Dunwich State School is a great school that can only get better in 2014.
To launch Reconciliation Week Aunty Margaret Grenfell addressed the parade on Monday. She gave a heartfelt message to the students of the importance of family and treating others with respect and goodwill. She mentioned lifelong friendships and keeping our community strong (the Straddie way) by coming together to share culture and experiences. She challenged the students to learn these messages now so that they can be on parade as adults and keep the positive messages going for generations to come.

This very special presentation was followed by Mimi leading the whole student body in the recital of “Keep the Pain in the Past”. This poem that was written by Tahneil Ruska when she was a Year 7 student at Dunwich State School.

Keep the Pain in the Past
Keep the pain in the past
Be mates
Make the friendship last
As
Dark & light
Come together
We are one
Now and forever

To consolidate the clear message of “Let’s Walk the Talk!” the senior students will have their photos mounted on a banner with Tahneil’s poem. This will become a school tradition.

During the special parade on Monday the students were educated by the environmental work of Dr Romane Cristescu who works in environmental rehabilitation and mine closure for Sibelco. They were also entertained by Dr Romane’s very skilful and intelligent dog called Myer. Dr Romane and Myer recently featured on the TV program “Totally Wild” and our students got to watch a live demonstration.

On the same parade Deb Olive and Kate Adams from Sibelco presented the school with 150 hats. The students are thrilled with this gift. Special thanks to Sibelco for the support they give to the school.

The focus for this week is WALK AWAY and this is about standing tall with head held high; remaining quiet and looking confident. It is suggested that students walk toward people or to a safe area.

Jenny Wilson
Principal
All day, Every day, All week!

Tuesday to Thursday this week we have had the book fair in A Block. All of the students have visited the display of books with the room decorated with amazing Egyptian mummies and props.

Many thanks to Bernadette Mollison, Fiona Cowell, Nicole Niotakis and Maryanne for their wonderful assistance.

Kyla is able to handle situations by staying cool, talking firmly and remaining neutral.

Lochlain received his 10km badge in the Go and Run program held before school every Friday morning at 8am. Please note Go and Run is cancelled for this Friday.

Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to Kuruwyerna who represented our school at the Regional Cross Country competition. She competed very well giving it her best effort. Well Done!
Where reconciliation week began and why we celebrate.

Reconciliation involves building positive, respectful relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for the benefit of all Australians.

To create positive change we need more people talking about the issues and getting involved. With National Reconciliation Week just around the corner, find out what you can do to contribute to reconciliation, and start walking the reconciliation talk.

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to contribute to building a reconciled Australia.

National Reconciliation Week started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 and was supported by Australia’s major religious groups. Under the guidance of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (now Reconciliation Australia), it evolved into the week-long celebration that it is today.

Every year, it is held between two significant milestones in Australia’s history, May 27 and June 3. May 27 is the anniversary of the 1967 referendum in which more than 90 per cent of Australians voted ‘Yes’ to count Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the census and give the Australian Government the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The day before National Reconciliation Week, 26 May, is National Sorry Day, which was first held in Sydney in 1998 and is now commemorated nationally to remember and honour the Stolen Generations. June 3 marks the historic 1992 Mabo decision in which the High Court of Australia recognised native title – the recognition that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ rights over their lands did survive British colonisation.

Unite together in harmony
Stick together, it’s not so hard
Lend a hand, expand friendship
And make a stand
By Ashira

YEAR 6/7 POETRY

Come together in a welcoming way
Live with peace everyday
Become renewed, but don’t forget
Friendship is the best thing yet!
By Jordyn

People come together to mend
The past that most people want to forget
So come together with open arms
And share the kindness with everyone
So what if we are all different
We all know we are one in a million!
By Kimmy

Make a difference
Be a leader, stay on task
Resolve to bring together
Forgiveness, replace it with harmony
And make it last.
By Preston

Reconciliation, now its time
To cheer, smile and laugh with friends
And bring all people to sing
Until we learn to love each other
This will be with us forever
By Namuli

Bring together all the people
Heal, restore, mend
Live in harmony
And let all be friends
By Jacob

Reconciliation, meet and greet
Come together in harmony
Friendship and a smile
To live in peace, let’s make a stand
And go that extra mile.
By Lynise
Volunteers Needed
- Wednesday 4th June—Garden Working Bee
- Wednesday 18th June 8am set up Athletic Carnival
- Wednesday 18th June Tuckshop helpers
  Please contact the school if you can help.

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2014 SKATE DAY
Saturday 7th June
1pm-5pm
@ Point Lookout Skate Park
Skate Comps, Art Workshops, Face Painting
Courtesy Bus: Dunwich -12 noon
(Bus stop across from Church)
Amity – 12.15 (from Shop)
Bus will leave the point @ 5pm
All Comp. Participants must have
Signed consent form, Stack hat + Shoes
Call 0408 152 008 for more details