Dunwich State School is a great school that can only get better in 2014.
This week on parade we introduced incentive programs for students.
I encourage all parents to discuss these programs with their students.

1. THE SECRET SPOTTER. Dunwich State School focuses on one behaviour expectation every week. The senior students highlight the behaviour expectation on parade, the teachers explicitly teach the behaviour in class and we publish the behaviour focus in the newsletter. This year there will be a “secret spotter” in the school every week. The “secret spotter” will be looking for a student who displays a very high standard of the behaviour that is the focus of the week. This week the “secret spotter” is looking for a student who shows pride in their school and wears the school uniform to an exemplary standard. The winner will be announced on parade the following week.

2. THE HIGH FIVE AWARD. Each week the students are reminded that “It is not ok to stay away because we learn every day”. Every student who attended school all day for every day for five days of the previous week will have their names put into a draw. One student will be drawn out to win the HIGH FIVE AWARD each week.

3. GO N RUN. Dunwich Primary is introducing the go ‘n’ run incentive badge program. The program’s aim is to get children active in fitness, health and run for fun. It will also encourage setting a goal to raise money to go towards charity. Each child that participates will be registered by the school where their kms are recorded. Students purchase a badge at each of the following benchmarks: -10 km, 25, 50, 75....up to 500 km. The program commences on Friday 14th February at 8am. The students will run a course mapped out by Tracey, school chaplain. Parents are encouraged to join the students and join in the challenge. Prams welcome (for babies and toddlers only). More information regarding this incentive will follow.

See you at the P&C meeting on Monday 17th at 3.15pm

Jenny Wilson

The Week’s Behaviour Expectation is: Respecting our friends

AFTER HOURS SCHOOL ABSENCE LINE
Phone 3409 6320 (it will ring 5 times)
Please say your students name and their year level and why they are absent. During school hours this phone will be answered by office staff
Congratulations to Jakobi Niotakis, Maya Sheil, Alexis Buscombe, Riley Shilling, Brendon and Lynise Coghill, Jamella Ogilvie, Grace and Mimi Moreton-McDougall, Paris and Joshua Prior-Dallas, Jiri Gray, Kimberley Townsend, Caitlin Dormel and Mikayla Turuwhenua who will be representing our school at the district swimming carnival in Cleveland on 10th February.

Group work is an evidenced-based approach to improving student’s literacy and numeracy. At Dunwich SS every class has reading blocks and numeracy rotations. Learning is at its best when every group has an adult to steer the learning. **WE NEED YOU** to help to improve the students literacy and numeracy levels. **Prime times for literacy and numeracy blocks are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9am – 10.30am and Every day between 11.30am and 12.30pm.** If you are interested in assisting call the school office or speak with the classroom teacher.
For this activity the students were asked to dress themselves in the school uniform by gluing on pieces of fabric, hair and adding shoes. Here is what some students had to say…. Chelsea - We had to draw our faces and get to put the hair so it was on properly. I like the dress and my new school shoes. Ruby - They are really cute and fun to make. I really liked drawing on the eyebrows. Lily - I liked putting my white hair on.

Harry - When I finished it, it looked good. I made the pants look really good! Jake - The glue was really sticky, but was fun to put on. The hair was fun to make. Sirai - I liked gluing the clothes on & cutting it. I like the shirt because it is my favourite colour. Hayden - The shirt fits most of your body. I like blue! Genevieve - Gluing the dress was fun—it looks like me now. Lorelei - I did my own creation. The hair will be white and curly. I think it is a good uniform. Finn - I liked gluing the pants and also the t-shirt. The shirt opens up like a cowboy’s. Leroy - The shirt is blue and I like blue. It was fun! Cascade - I glued clothes on. The dress had patterns on it. Now it looks like me. Kennan - I liked drawing my face because there were lots of good colours.

To all those who helped in our gardens on Wednesday...Thank You!
**FOOTY SIGN ON**

Saturday 8/2/14

10am - 2pm

Sign-On Day - New players will need Birth Certificates. Sign-on Fees must be paid before our first fixture on 9th March. Juniors - $120.00 and Seniors - $150.00. Please don’t wonder if there is going to be a team for you, come down and sign-on and let the numbers decide. No fees due until 9th March.

Get Started Grants: Applications available for U/7 - U/17, more information available about this grant on sign-on day.

Straddie Sharks says thank you to the Sibelco Community Fund for donating $300,000 for the renovations to their club house. These renovations will begin around 21st February 14.

GYM: Straddie Sharks Gym is getting lots of use since we have upgraded the room and equipment.

Come down and check out this fantastic facility and take advantage of our great yearly, half yearly and daily memberships.

Thursday Night Trivia: Choice of 3 delicious Roasts at $12.00 each.

$5 Multi Draw - cash prize $4000.00 + 2nd chance draw $400.00

Members’ Draw FRIDAY 7/2/14 - $900.00. Membership Fees are now due.