



NEWSLETTER

7th December 2017

Term 4/ Week 10

Dunwich State School



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From the Principal's Pen.....

What an amazing week! Firstly, on Monday we had Graduation Parade for our Year 6 students. Congratulations to all year 6 students and we wish you well at your chosen high school next year. I had many parents and guests compliment the school on how well run the parade was and how poignant the messages from each of the guest speakers and myself.

On Tuesday the Try for 5 team were here at school and we had a wonderful day with the BBQ and class visits. We are very keen to continue our association with the Cowboys and Try for 5 in 2018 and also hope to have the Broncos on board to support better attendance as well.

Wednesday was our swimming carnival and everyone had a fantastic day. Thankfully the weather was great – perfect for a day of competition in the pool. Once again students were exceptionally well behaved and showed what a great school Dunwich is.

On Thursday we had our Christmas concert and what a treat! Each class performed so well and family and community all joined in with the songs and games. Mrs Galati did a sensational job as the Christmas tree announcer and MC. Well done and many thanks Mrs Galati!

Today report cards will be sent home and class lists for 2018 announced. Our classes and teachers for 2018 are:

Prep – Mrs Goebel
Prep/Year 1 – Mrs Chae Surawski
Year 1 – Mrs Gregory/Mrs Jenner
Year 2 – Mrs Niotakis
Year 3 – Mr Ashford
Year 4 – Mrs Van Leeuwen
Year 5 - Mrs Turner
Year 5/6 Mrs Connell
SWD teacher – Mrs Galati
STEM/IT/DATA Master teacher – Mr Harvey
Reading teacher – Mrs Fiona Surawski
Creative Arts/ LOTE – Mrs Keid

Students will progress in classes as they are in 2017. Prep and Prep/1 families have been contacted regarding class placements. In 2018 we are asking all families to return to school as soon as possible. Our enrolment numbers are critical to achieve 175 students in our school before Day 8 – the end of January. This is significant as we gain an extra teacher if we reach 175 students or more. We are expecting 180 students but need everyone here in the first 8 days. Have a lovely safe Christmas break. I wish my staff, families and community a peaceful family Christmas with goodwill all round. Many thanks for a great year to all those who have made me so welcome in the community and supported me to do my best for the students and the school.
Best wishes

Rosemaree Caswell

**Principal
Dunwich State School**



“Working together to ensure that every day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving”

Year 2 Southbank



Last Thursday Year Two went for an excursion into Southbank. The children had a wonderful time swimming and playing. They also enjoyed a walk through the city.



Music Concert

Students who receive music lessons with Mr Cippollone delivered a wonderful concert to other students and staff on Friday. They performed beautifully and Mr C taught the audience the names of the instruments and students demonstrated their sounds.



Pre Prep

Our Dunwich State School Get Set for Prep transition program was a huge success! Weekly sessions introduced our Pre-Preppies to the school environment and allowed for families to connect with other families and staff, building their confidence as a member of the Dunwich State School community. Thank you to all the families who came along to each session. The children's growth in confidence was remarkable to see over the 10 weeks. We are looking forward to seeing our Prep class of 2018 on our first day back.



2017 Swimming Carnival



Our school swimming carnival was held on Wednesday. In the morning we had students from Prep to Yr 2 compete in freestyle, kickboards and woggles. They had a great time as did the spectators. Next we had Yr3 - 6 compete in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. There were also relays, the last of which had parents compete with the students. The winning



Banking Prizes



Children who bank regularly were rewarded with prizes. Many thanks to Sarah facilitating our banking.



house was Noonuccul and below are the age champions for 2017. A big thanks to Mrs Jenner and also to Annie and all who helped on the day.

Calendar

8th December	Last day of Term 4
17th January	Staff return for Term One
22nd January	Students return for Term One
26th January	Australia Day Public Holiday



Year 6 Graduation



On Monday we held our Year Six Graduation Ceremony. We were very pleased to have representation from many of our community partners including Dr Mark Robinson. He spoke of our “beautiful and unique school communi-



ty and how he enjoys the diversity of what our school represents”. He encouraged our Year Six students to celebrate that you have done well and to never give up and be comfortable in who they are. He presented the academic awards which were: English - Charlie MM, Maths - Lucy MM, Science - Coco H and Most Improved - Jazmyn B. Sheridan spoke on behalf of Dr Kathy Townsend. She spoke of many Science areas they had covered throughout the year including cyclones, fisheries management, rockets and volcanoes. The undertook a 12 week STEAM program the students thoroughly enjoyed. She presented the Mad Science Awards to students who have consistently showed enthusiasm in Science. The awards went to



Harlem L, Hayden B, Shayla B, Harrison and Johnathan M. There is a special award presented by the Rotary Club each year for the student they feel has excelled in a variety of areas and this years Rotary All Rounder Award went to Lucy MM. A big congratulations to all the students who received these awards. Mia C and Charlie MM delivered a final address as they finish the reign as School Captains for 2017. They spoke of their many experiences while being a student at

the school thanking past teachers. All of the students received They had a remarkable year and thank all staff and students and their current teach Ms Connell. We wish all of our Year Six student well in their future ahead.



Try For 5! Ambassador Visit

On Tuesday the Try for 5! Ambassadors Ray Thompson (retired Cowboy player) and Jackie visited our school. They served the students sausages for morning tea and played with the students on the oval.

