Naplan Results were released this week. Every student achieved above the national minimum standard for literacy at Dunwich State School and 77% of year 3 students are in the top two bands of the nation for writing. Next term our staff will go through the NAPLAN results in much greater detail to look closely at the areas where we can build on our performance. Although NAPLAN results form a useful piece of information, they are not the be all and end all upon which to judge a school’s success. It is important to remember the results represent a point-in-time testing over a few hours each May. The NAPLAN results are important but are just one of the many pieces of information our school uses to improve learning outcomes for our kids. We were privileged on Monday to host nine students and teachers from Matakana Island School, a small school on an island in the Bay of Plenty in New Zealand. They performed their cultural songs and dances for us and our year 6 students performed cultural dances and presented a power point about Stradbroke Island. After enjoying a morning tea hosted by year 6, including Mrs Connell famous cupcakes, we invited our guests back in the afternoon to join our whole school in cultural dance. It was a totally uplifting day for everyone.

NAIDOC DAY was very successful and on behalf of the school I would like to thank Elisha Iselin for the excellent job that she has done as the school representative on the NAIDOC planning committee. Great effort Elisha!!

Lastly, I would like to thank our very dynamic P&C for organising the disco last Friday. The students had a great time.

The P&C are now organising the whole school walkathon to be held on the first Friday of Term 4, 11th October. This will be another whole school community celebration. The Forms have been sent home with the students to collect sponsors over the holidays. The whole community is encouraged to join us on the walkathon.

I wish you all a very relaxing and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing everyone in term 4.
The P & C Sub Committee—Gardening, The Well Being Committee and the EATSIPs team are combining in a garden project for the school. The project includes a Bush Tucker Trail, Yarning Circle, and extension of Prep and Primary garden beds.

Bunnings, Sibelco and Community Volunteers have all offered to support the project, commencing next term.

Great team Effort

**NAIDOC DAY PRACTICE**

The whole school practised a dance item on Monday afternoon as a lead up to NAIDOC Day. Our guests from Matakania Island School in New Zealand joined the dance. Thank you to Joshua, Tamara, Patrick and Mandy for assisting the students in the practise and on the day. The community enjoyed the item.

**NAIDOC DAY THANK YOU!!**

Firstly, thanks to the organising committee—Aunty Margaret Kucirek, Glynne Carmichael, Elisha Iselin, Delvene Cockatoo-Collins, Nyaree Mewett and Aunty Joan Hendricks and the rest of the Housing NAIDOC Committee for all of your effort. To stall owners, visiting agencies, activity leaders and the community, thanks for your involvement in making the day Great! A big shout out also goes to the Men’s Shed and Housing for the BBQ and Mullet.

Lastly a special recognition to Uncle Darryl and Aunty Wendy who raised $100 for the school with their scrumptious Eugarie curry and BBQ Eugaries as well as organising our photographic display.

**Kids Speak:**

On Friday 13th September the Prep students went to Underwater World for their excursion:

We went on to a boat and on to a big bus to go to Under Water World. It was fun because we got to see the seal show and we got to see the people feeding the sharks. By Keenan

We saw the seal show and the otter show. We went in the tunnel and there was water all around us and there were Sawfish, fishes, sharks and crayfish and we even saw star fish. By Leila

The best part about Under Water World was when that cheeky “Bella” the seal took the shorts off the girl, Sam. By Ruby

I liked Under Water World because I liked the seal show. The seals were very cheeky. By Kane

On Wednesday 11 September Tennis Australia and Tennis Queensland teamed up the “MLC Tennis Hot Shots, Tennis in Schools” and came to Dunwich. 

Tennis coach Ian Goolagong took students through their paces during their usual Physical Education Lesson time

It was a great opportunity for students to get some expert advice on the tennis court!

**SCHOOL DISCO**

The school disco was a raging success. The P & C executive would like to thank all adult volunteers who assisted on the evening. Dr Amy presented gelati vouchers on parade to the students who won prizes for games eg freeze, and for great dancing, limbo, rhythm and skill.

A great time was had by all
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.html

School Bus—Code of conduct

Category 2—Dangerous Behaviour
1. Distracting the driver by use of persistent noise
2. Verbally threatening the bus driver
3. Allowing any part of their body to protrude from the bus, standing on steps, swinging or moving excessively
4. Spitting or smoking
5. Bullying passengers
6. Pushing and shoving when boarding or exiting the bus

ACTION

Remind students of the Code and what happens if their behaviour is dangerous

Student’s name, details of incident and action recorded in diary

Repeated incident in 4 weeks
Next day suspension 5—10 days

If you would like to be involved or have any comments or feedback about the school bus please email schoolbus4183@gmail.com or contact the school at admin@dunwichss.eq.edu.au. You can also raise any ideas or concerns with committee members, Brooke Eugarde, Lisa Jackson, Jess Scott

Apologies that the hearing tests did not go ahead on the 13th September. Hearing tests will go ahead on the 8th October and all submitted permission forms will be kept until that date.

Mathletics Awards

Congratulations to the students who earned recognition and awards from the Technology Maths Program—Mathletics for high maths scores

Lawrence Dufficy was awarded a medal from the Australian Army for perseverance on the home front while his mother serves in Afghanistan

Reminder—NO HAT NO PLAY

Please ensure your students have a hat for sun safety or they will be unable to play out in the sun.

Any donations of hats would be sincerely appreciated.

Thanks

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Children’s Enrolments for swimming lessons are being taken this week.

Students of the Week

Raffle Winners

Buzzy Winners

Swimming Club
From the Guidance Officer

LEARNING FOR LIFE

Be Organised – ‘The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step’ – Confucious

What is being organised?

Being organised is planning something so that it works, doing it step by step instead of going around in circles. Organisation is putting first things first and taking care of things you need to do.

When people are organised they get things done, without wasting time and effort. Without organisation there is confusion and it is easy to lose things. When you need to do things quickly and skilfully you need to be very organised.

You practice being organised when you

♦ Decide how you want to arrange the space around you to keep it organised and attractive
♦ Have a place for your things and put them away when you finish using them
♦ Make a plan and follow it step by step

Lost—small silver bangle watch It belongs to Desleigh Specht if found please return to Desleigh or to the office to pass onto Desleigh.

Thanks

Castaways art workshops
September school holidays

Lines in the Sand North Stradbroke Island LTD is proud to host a two day arts workshop; Saturday, September 31 and Sunday, October 1 at Mooloomba Reserve next to Look Café Point Lookout. Children and young people will be able to make their own body adornment and art, totems and outdoor stage set for a castaways type photo shoot.

When: 10am - 12pm and 1 – 2pm Saturday September 30 and Sunday October 1
Where: Mooloomba Reserve next to Look Café
Who: Children and young people 6-16
BYO: sticks, feathers, shells, beach plastics
Costs: $15 or $20 for 2 and $30 for a family (cash only).

PCYC have advertised for the Position of Co-ordinator for the Outside Hours School Care at Dunwich SS. Applicants need a Certificate III or a Diploma. If you are interested in the position please contact Ms Jenny Wilson at the school 3409 6333

Michelle Beasleigh
Social Emotional Well-Being Counsellor
Yulu-Burri-Ba Aboriginal Corporation
3409 9596

Program 1: Monday September 30th to Friday October 4th 2013 @ Raby Bay foreshore.
(Everyday 8:00am to 10:00am)