Welcome to the start of Term 3 2103. There is a very busy and exciting term ahead.

This term we are reviewing the past four years at Dunwich SS and writing a vision and making a plan for the next four years. It is essential that parents and community members provide input into this process. A Parent and Community Survey is enclosed in this newsletter and will be attached to the newsletter that is emailed to our local businesses.

Please return the survey and have your input into the future of this fantastic school. The forms can be returned to the school office or emailed to jwils55@eq.edu.au.

Our core business is to improve students learning. To this end we have introduced a new project to the school this term. It includes a structured reading program before school and a homework club on Thursday afternoons. The program is funded with “Closing the Gap” money as is the responsibility of Elisha Iselin, Indigenous Liaison Officer, and Leanore Gregory, Head of Curriculum. Toni Cope and Amanda Blivet have been employed by the school from this cost centre to assist in the success of the project for our students. We are looking forward to great improvements in reading levels and A-E levels for the students involved.

Reading is an essential life skill and we invite community members to assist the students with this skill by helping in reading groups at the school. A DATE FOR THE DIARY – On Wednesday 17th July a training session is being run at the school for volunteers who are interested in assisting students to learn to read. The session will run from 3.15 – 3.45pm. Please sign into the office and we will direct you to the session. ALL WELCOME.

This term will also see the introduction of a year 4/5/6 Numeracy Project. The students will be split into learning level groups and tasks will be set to meet the student’s needs. The selected year 4 students will do extension mathematics in Project 600 that will be co-ordinated by Michele Connell. Special thanks go to the teachers for this initiative.

Special thanks also goes to the teachers for the efforts they put into writing the reports at the end of semester one. Parents will have an opportunity that is not to be missed to discuss these reports and the students individual goals for improvement with the teachers in the third week of this term. More information will follow.

Thanks
Jenny Wilson
**AAA Excursion**

We enjoyed a lovely day in Capalaba. We played at a cool park before it rained and then headed off to bowling. We made 3 teams from our classes with an adult joining each group. Some great bowling skills were highlighted, special mention to Jesse who had never bowled before and won the second game. We enjoyed a snack of wedges before our lunch of a hotdog, chips and a drink. When the second bowling game was finished we enjoyed some time on the computer, skill tester games. Everyone had a super day and we would like to thank Sibelco for financially supporting this excursion and Tom and Macca for helping us have so much fun.

Mrs Surawski

**Little AAA**

The first Little AAA for a few years was a complete success. We walked to the shops in Dunwich and thoroughly enjoyed finding out what happens out the back of our local shops. We went to the Butchers, Foodworks, the Bakery, the Chemist, the Newsagency, Skip’s, the Post Office, C.J’s Pizza, the Super Sports Store and the Fruit Barn. We also walked to the top park near the barge for lunch and a play. We had as much fun learning about how the shops worked, as the shopkeepers had showing us their shops. The children were beautifully behaved and a great day was had by all. Thanks to all the businesses for their support in making this such a special day.

Fiona Surawski

**Beginner Music Week**

Five children attended Music Week this year. Josh, Kimmy, Kaitlyn, Anthony and Ash. The children seemed to enjoy their first day, making friends and practicing some new skills like dancing and singing. I only had the opportunity to stay for one day, during this time I saw the children behave well and prove to be a good representation of our school. The concert on the last day was a huge success with the attending parents and grandparents.

Fiona Surawski

**Bush Dance**

The last day of Term 2 culminated in a fantastic & fun Big Bush Dance party.

All classes performed a showcase dance and then joined in for a variety of line dances.

Jocelyn Keid (Music)

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

Don’t forget the importance of attending school every day!

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.h
SCHOOL JUMPERS School jumpers are now for sale for $20.

A fond farewell was given to Belinda Close after having worked for the Dunwich State School for 8 years. We wish her all the best for the future!

AFL AUSKICK LAUNCH On Wednesday 10th July, Dion and Keith launched the AFL program on parade and in PE lessons. Che Cockatoo-Collins spoke of his football career and staff members showed their true colours. The program commences this Wednesday at first break.
**Foot ball**

The Rugby League Competition for 2013 was a huge success. We enjoyed travelling over every week to attend the games, even when the taxis forgot us. The children’s sportsmanship skills and attitude towards the other teams and travelling were exceptional. We came an overall THIRD in the competition and the students should feel very proud of the result. I would like to thank ASHLEY KARKLIS for being the best coach ever, Ms Wilson for supporting our attendance, Angela and the other parents and grandparents who came to watch and I would really like to thank the children for being such great sports stars.

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**An enjoy-a-bull concert coming our way**

An unmiss-a-bull highlight of the sixth Stradbroke Chamber Music Festival is the family concert “A Musical Menagerie”, at the Dunwich Public Hall at 11 am on Sunday 28 July.

The featured work is “Ferdinand the Bull”, based on the children’s classic *The Story of Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf. Festival favourite Louise King will narrate, with violinist Rachel Smith playing the music composed by Alan Ridout to accompany the story.

Two incred-i-bull pieces in this family concert are “The Swan” and “The Elephant” by Saint-Saëns. Among the other members of this Musical Menagerie are donkeys, frogs, wild geese, canaries, bumble-bees and black swans, portrayed by violin, cello, bass, bassoon, clarinet, flute and piano. The inimit-a-bull Paul Hankinson (aka “Montmorensy”) will also delight the young and the young-at-heart with his “Goldfish Song”.

Tickets are $20 adults (Centrelink clients and 4MBS subscribers $17). Children are admitted free, but must be under adult supervision. Book through 4MBS Ticketing on 3847 1717, 9 to 5, seven days a week or online at 4mbs.com.au.

Tickets are also avail-a-bull at Point Lookout Newsagency or at the door.

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**REMINDER TO SWIM CLUB FAMILIES:**

Annual Presentation Lunch at Little Ships Club this Saturday at noon. RSVP Rhonda 34099308

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**Tutors Required**

University students, high school students or retired teachers—would you like to assist students to learn? Parents are looking for tutors.

If you are interested please contact Fiona Surawski at school.

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**Titans**

Titans finish their program with the Years 4/5/6. We appreciate their support and involvement with our school.