisha Iselin and Delvene Cockatoo-Collins for offering to help.
- 10th May 23rd August
- 7th June 6 September
- 19th July 18 October & 22 November

We still need more helpers
PLEASE CONTACT FIONA IF YOU CAN HELP

Go Blue Tuckshop fundraiser for Autism Qld
Thank you and congratulations!
The Go-blue shop was a huge success. We will be donating $250 to Autism Queensland. I would like to thank Nicole Niotakis, Veronica Briggs and Kate Moore for helping at the shop. I would also like to thank Michele Connell, Ann Dibble, Annie Long, Veronica Briggs and Nicole Niotakis for cooking or preparing the food.

Mums with young children, come along to playgroup in Amity. New and used toys to play with in a secure, carpeted room at the Amity Community Club, downstairs in the “Curlew Room”. Come along for a play on Monday mornings at 9.30am

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We are all working hard to organise a fun, educational day for both the school students and the Community. We welcome you all to come and be a part of this great event.
If you would like to help out in anyway or volunteer your time on the day our next Naidoc Committee meeting is on the 9th of May your input would be greatly appreciated
Please feel free to contact Elisha on 0434 356 626 or email eisel1@eq.edu.au

Library Book Repairs
A request from the library please.

Match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500.
You may be eligible if you have:
- a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- some regular income from work (you or your partner)

To find out more phone 1300 610 355 or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355, or email saverplus@bsl.org.au

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