



NEWSLETTER

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Term 4/ Week 6

Dunwich State School



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From the Principal's Pen.....

As part of our four year planning and review, we have worked collaboratively as a staff to identify key improvement areas. One of the areas identified in our scan and assess stage was Grammar and Writing. These two learning areas go together and students need a solid understanding of grammar to achieve high standards in writing. In our everyday language we frequently use language patterns that are different to standard English. Our students need to understand and recognize different patterns of speech and be proficient in standard English conventions to be successful in their education and in the workforce in their future,

In 2018 we have designated specific teaching and learning to Grammar and Writing. We intend to develop an explicit scope and sequence for grammar conventions and teach collaboratively to ensure all students have access to more personalised learning to lift our knowledge and skills. We look forward to seeing improvements beginning in 2018 and continuing to improve across the following three years.

As part of our planning, staff also identified collaborative and co-operative teaching and learning as a key strategy to improve our results and build confidence and success in our students. Co-operative learning involves students in working in pairs or threes to plan, discuss and generate learning outcomes. They develop better problem solving skills by talking about their thought processes and can share different perspectives on the learning context thus enhancing their understanding and skills in a shared learning environment.

Our teaching staff are also keen to build their knowledge and skills as teachers through the same collaborative practice. Last week three staff visited Coomera State School to observe and **share with their PLT's** – Professional Learning Teams. These teams allow a group of teachers on the same year level to work together to differentiate learning, plan their focussed explicit teaching and moderate on assessments. The teams we observed set short term learning goals and adjusted the goal for each group of students. They then discussed formative assessments and **'checkpoints' for assessing learning progress and giving feedback** to students. It was a great day and we learnt a great deal which

we intend to put into practice next year to begin our journey to improve our collaborative, professional learning

Our end of year assessments are now falling due with classes very busy completing final units and tasks in order to compile end of year reporting. With only four weeks to go until the end of year, the assessment and reporting is now our primary focus. Please ensure your child attends every day to enable them to do their best for the final reports.

PBL across our school continues to grow in strength. Our school is calm and students work and play with respect and diligence.

When students forget our 4B's we are quick to discuss this with them and enact a consequence relative to the issues. Our students are learning each day how to develop their character and enjoy the shared environment of a school with their teachers, and peers. It is a great school.

Over the next few weeks I will share results of our School Opinion Survey. Once again staff, parents and students rate our school and our educational programs very highly. Thank you for your confidence in our school and our teachers. We all have one goal – to provide the best education for our children.

Rosemaree Caswell

**Principal
Dunwich State School**



Year 4

Art Auction

This Friday 10th November

5 – 7 pm

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

Students of the Week



Certificate of Kindness

Congratulations to Lawrence who received a certificate of kindness for relinquishing his prize for raising the most money for the walkathon to the student in second place, Vienna. Vienna raised over \$200 and has chosen an electric scooter as her prize.



Touch Football

Last weekend Dunwich Dolphins competed in the Qld All Schools Touch Football Tournament. They competed with 54 teams in the mixed division playing 5 games and finished in a fantastic 6th place. Many thanks to Rhio Moreton-McDougall, Amy Sheil, Ashley Karklis and Mr Ashford for assisting the team to achieve such a wonderful result. Awards given; Dominant defender- Beau, Tenacious team mate- Charlie, Loyal player- Lawrence, Masterful player- Madison C, Try stopper Award- KC, Fearsome leader- Lucy, Wicked winger- Jazmyn, Most improved - Isabella, Players player- Harlon, Moves master- Ollie, Explosive player- Harrison, Courageous- Mia and Zedful player- Zali. Thanks to all involved.



Try For 5!



Year 3 have done it again! They had the most children attending school 5 days/week over the past fortnight and for this the

students received merchandise from the Cowboys. Well done! Harry won the individual attendance award. Great work!



