I am proud to say that there is so much happening at Dunwich State School.

It is important that every parent attends the parent/teacher interviews next week. These interviews inform parents how to support their student’s individual learning goals. Every teacher will talk to you about the specific goals that your students have set, using data from diagnostic test and national curriculum assessment. The letter to book an interview time went home last Friday. If you missed the letter please contact the school office.

NAIDOC celebrations have been postponed until Friday July 26th out of respect for the passing of a community elder. Our thoughts are with the community and family members of Aunty Audrey.

On Monday 15th July Dr Kathy Townsend and Mrs V launched the Mad Science Club as an after school event that will lead to a celebration during Science Week. Forty-seven students attended the first session. These sessions are for students who are seriously interested in Science. Dr Kathy is extending students to hypothesise and then question the results of the experiment by reflecting upon the operation of the experiment and the results. The concepts were difficult to deliver with the number of students, across a range of year levels, in one science laboratory. Congratulations go to Dr Kathy for her amazing organisation and tenacity.

Auskick commenced this week and will continue for the next seven weeks. The students will participate in activities at first break and lunch time with Auskick activities once they have returned the forms and the $15 participation fee. The students really enjoyed the first week.

Lost property!! There are a lot of jumpers in lost property. Could I encourage all parents to send their students in full uniform ready to learn every day. Could I also encourage parents to come to check out the garments in lost property. There are a large number of school uniform jumpers that need claiming. There are also a number of weekend wear jumpers that students have swapped for a school uniform jumper that need to be claimed.

Lastly, could I encourage all parents to attend parades on Monday mornings. It is a celebration for our community and your presence makes it all the more special for the students.

Thanks. Jenny Wilson

From the Principal’s Pen.....
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

Student of the Week

Year 3 Fact-a-thon

Year 3 students are currently collecting sponsors for their Fact-a-thon on Thursday 1st August. Money raised will help offset the cost of an excursion to Seaworld in October. Students are required to learn all addition, subtraction and multiplication facts and receive sponsorship for their participation. There will be 100 questions of randomly chosen facts. Sponsors can pay an amount per correct fact or they can give a donation. Thank you to the school community for their support of our fund-raising venture.

Year One Bark Painting

The Year One students were taught how to paint indigenous art symbols on bark last Thursday. Mandy and Carmel showed the students how to do dot painting, ibis’s feet and kangaroo footprints. Incorporated with the students art is their aspirations for the future. These bark paintings will be displayed at our NAIDOC celebration day 26th July.

DSS District Sports Team

The students enjoyed participating in Auskick which has commenced this week and will run over 8 weeks.
School jumpers are now for sale for $20.

There will be a tuckshop next Friday 26th July with orders and over the counter sales.

Mad Science Club has commenced and will be held every Monday afternoon from 3pm to 5pm. This will end with a celebration during science week. Parents welcome. Volunteers essential!
**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.

**Why drink water?**

Water is essential for:
- Aiding in digestion and absorption
- Dehydration prevention
- Transportation of body-waste elimination
- Regulating body temperature
- Reducing the consumption of sugary drinks (which is a high risk factor for obesity and tooth decay)
- Physical and mental performance
- Helps with health problems such as urine infections, bed-wetting, daytime wetting and constipation
- The body by protecting against chronic illnesses such as cardiovascular disease, cancer and urinary tract stones
- Good oral health

**Ensure your child has a water bottle filled with tap water every day at school!**

Contact
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**Year 7 & 8 Information Evening – Wednesday 24th July 7.00pm – Smith Street Community Hall**

Enrolment Applications due Monday 5th August 2013

In an initial email from Paul, it stated that we are having an information evening on August Friday 2nd. This was in fact an error and we are just having the one on the 24th of July.

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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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**AFTER HOURS SCHOOL ABSENCE LINE**

Phone 3409 6320 (it will ring 5 times)

Please say your students name and their year level and why they are absent.

During school hours this phone will be answered by office staff