This week commenced on a high note with the Badge Ceremony for our school leaders.

Dr Mark Robinson MP, Aunty Margaret Iselin and Aunty Margaret Kucirek were valued and invited guests at the ceremony. Dr Mark Robinson offered praise for the leaders on being selected and presented the challenge to the students to take this responsibility seriously and to aim high in expectations for themselves in the role.

The recognised leaders included the School Captains and Sport Captains, who were named at the end of 2102 and the newly announced House Captains. Mrs Michele Connell, as co-ordinator of the leadership program, has set clear expectations for the leaders and these were articulated in a contract that every leader signed prior to receiving their badges.

A highlight for me was seeing the number of community members who were present to share this moment with the students. The photos in this magazine capture the pride of the community and the school on this day. If families would like a copy of the photos taken at the ceremony they can bring a USB to the school office and Kathleen will happily download them for you.

The teachers and students have settled into Term 1 and are working together every day to ensure that every student is learning and achieving. I showed a prospective new parent through the school and she was very impressed with the ambiance of the classrooms and the real learning that was taking place. An open invitation is extended to any member of the community to book a school tour with me and see the wonderful work that is happening in the classrooms at Dunwich SS every day.

The uniform of the school is certainly improving and I extend my thanks to parents who are ensuring that their students leave home every morning dressed in the correct uniform and looking serious about the work that is ahead of them that day. I have noticed some coloured and sparkling shoes starting to be worn to school. I would like to remind each parent that the school shoes are black lace-up shoes. There are new shirts available in the uniform shop with the Dunwich school badge on them. These shirts look fantastic and thank you to the P&C and Annie Long (BSM) for organising the new shirts.

Lastly, I would once again encourage every family to ensure that the students attend school every day to give them the very best chances for learning.

Remember – “It is not ok to stay away because we learn everyday”.

JENNY WILSON
PRINCIPAL

From the Principal’s Pen.....

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

Dunwich State School

NEWSLETTER

28th February
2013
Term 1/Week 5

Calendar

- 5th March: District Trial for Rugby League
- 6th March: Wildlife Photo Workshop Year 6
- 6th March: Music Committee AGM 1.30 pm Wednesday @ Fruit Barn
- 25th March: P & C Meeting 3:15 pm AGM
- 18th July: School Photos (new date)

The Week’s Behaviour Expectation is

Being Positive

Students will participate in class lessons each week that focus on the weekly behaviour expectation.
We have been reading James and the Giant Peach and watching the movie. We are writing bits and pieces of the story. by Alyssa

We have all been reading a cool novel called James and the Giant Peach and watching the movie. The movie was funny. We also have to write a new chapter for James and the giant Peach. by Grace

The Year 4/5 have been doing activities on James and the Giant Peach. The year 4’s have been writing a new chapter of James and the Giant Peach also the Year 5’s had to change the characters and the setting. We watched the movie too. The Year 4/5’s are having fun doing the activities on James and the Giant Peach. by Shaye

The whole Year 4/5 class wrote a new ending for James and the Giant Peach. Instead of James landing in New York he landed in the school. by Kyla

We all made a new ending and chapter of James and the Giant Peach. We watched the movie and it was very funny. by Kaitlyn

We have seen the movie James and the Giant Peach. The top reading group is reading the book and doing activities. by Jamella

**CLASS REPORT YEAR 6**

**The Sensational Sixers**

2013 has started with a burst for our Year 6 class. We are flat out getting use to Mrs Connell, the heaps of work and getting it right first time. However, we also have fun. Last week assembly included the Badge Presentation for our 2013 school leaders, with presentations to the School Captains, Sports Captains, House Captains and House Vice-Captains. We were honoured to have special guests (Aunty Margaret Iselin, Aunty Margaret Kucirek and Dr Mark Robinson MP Member for Cleveland) to assist in the presentations. The parade was also very well attended by parents, relatives and friends. The ceremony finished with a morning tea on the library veranda.

Of special interest in Year 6 is our participation in Project 600 Numeracy. Half our class is involved in this online learning program, the remainder of class can participate during Semester 2. On Thursday 28th February we were fortunate to have a visit by Mrs Alannah Fry, who is our on line coordinator. This visit puts us well in front for the remainder of the program.

We are not only learning maths, but also becoming familiar with navigating around a computer and computer learning.

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**Students of the Week**

**Congratulations to the following students:**

Preston Cockatoo-Collins, Camille Steinke, Stanley McLaughlin, Jake Powell, Krystal Geesu, Ruby Mollison, Haydan Stewart.
A very special parade was held on 25th February to present leadership badges to the following students:

**School Captains:** Kimberley Townsend & Zane Jenner

**Sports Captains:** Mimi Moreton-McDougal & Reo Wall;

**House Captains:** Noonuccal: Marli Lawler & Kiara Mazzoni; Kindarra: Lynise Coghill & Oscar Brewster; Choongai: Chloey Campbell & Paris Prior-Dallas
School Vegetable Garden

With all this rain, it’s the perfect time for some planting!

We are looking for some helpers who are interested in lending a hand every now and then to make our school vegie garden amazing! We need spare seedlings, cuttings, fertiliser etc and some weeder and planters to make it happen.

If you would like to help in any way please contact Jess Scott 34097161. This garden can teach the kids about good food, where it comes from and how to grow it! Jess Scott

Dental Van

Children who are 4 years old and over who have not started school yet are invited to get a free dental check up at the van. Phone this number to make an appointment.

0407735445

Musical Committee News

Attention Parents and Caregivers  THE AGM IS BEING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH AT THE DUNWICH FRUIT BARN AT 1.30PM. It would be great if you could attend as we need a committee to keep the Instrumental Music Programme running. Hope to see you there. Fiona Surawski

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Exposure of Interest

Indigenous Liaison Officer (A03)
Dunwich State School (Identified Position)
Temporary Position
From 18 March to 21 June (with the possibility of extension)
Proposed 21.75 hours per week

(Region has given approval to extend the closing date for this position in order to attract a larger applicant pool)

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Australians are invited to apply for the position of Temporary Indigenous Liaison Officer based at Dunwich State School.

Expressions of Interest

Straddie Sharks Footy Club

Karaoke this Friday night 1st March 8pm until late!

More players are urgently needed in all grades, Under 6—Under 12’s.

Training Wednesdays 3.45pm

Shark’s Tooth Kitchen has a new Chef called Simon.

Menu for the week: Monday Parmi Night—Fresh Chicken

Tuesday Sue’s Curry night, Wednesday Steak Night

Thursday—Roast Night, Friday, Saturday and Sunday Menu.

Come on down and taste Simon’s delicious meals at reasonable prices.

Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner 6—8pm. This Saturday 22nd March—Live Music from 4—8pm by Adam Jones Trio.

Easter Carnival: Easter Saturday, all the fun of the Fair. Stall holders wanted. Please contact the Club on 34099216 if you would like to hold a stall. No cost to hold a stall. Wrist Bands pre sold $25, on the day $30.00