At Dunwich State School we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

2. **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, "That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that. or I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all".

3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

Visit [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

4. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.

**Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

At Dunwich State School we have a zero tolerance to Bullying and whole school problem solving strategy called Thumbs Up. On Friday March 20th all students will receive wrist bands to consolidate the message and do a class project and Class photo that will be submitted to the website.

Thanks for your support to make our school a great school for everyone.

Jenny Wilson
Principal
Congratulations to our first recipients of the Golden Buzzy Awards. The Golden Buzzy Award can be achieved from “10 playground Deadly Awards” or by meeting classroom goals. Students achieve this award for a variety of reasons in class including demonstrating continual good behaviour, returning homework, completing work in class, staying on task, random acts of kindness, helping others and applying themselves well when learning.
Year Two had a treasure hunt for Aboriginal artefacts at the museum. All of the objects they found had been made from ‘natural materials’. The properties of the natural materials include; hard, strong, smooth, waterproof and flexible. Most of the objects they found had been made by Aboriginal people on Stradbroke Island. The axes were made from really hard stone that is not found on Stradbroke Island. Thanks to Lisa Jackson and Delvene (our ALO) for their valued assistance.

Our School Garden
Bunnings Victoria Point were invited to the school to assist with our garden. We would like to thank them for the donation of some wonderful plants as well as mulch and potting mix. The Bunnings staff then assisted Jess and Fiona (our committed garden volunteers) in the garden to plant out the new vegetation. We look forward to watching the stages our new plants will go through to produce fruit and vegetables. Thanks go to Bunnings Victoria Point.

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.

Photo Fundraising
Please return any dental forms urgently!
22/3/15
Under 7 vs Slacks Creek  10.30am
Under 8  vs Logan Brothers   11.30am
Under 10 vs Capalaba    12.30pm
Under 12 vs Beenleigh  130pm
(We are desperately seeking more Under 6 players )

All junior teams’ training on
Wednesdays and Fridays.

Footy News

Straddie Styles Hair Salon is now
up & running again. Mobile at this stage so I come to
your place. Also out to Amity & Point Lookout weekly.
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