When he visited the classes he spoke of the importance of attendance to school



Photography Awards

Students showed great skills in photography. Well done!



Library Awards

Students who borrowed the most library books for 2017.



Redland Libraries

Holiday Activities

December 2017

Join in the free fun at your local library these school holidays!

Renata Christmas show

See Renata bring a little magic to the library with her special Christmas show and songs.
Ages: 2-5 years
Thursday 14 December
10-11am at Capella Library
10-11.30am at Capella Library

Foam Santas

Make a Santa from foam for the school parade.
Ages: 4-6 years
2-3pm at Capella Library
2-3pm at Victoria Point Library
2-3pm at Capella Library

Ozobots Adventure

Code your Ozobot to create a colorful path. It's a fun way to learn about coding!
Ages: 4-6 years
Thursday 14 December
10-11am at Capella Library
10-11am at Victoria Point Library
10-11am at Capella Library

Sphero Painting

Paint your Sphero robot with colorful designs.
Ages: 4-6 years
Thursday 14 December
10-11am at Capella Library
10-11am at Victoria Point Library
10-11am at Capella Library

Aaron Pocock (Fantastico) - Fantastic Beasts and how to draw them

Join Aaron Pocock as he shows you how to draw the magical creatures from the Harry Potter books.
Ages: 7-10 years
Thursday 14 December
10-11am at Capella Library

Christine Bongers Author Talk

Join Christine Bongers as she talks about her new book and answers questions.
Ages: 7-10 years
Thursday 14 December
10-11am at Victoria Point Library

Craft Bar

Drop into the library and get crafty with the staff. Lots of ideas and materials available.
Ages: 4-6 years
10am-2pm at Capella Library

Paula Weston Writing Workshop

Join Paula Weston for a writing workshop where you can get ideas and practice writing.
Ages: 7-10 years
Thursday 14 December
2-3pm at Capella Library

Have fun with Spheros

Use your Sphero robot to play fun games and challenges.
Ages: 4-6 years
Thursday 14 December
10-11am at Capella Library
10-11am at Victoria Point Library
10-11am at Capella Library

Christmas Story Time Fun

Join us for a special Christmas story time with songs and activities.
Ages: 2-5 years
Thursday 14 December
10-11am at Capella Library
10-11am at Victoria Point Library
10-11am at Capella Library

Light Up Rudolph

Make your own light-up Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer.
Ages: 4-6 years
Thursday 14 December
10-11am at Capella Library

Christmas Bon-Bons

Make delicious Christmas biscuits and cakes.
Ages: 4-6 years
Thursday 14 December
10-11am at Capella Library

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Use your Sphero robot to play fun games and challenges.
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Bookings NOW OPEN

DON'T FORGET to sign up for our Summer Reading Club and check out the activity dates at each branch. For regular 5 years and under activities check out our What's On Calendar.

Look online at www.nsw.gov.au/library go to "What's on at your library" and choose your session.



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Holiday Activities

January 2018

Join in the free fun at your local library these school holidays!

Craft Bar

Drop into the library and get crafty with the staff. Lots of ideas and materials available.
Ages: 4-6 years
Friday 9 January
10am-2pm at Capella Library

Ozobots Adventure

Code your Ozobot to create a colorful path. It's a fun way to learn about coding!
Ages: 4-6 years
Sunday 14 January
10-11am at Victoria Point Library
10-11am at Capella Library

Street Science - A seriously fun Science Show

Science show and demonstrations for the school holidays.
Ages: 4-12 years
Sunday 14 January
10-11am at Victoria Point Library
10-11am at Capella Library

Calavera Masks

Make your own calavera mask for the school parade.
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2-3pm at Capella Library
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Sphero Painting

Paint your Sphero robot with colorful designs.
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Monday 15 January
10-11am at Capella Library
10-11am at Victoria Point Library
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Street Science - Slime and Snow Workshop

Make your own slime and snow for the school holidays.
Ages: 4-6 years
Monday 15 January
10-11am at Victoria Point Library
10-11am at Capella Library

Family Fun Day - Ocean Life

Family fun day with ocean-themed activities.
Ages: 4-12 years
Monday 15 January
10-11am at Victoria Point Library
10-11am at Capella Library

Craft Bar

Drop into the library and get crafty with the staff. Lots of ideas and materials available.
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Glen Rhodes Magician

Join Glen Rhodes for a special magic show.
Ages: 4-6 years
Monday 15 January
10-11am at Capella Library
10-11am at Victoria Point Library

Lego Challenge

Build your own Lego challenge for the school holidays.
Ages: 4-6 years
Monday 15 January
2-3pm at Capella Library
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Light Up Animals

Make your own light-up animal for the school holidays.
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Monday 15 January
10-11am at Capella Library

Make a book trailer using iMovie

Make a book trailer for your favorite book using iMovie.
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Kids Christmas Party

23/12/17

Santa will arrive about 7.00pm with gifts for children whose names have been registered by 10th December. Children must be in attendance to receive their gift. Only parents or carers may register their child.



School Watch

Ph: 13 17 88

We depend on the local community to: Look, Listen and Report. If you see something suspicious outside of school hours or during school holidays, please do not attempt to intervene. Call School Watch on 13 17 88 and let the authorities deal with the matter.