Calendar

10th November	Year 4 Art Auction
10th November	Prep Excursion to Sea Life /Underwater World
27th November	AAA Excursion
28th November	aaa Excursion
29th November	Yr 3 & 4 Science Centre/ City Excursion
1st December	Year 4 Excursion
4th December	Year 6 Graduation
6th December	Swimming Carnival
7th December	Christmas Concert
8th December	Last day of Term 4

Before School

Some students are arriving on the school campus too early in the mornings. Please be aware there are no staff rostered to supervise students until 8:30am.

Social Skill of the Week

Responsibility in the eating area – lunch boxes.



Prep Plays

Last Friday, Prep delivered some amazing renditions of the plays 'Blossom Possum' and 'Wombat Stew'. The performances were de-

livered so professionally, with excellent student narrators and actors remembering their lines like real stars. The audience really enjoyed the performance and many joined in when the students sang and Leon even played the didgeridoo. We may well have a few actors in the making and great singers

too! Parents had made some delicious food keeping in the theme such as Muggle pie and Echo Gecko cheerios which they shared as the parents mingled with the stars. A huge thank you to Alison and Mrs Goebel as well as parents and all who assisted to make this spectacular event such a success.



MORETON BAY RESEARCH STATION OPEN DAY

Saturday, 25 November 2017, 10am - 3pm

Come and celebrate our 55th Anniversary by meeting the scientists and learning about the work being done from Moreton Bay Research Station. Since 1961, The University of Queensland has supported generations of students and researchers. Also, join us for the official launch of the amazing publication "Coral Sea Dreaming" and meet the artist/author Kim Michelle Toft.

Where: 57 Fraser Street, Dunwich, North Stradbroke Island

Cost: Free (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Contact us:
(07) 3409 9058
mbrs@uq.edu.au
www.uq.edu.au/mbrs

What's happening?

- Launch of "Coral Sea Dreaming" picture book and online tv channel
- Free Moreton Bay discovery cruises - Education Queensland
- Traditional knowledge sharing - Coompi Trail
- Live animal show - Geckoes Wildlife
- Art workshops with Reverse Garbage
- Research talks about work being done from MBRS

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OSHC

Vocational Care and Before & After School Care

Stradbroke Early Learning Centre will provide limited places for

Vocational Care starting 11th Dec 2017 and also

Before and After School Care in 2018

If interested please contact the Director on 07 34099093

Or email sela-one@bigpond.com

Redlands Photo and Film Competition

Capture the Redlands and WIN!



Our annual competition is now on with great cash prizes on offer!

Photography categories & prizes - \$500 cash prize for best overall photo

Category 1	Birds in the Redlands	\$100 cash prize
Category 2	Mammals in the Redlands	\$100 cash prize
Category 3	Other wildlife (frogs, insects, reptiles, etc) in the Redlands	\$100 cash prize
Category 4	Redlands landscapes and native plants	\$100 cash prize
Category 5	Junior (14 years and younger)	\$75 cash prize

Short film category & prize!

Category 6	Short film 'Redlands wildlife and landscapes'	\$200 cash prize
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Get snapping & filming for your chance to WIN!

How to enter

All photo entries (category 1 to 5) are to be submitted via email to photocompetition@redlandscitycouncil.gov.au. Entries must be no larger than 10MB in size. All short film entries (category 6) are to be submitted via USB. All entries must include your name, address, phone number and which category your entry is to be included in. Please note - your photo can be entered in one category ONLY.

Entries close 4pm Wednesday 22 November 2017

More information and to request a flyer: 3824 8611

Redlands IndigiScapes Centre



Straddie Oyster festival

Saturday 18th November
10am - 6pm
FREE ENTRY

PRAWN & OYSTER EATING COMPS
+ MUD CRAB RACES

| jumping castle | market stalls | food & drinks |

Ron Stark Oval, Dunwich, North Stradbroke Island

3 min walk from Stradbroke Ferries Water Taxi or Courtesy bus pick up from Stradbroke Flyer

