Dunwich State School is a great school that can only get better in 2014.

At Dunwich SS parents and families are recognised as integral members of the school community and partners in their children’s education. This year we will be holding “INFORMATION AFTERNOONS” in week 4 of each term to discuss the core priorities of the school. The information afternoons will be held in the Library computer room.

The timetable for “INFORMATION AFTERNOONS” will be:

- Term 1 – Behaviour/Discipline – Wednesday 19th Feb at 4pm.
- Term 2 – Reading Strategies – Wednesday 14th May at 4pm.
- Term 3 – Numeracy Strategies – Wednesday 6th August at 4pm

Term 4 – Technology – Wednesday 29th October at 4pm

Wednesday, 19th February at 4pm in the School Library. Come along and get the facts!

Parent surveys have told us that 83% of parents are happy with the behaviour of students at Dunwich. That is terrific, but we know we can do better. Come along and learn about what's working, what needs work, and what we're doing to improve outcomes for your child.

This is a session where you get to hear about the school directly from the principal and where you get to ask questions and find out what is happening at your school!

The behaviour focus for this week is “Respect”. The secret spotter will be looking for students who are well-mannered, show regard, consider others and respect the rights of others by sharing and taking turns or generally looking out for each other. Please reinforce the behaviour focus of the week by talking to your children at home.

Congratulations to Stevie Hammant who was spotted continually wearing a very high standard of school uniform last week. Stevie won the secret spotters award on parade this week. The uniform standard in the school is excellent and setting a very positive learning culture for the students.

As this newsletter goes to print the school will be hosting the National Apology Day Ceremony. Special thanks to Elisha Iselin and Michele Connell and the teachers for organising this event.

On March 3rd will be a special parade for the unveiling of the 1924-1925 Swimming Team Trophy that has recently been restored. Aunty Tina Thomas who was a member of the swim team in 1924-1925 will be attending the parade with her family and members of the community are very welcome to attend the parade. A photo will be taken of descendants of the swim team who are present. A light morning tea will follow the parade.

Jenny Wilson

Dunwich State School

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

From the Principal’s Pen.....
Stevie Hammant who was spotted wearing her uniform with pride while continually having a very high standard.

We have a new ATSI Health Worker at Yulu-Burri-Ba Medical Centre. Lauren has previously worked as a health worker at the Indigenous Wellbeing Centre in Bundaberg.

Lauren will deliver culturally appropriate programs for clients of the Health Service. She is currently providing support in the morning to the Breakfast Club Program at Dunwich Primary School. Come in and say hello. She is open to any suggestions or ideas for programs that the community feels there is a need for.

Providing a safe, friendly, confidential and culturally appropriate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care service in line with community needs.

During my time as an ATSI Health Worker at Yulu-Burri-Ba I would like to empower clients and the community to take control of their own health needs.

Lauren Roth

On Monday we went to the Cleveland pool for District Swimming.

We competed against other schools from the area. The other contestants were quite competitive, but we were definitely the loudest cheering school. Our team was very supportive of each other and we all had an awesome day. Maya made it to the Met. East. Thanks to Desleigh and Mrs Niotakis for taking us.

By Mimi and Kimmy

Maya Sheil will represent our school at the Regional Swimming Comp on 4th March.

Hi 5 Attendance Award

Secret Spotters Award
Our school has now received group sets of Dr Seuss reading books and Year 2 are enjoying them in reading groups. Here is what some of them had to say …

Sam– I try to read them with fluency and expression! Chevelle– Dr Seuss makes rhymes. They are really funny. Mia– I love Dr Seuss books. I like to read them with expression. Seth– The characters are funny sometimes. When I read them I use expression. Olivia– Dr Seuss has magical books. I use my imagination to read the stories. Lawrence– My favourite is when Cat in the Hat bends the rake. Lochlain– I read them with fluency and with rhymes. I like when Cat in the Hat bumps his head. Dash– I like doing the expression. I love reading them! I want to know them off by heart. Ashton– I read Dr Seuss with fluency and expression. My favourite book is Cat in the Hat Comes Back. Malachi– I have read Green Eggs and Ham 30 times because it is my favourite book. Shanti– I like reading Dr Seuss.

Georgina– I read Dr Seuss with fluency. They rhyme! Ollie– Dr Seuss books are funny and exciting. Cat in the Hat is my favourite and I have read it 20 times! Rosie– I read them because they are interesting and good to read. I like the rhymes. KC– You can use the most expression and I like Thing 1 & Thing 2 when they bounce the kites off the wall. Sophia– I like Dr Seuss books because you can read them with expression. They rhyme and have made up words. Lucy– I like when we get to rhyme. The Cat in the Hat is my favourite. James– I make sure I read with fluency and expression because it makes it more interesting.
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**Year 6/7 Science**

Year 6/7 are currently studying the water cycle in Science. They conducted experiments to clarify water purity and also built a mountain from sand to test for infiltration.

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