Dunwich State School

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

From the Principal’s Pen.....

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

NAPLAN testing

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.

Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.

More information is available on the NAP website (http://www.nap.edu.au/).

If you have any concerns, please contact me at school.

The National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability opens on May 12th.

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability. All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

May is the month for supporting victims of Domestic Violence. Our Guidance Officer, Veronica Briggs, is including articles on Domestic Violence this month to raise our awareness.

Jenny Wilson
Principal

Calendar

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The Week’s Behaviour Expectation is:

Entering a classroom

It is always important that we show respect to teachers and other students when we enter a classroom.

Happy Mothers Day

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Kassidy was spotted always walking with dignity in the correct play areas of the school. Well Done!

All day, Every day, All week!

Healthy Minds Program
The Healthy Minds Program will be changed to Wednesday afternoons next week due to a clash in afternoon programs.

It will continue to be on Wednesdays, starting on the 14th May 3.00pm - 4.45pm.

Please return new permission forms by Wednesday 14th of May. Any questions please don’t hesitate to call Elisha on 0434 356 626.
Starlight Foundation

Some students would like to show their gratitude towards the Starlight Foundation for all the good deeds they have done towards children who have illnesses. Starlight gives terminally ill children a wish without expecting anything in return. One special student in the school named Mikayla Adams-Houston is extremely grateful for what Starlight have done for her brother Mitchel. Starlight gave him a wish when he was very unwell. They will never forget the wonderful wish they fulfilled for him. So, in gratitude for all the wishes they have given, Dunwich State School would like to hold a fundraiser for the Starlight Foundation later this term. There will be more information on this event soon.

By Mikayla, Jordyn and Shaye Year 6/7

Help someone experiencing domestic violence

Often people are concerned that if they get involved in a domestic dispute they will be interfering in a private matter. In fact, your act of support may be the catalyst for your friend or family member to begin the process of accessing help. If someone you know is being abused and you choose not to act, you might later regret not taking the opportunity to help. Don’t be surprised if your friend or family member denies there is a problem, rejects your support or becomes defensive. They may be afraid to tell you or be reluctant to worry you if they tell you about the abuse.

Your initial approach and response is very important and can make a real difference. If someone feels supported by the people around them, they are more likely to explore their options and make contact with a professional counsellor.

Ways you can help

- Call DVConnect Womensline on 1800 811 811 or Mensline on 1800 600 636 for expert advice.
- Invite the person you know to talk in a place where they are alone and safe.
- Take their fears seriously and listen to what they have to say.
- Let them know the violence is not their fault—don’t blame them.
- Focus on their safety and their children’s safety. Help them by providing transport, child minding and a place to escape if they feel unsafe.
- Let them know about services that can offer confidential help.
- Let them know that DVConnect can help them to leave an abusive relationship safely and link them to other support services.
- Respect their right to make their own decisions and understand they may not be ready to leave.
- If they don’t want to talk, reassure them that you will stand by them, and be ready to talk or help, when they ask.
- Don’t be critical or make negative comments about the abusive person. This can put the person you are helping in serious danger.
- Don’t confront the abuser about their behaviour.

If you witness the violence, or are worried they are at immediate risk, call the police on 000 (triple zero).
Uniform Shop

School Jumpers on Sale!

Rug up for winter with a warm zip-up jumper. Now available in the Uniform Shop for $20 each.

See Zara in the Uniform Shop on Mondays after Parade.

Swimming Club

The Swim Club will be holding their annual presentation at the pool on Saturday 24th May. Kids are welcome to bring their bathers and towel from 11am onwards with a midday lunch and Presentation commencing after 1pm. RSVP to Mary-Ann Cox on 34099119 or Rhonda on 0419724094. (I'll be away up till the 18/19th May).

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