From the Principal’s Pen…..

Increased numbers brings more resources and exciting new programs in 2015.

Each year schools are staffed on the basis of the “Day 8 Staffing Enrolment Collection”. Staffing allocations for primary schools are determined once the Day 8 enrolment counts are finalised. The final staffing allocations are for the school year. Dunwich State School received confirmation that the enrolment count as of Day 8 provided the school with another classroom teacher, according to the state staffing model. After consultation it was decided that the best use of this increase in staff was to dissolve the composite classes of Year 4/5 and Year 5/6 and have three classes. The classes will be Year 4, taught by Mr Ryan Ricks; Year 5, taught by Mrs Fiona Surawski and Year 6, taught by Mrs Michele Connell.

We would like to welcome Mr Ricks to the staff. Mr Ricks attended Dunwich State School and his mother, Karen taught at Dunwich State School for many years.

The core priorities for this year are reading, writing and numeracy and new or improved programs are in place to address the learning needs of every student.

1. The IMPACT program is a writing extension program being offered to the Year 5 students and co-ordinated by Ms Lyn East. IMPACT is carried out in a virtual classroom with a teacher from the Brisbane School of Distance Education.

2. The “Great Results Guaranteed ACADEMIC Program” is running four afternoons a week from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. The students work on guided reading and on-line activities to improve their literacy and numeracy skills.

3. Healthy Minds Club is run by Yulu Burri Ba on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you to Lauren and Keiron from YBB for organising the program. During the afternoon the students do homework, exercise and eat healthy food. Carmel Karklis tutors the students in the academic time.

4. The Great Results Guaranteed READING Program commences next week and will run from 8.20am – 8.50am three mornings a week.

Every Class has introduced new programs in literacy blocks called “Words their Way” and “Car and Stars”. These programs link students to their level of literacy and are focused on improving student outcomes. Volunteers are encouraged to offer their assistance in the class programs. If you are interested call the school office or talk to the class teacher.

Jenny Wilson
Principal.

Calendar

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The Week’s Behaviour Expectation is: Thumbs Up
Students in Years 4-6 are invited to join Healthy Minds Club after school every Wednesday afternoon from 3pm until 4.30pm.

Healthy Minds is sponsored by the Young Carers Project.

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.

Garden Group
A big thanks to Paul Mergler who has been our main muscle for the garden! Thanks for all your help and have a great time travelling around Australia for the next year.

Garden group meet on Thursday mornings each week in the garden for an hour or so, all welcome!

The prep kids have been enjoying the passionfruit crop at morning tea time. Yum!

Jess Scott, Garden Committee
Music lessons are up and running for 2015. Mr ‘Chip’ (pictured) teaches lessons for brass, wind, percussion and guitar. Ms Davie teaches string and keyboard. Any student who might have a borrowed instrument please return the loan agreement as soon as possible.

Thumbs Up is an effective strategy to develop problem solving skills for our students. It also provides a tool for the whole school approach to eradicate bullying. It is a 5 step strategy that is used in classrooms and playgrounds and it is also the behaviour of the week this week.

Congratulations to our school swimming team who competed at the District Trials on Monday 9/2/15. Special mention goes to Maya Sheil and Sol Shilling who made the Redland District team to complete at the Metropolitan South trials in March. Thanks to Nicole Niotakis and Amy Sheil for managing the school team.
**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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**If you missed the sign on day last weekend, but are interested in playing football for the Straddie Sharks please contact the club or Barry Wacker**

Mobile 0402 233 978 or Email bkwacker@hotmail.com

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**Surf for Life**

The ‘Surf for Life’ program will be co-ordinated and run by Mr Murray Taylor every Thursday afternoon from 3 - 4.30pm. This program is in partnership with Dunwich State School, Yulu-Burri-Ba and Surfing Australia. A bus is provided to take students out to Point Lookout where they will undertake a safe surf program I am sure they will all enjoy!