From the Principal’s Pen.....

Dunwich State School is a great school that can only get better in 2014. As Term 2 draws to a close the students are completing semester assessments and the teachers are very busy writing comprehensive reports to inform parents/caregivers. Last week every classroom teacher met with Leanore Gregory (Head of Curriculum) and myself to discuss their class and how to improve every student’s outcomes. This discussion will lead to every student having individual learning goals that are based on solid data. The reports will be handed to students on Wednesday 25th June. Parent/teacher interviews will follow in term 3 and I encourage every parent/caregiver to attend these interviews so that they can hear the student’s individual goals to improve educational outcomes. It is proven that when parents become involved the student’s outcomes will soar.

Athletics Day was held on Wednesday 18th June and what a wonderful community celebration. Special thanks goes to Nicole Niotakis for taking on the responsibility of overseeing the organisation of the day. Thanks also goes to Laurie and David and everyone who assisted preparing the venue and disassembling the venue. Special mention goes to Zara and Angela for organising the canteen and to everyone who volunteered in the canteen during the day. Thanks also to all of the teachers and volunteers who assisted on the day with the many jobs involved in running a successful event and last but not least to the students who competed with enthusiasm and great sportsmanship.

Every day counts – will your children be in school?

It’s almost time for the school holidays to mark the end of Term 2. Parents and carers are reminded of the importance of children attending school every day. Early in Term 3 the students with 100% attendance will receive a Principals Award and all students with 95% attendance or more will receive a 95 PLUS wrist band. Don’t let the last couple of days spoil your good attendance record. For more information visit the Every Day Counts webpage.

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

Kaitlyn was spotted being a good communicator, expressing her opinions well.

Congratulations to Jake McLachlan for being able to read an outstanding number of sight words.
On Tuesday we went to see the wildlife show. They brought out a curlew, who had been attacked by a feral animal and could not fly. It tried to get out of the room but it couldn’t. The show was fun and interesting and I hope they come again next year. Kaitlyn T

At the wildlife presentation they had an owl and the man put a string around it’s leg so it couldn’t get away. It did a number two on the ground. Anthony

The bandi bandi snake was amazing. It could live under the sand and is mildly venomous. It lives on Stradbroke and humans don’t usually see them because their habitat hides them so well. Jakobi

Grade 3,4,5,6 and 7 saw a bearded dragon and the presenter told us that it has spikes so when it’s predator tries to eat it, the bearded dragon’s spikes stop it from being able to swallow him. Kuruwyerna

At the presentation I learnt that on Straddie each year foxes eat about one million animals. It is a predator and there is a man who traps them so they can’t kill any more of our wildlife. Denzel

We have a large amount of lost property with no names on . Could you please make sure you are labelling all students clothing (especially jumpers) lunch boxes etc. to allow us to return them to their rightful owners.

Thanks
Dear Community,

Please come celebrate Aunty Christina (Tina) Thomas nee Iselin’s 100th Birthday gathering at the Redlands RSL, Cleveland on Saturday, 12 July at 11.30am.

The invitation is for anyone who wishes to attend on the day which is her actual birthday.

It will be an informal lunch, people can order their own meals during the lunch time hours and we will have some wine available on the table/s.

No presents are requested.

Thank You.

See you all there.