We live in an ever-changing world and using technology is very much a part of this world.

One of our goals for this year is to improve the online information to parents and the community. Hopefully, you have all installed the QSchools APP so that you get notifications from Dunwich State School. Feedback on this APP would be appreciated and encouraged. This year we have been invited to be a part of a regional trial in a project called “Whisper” that is run by Telstra. It means we will be able to send texts, bulk emails and connect with our community through facebook and twitter. More information will follow throughout the year.

Our kids also live in the online world. We all know kids love using smartphones, tablets, laptops and other devices. They are fantastic for playing games, chatting with friends and family as well as learning.

It is important that we educate students to be a responsible member of the online world. Last year the police and a department representative spoke with all students at school about this topic. I would encourage parents to reiterate these messages to the students when they are online at home. There are a few things your students should be aware of every time they use a device. The 5Ps for a positive digital footprint has been designed to help keep students safe in the online world. [https://isecurity.eq.edu.au/Students/Pages/default.aspx](https://isecurity.eq.edu.au/Students/Pages/default.aspx).

The program has 5 key messages that cover what is and isn’t okay when working online:

- Get permission;
- Keep online posts positive;
- Create safe secure profiles;
- Check online privacy;
- Protect yourself and others


Our community partnerships continue to be successful. Acting Sergent Brendon Winslow has been writing a police blog. A couple of his blogs have mentioned Dunwich SS. The Car Wash article was viewed by 280,000 people. If you wish to follow Brendon’s blogs it is “Postcard from Straddie – the Gelati Journals”. It is also on the Qld Police facebook page.

We look forward to great outcomes from our many community partnerships in 2015.

Jenny Wilson
Principal.
Congratulations to Grace MM, Olivia L, Maya S, Makayla T, Caitlyn D, Sol S, Flynn M, Jakobi N, Darren M, Kaitlyn T, Jamella O and Kyla M for being part of the DSS Swim Team for 2015. Most of these students will be representing our school at the Redlands District Swimming Carnival on Monday 9th February and we wish them well in their competition.

Book Club brochures will be sent home each term with students. They contain a great range of affordable books you may wish to purchase. All students should have bought one home last week and the current orders are due in on Monday 9th Feb. You can pay by cash or on-line and need to return the order form from the back of the brochure. Enjoy reading!

SCHOOL BANKING CO-ORDINATOR
We are needing to fill the position of banking co-ordinator for 2015. This position is very easy and only requires about an hour of your time each week. We are very flexible and you can choose the day you wish to attend. Please contact the school office or Nicole Niotakis if interested.

The times for swimming at school on Wednesdays are:
- Year 1 - 1.30 to 2.15pm
- Year 2 - 10 to 10.45am
- Year 3 - 11.25am to 12.10pm
- Year 4/5 - 2.15 to 3pm
- Year 5/6 - 12.10 to 12.55pm
and Fridays for Prep: 11.25 am - 12.55 pm
THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who attended the garden working bee last week and weeded the summer growth out of the beds. An awesome crop of potatoes and beans in the open mini paddock (which was great for the kids) and the potatoes in the tyres was such a clever and successful idea. A special thanks goes to Paul Mergler and Jess Scott who organised for the seat to go into the garden. Paul made the seat himself with timber donated from Greg Litherland Sawmill from Amity Point. Thanks to the gardening committee and community sponsors for being such a special part of our school.

Bunnings Hardware, Victoria Point are going to assist with planting new crops in March.

NATIONAL APOLOGY DAY

The commemoration of the National Apology Anniversary is next Friday 13th February with a 12.45 pm lunch for Elders and Community Members and 1.30 pm ceremony in the library. Invitations will go out this week.

Adopt-a-Cop

Jai Taylor will be filling the role of our adopted cop at Dunwich State School for 2015.

The Adopt-A-Cop program will benefit our school by:
* The enhanced safety and wellbeing of children through education;
* Positive attitudes of children towards police and the community;
* The encouragement of law-abiding behaviour;
* Increased community satisfaction with the QPS;
* Greater community support of the QPS;
* The professional development of police officers and Police Liaison Officers.

The program is coordinated by the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch.
**ACTIVE JARJUMS**

Active Jarjums is a free 9 week after school sports program that encourages children to participate in more physical activity and try different sports while in a fun, safe and non-competitive environment.

**When:** Every Tuesday from 03/02/2015 – 31/03/2015

**Where:** North Stradbroke Island All Sports Club

**Time:** 3:30pm – 4:30pm

**Age Group:** Prep’s – grade 8

**Cost:** Free

All welcome to come along

For more information contact

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Email: dwayne.clark@pcyc.org.au

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**Past students excel in Surfing**

**Congratulations** to the Point Lookout Boardriders team who finished third in the teams event of the Australian Board Riders Challenge in Sydney. The team was made up of Bede Durbridge, Chris Semple, Stacey Holt, Lincoln Taylor and Ethan Ewing. **All are past students from Dunwich State School.** They were the only team to be able to claim school history. The competition was televised live on Fox Sport and the commentators mentioned Dunwich State School numerous times. Well done past students, we are proud of you!!

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**Footy Sign On**

@ straddie sharks
10am to 2pm
7th February 2015

Players, coaches & managers all needed!

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**Juniors fees $130.00 per child or ask about our family rates.**

**Enquire at the club for EARLY REGISTRATION.**

Get-Started grants are open from 28th January – be early – don’t miss out if you need help with footy fees.

The Deadly Choices program will be in attendance on the day.

Funding is available for the following courses:

- Level 1 Sports Trainer, CPR, League Safe, Touch Judge

Get involved – help our club support your kids.

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