From the Principal’s Pen.....

There is so much happening at this great school.

Last Friday was a special day for our students as they prepared for Mothers Day. Every class teacher organised educational activities for the students to make gifts and write special messages for their mothers. The Prep students spoilt their mothers at a special luncheon and the P&C held a mothers day stall for the students. The students purchased their own gifts from the very patient people who ran the stall. Special thanks to the P&C for their efforts.

The staff at Dunwich State School were also spoilt last Friday, when Tracey Hodge, School Chaplain organised a surprise high tea for them to celebrate Mothers Day. Thanks to Tracey for her efforts.

The Year 6 students were visited by Mrs Holly Hough who is the Head of Department, Junior Schooling at Cleveland District State High School (CDSHS). Holly demystified the wonder of high school with her presentation and handed out packs to the students to complete for enrolment at CDSHS. This is an important part of the transition to high school. The packs are to be completed, Semester One results attached and then they need to be submitted to CDSHS.

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Townsend who has been short-listed in a national writing competition. Kaitlyn’s work, which was published in a school newsletter earlier this year, will be published in a book. Over 3000 students entered this competition. Mrs Connell has been submitting students work in the competition for ten years and Kaitlyn is the first student who has had her work recognised as worthy of the national shortlist. Well Done Kaitlyn and Mrs Connell.

Premier’s Reading Challenge. The reading period for the 2015 Challenge commences on 19th May and continues until 28th August. This is a great opportunity for our Prep to Year 6 students to improve their literacy, cultivate a passion for literature, and for teachers and families to encourage them to read widely for pleasure. Interested students should check with their classroom teacher or our Premier’s Reading Challenge coordinator, Mrs Elaine Turley to make sure they are registered.

As this newsletter goes to print the Year 3 and 5 students will have completed the NAPLAN tests and be celebrating with class parties. Well done students.

Jenny Wilson
Principal
Students of the Week

Buzzy Winners

Hi 5 Attendance Award
All Day
Every Day
All Week

Golden Buzzy Awards
Mothers Day Lunch

Prep celebrated Mothers Day with the students cooking and serving a delicious meal with dessert. On the menu was coconut curry chicken followed by sticky date muffins with caramel sauce and cream. After lunch, mothers received a hand made photo frame made by the students. Winners of the raffles were then drawn. Thanks to the Mums and the community who assisted by donating prizes for their raffle. Thank you for your continued support!

Minister for the Environment Visits DSS

Mr Steven Myles, the minister for the Environment visited Prep as part of his visit to Stradbroke meeting with community groups. He was treated to some songs from the students including the Welcome Song and the Anthem in language.

Year 3 History

Year Three students are currently studying ANZAC Day as part of their History studies. Last Wednesday afternoon they visited the Stradbroke Museum in Dunwich to learn more about Stradbroke Island during World War 1 and the men from the island who fought in the war. Thank you to Lisa Jackson for her informative presentation.

Thank You!

Many parents and people from the community volunteer their time to support our students. A special thank you to all of them as this week is National Volunteers Week. We want you to know you are very, very appreciated!
Mothers Day Stall
The Mothers Day stall was very popular with the students on Friday. Thanks to the lovely ladies who helped the children with their gifts.

Footy News

Sunday 17 May
U/7 vs EAGLEBY @ EAGLEBY SOUTH STATE SCHOOL 11.00am - catch 9.25am water taxi
ALL @ HOME
U/8 vs Mt GRAVATT 10.30am
U/9 vs INALA 10.30am
U/10 vs LOGAN BROTHERS 11.15AM
U/12 vs WYNNUM 12.15pm

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