



NEWSLETTER

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Term 4/ Week 8

Dunwich State School



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From the Principal's Pen.....

As we approach the end of the year, we look back on achievements and successes over the past year. We have completed a Whole School Review and our Quadrennial School Review, setting our directions for the next four years. Our Whole School Review was very positive across all areas of the review. We have improved our reading programs, assessed our data and set our sights on writing and grammar for 2018. Our students continue to place equal to or better than the Nation in NAPLAN for both our top students and our mean. Our Closing the Gap data shows our indigenous students are performing exceptionally well in comparison to like schools and they are achieving close to the school and state norm for all students. We have reviewed data plans and curriculum plans and are closely tracking all our student progress on a weekly basis.

In 2018, our improvement priorities will continue to focus on improving reading and writing with support teachers for reading and grammar. We have our sights on leading the cluster in STEM with plans to extend our current successes in STEM challenges to join a Griffith University STEM project which will provide the foundation research for our pedagogical framework based on the **6 C's of success**. We are also very pleased with our school opinion survey which highlighted the community, student and staff belief that this is a safe supportive and inclusive school. Congratulations to our PBL team for working so hard to build this wonderful culture of inclusivity and positive behaviour across our school.

Some of the highlights from the school opinion survey include the high levels of confidence in our school, our programs and our school staff from our community and students. Well over half of the survey questions were scored at 100% confidence. Over 85% of the survey was scored over 90% confidence – which is an amazing result. Our staff reviews of the data also indicate that we are continuing to build strength and confidence in our own practices and our leadership.

This week we had many of our Prep students for 2018 visit with our current Preps. This is a great program which encourages our youngest children to grow in confidence when beginning their schooling. It is vital that they have these early experiences to allay their fears and encourage them to embrace this new challenge in their lives. Our newest children are already wearing the school uniform and greeting our teachers by their name. Many thanks Chae Surawski for all you have done to make this program such a success. Chae will also be the Prep/1 teacher in 2018 and will be an enormous asset to our school and much loved by students and parents.

This week we enjoyed cultural extension activities through Kayaking on Country. This was a great morning for all students and staff involved. Next week our Prep to Year 3 students will enjoy walking through the mangroves for their cultural activities. There are lots of additional activities on over the next two weeks so be sure your child attends every day.

Next year our enrolment numbers will reach a milestone. At present we have 177 enrolments. This is significant for our school as our staffing numbers increase when our student numbers exceed 175 students. When school resumes in January it is so important for our school to reach 175 students before Day 8 of the first term. Any students who arrive after this day are not included in our allocations for staff and resources. As we approach the end of this year, we are encouraging all our families to return to school before the end of January next year. If there is any reason why students cannot return by the end of January, please let your class teacher or the office know as they can still be included in our enrolment numbers in January if we have been notified in advance. We are so pleased to see our school growing and parent confidence so high in our school. This is a great school **and we are providing an excellent education for our children. Let's make 2018 a great year.**

Rosemaree Caswell

**Principal
Dunwich State School**



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

2018 Resource Scheme

Please return the resource forms recently sent home before the 1st December to allow us to complete our stationery orders for 2018. Parents/ caregivers do not need to make payments until next year but the forms for participation are needed as soon as possible. Thanks.

Road Safety Awards



Congratulations to Ben and Cowan for receiving a Road Safety Award for crossing the road safely as well as being cheerful and polite. Well done boys!

Golden Buzzy Awards

Kabul and Dylan received a Golden Buzzy Award this week for excellent behaviour in the playground.



Students of the Week



Try For 5!



The class with the best attendance over the past fortnight was Year 4. Great work!

The individual attendance award for attending all day, every day, all week was won by Luke from Prep.



School Choir

Students will start rehearsing with Ms Turner this week and will be performing at the Christmas Concert on 7th December.

2017 Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 6th December

9am-10:45 Students born from 2009 - 2012
Prep - Year 2

11am-3pm Students born from 2005-2008
Year 3 - 6

Come along and cheer on all the students. Any parents that can assist with time keeping please see Mrs Jenner on the day. We look forward to seeing you there!

Calendar

27th November	P & C Meeting 3.15pm
27th November	AAA Excursion
28th November	aaa Excursion
29th November	Yr 3 & 4 Science Centre/ City Excursion
1st December	Year 4 Excursion
1st December	Resource forms for 2018 due
4th December	Year 6 Graduation
5th November	Try for 5! Ambassador Visit
6th December	Swimming Carnival
7th December	Christmas Concert
8th December	Last day of Term 4

Book Fair



This week our school has been holding a Book Fair. Lots of wonderful books and stationery is for sale. Please call in from 8:30am until 3:30pm to browse and maybe

pick up a few Christmas gifts. Some students were drawn to win \$10 vouchers to spend. Congratulations to Nea, Tyrese, Zaydan, Lola, Zali and Charlie C. Book Fair finishes on Friday.



Delvene's Visit

We are so very proud of Delvene Cockatoo-Collins for designing the medals to be used at the Commonwealth



Games. This week she visited our school and told us about her selection. We viewed footage on Minjerri-bah and how she was influenced by yungair

(freshwater reeds), waves and their tidal movements (elders would see this over the years) to make her design. The medals are a symbol of the hard work the athletes have done. Such a wonderful community role model - Delvene!

Strings Concert



On Friday students who have undertaken strings lessons with Ms Davie performed a concert for some of the students. It was wonderful to see the students showing their great musical talents.



Kayaking

On Wednesday Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in kayaking. It was paid for with money



received from the Reconciliation in Qld Schools grant. The students had a wonderful time with many spotting fish and rays in the water.



Photo Competition



Some of the students have submitted entries in the Redlands Photo and Film Competition held by Indigiscapes. There were some great entries and we wish them well.

This photo was taken by Harry in Year 2.

Year 6 Graduation

Monday 4th December

9am Undercover Area

We look forward to seeing the parents and caregivers of the Year 6 students and invited guests who will have morning tea supplied after the Graduation Ceremony

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: 37 Fraser Street, Dunwich, North Stradbroke Island

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

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What's happening?

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

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At the Open Day will be the launch of Coral Sea Dreaming - **The Picture Book** by children's book author and illustrator Kim Michelle Toft. It launches the online Coral Sea Dreaming Ocean Channel, **which features the life's work of Straddie marine cinematographer David Hannan**. Each book purchase comes with a lifetime subscription to this online channel, and on the Channel kids can access amazing free resources including a vast stills' library, videos, award winning documentaries, etc.

The picture book is aimed at primary school children and is the ultimate awesome-ness Xmas pressie. And the Channel empowers our school community to make their own marine projects and become future world leaders in ocean conservation and management.

Many of the students have created artwork and posters that will be on display.

Michael Surawski Memorial Golf Day
3 person Ambrose
25th November 2017



\$50.00 entry
includes

Brekky, Lunch, Shirt, Golf Fees, transport, monster raffle ticket with Great prizes.

Christmas Raffle

You will be receiving raffle tickets to sell for this year's Christmas Raffle run by the P & C. There are some great prizes on offer including a hand-made quilt, jewellery, surf lessons, Allsports voucher \$50, books and bounce tickets. All tickets will be tracked. Please return sold and unsold tickets to the school before Monday 4th December.

It will be drawn at the Christmas Concert.