As this newsletter goes to print there will be **two days left to complete the School Opinion Survey**. This is a State-wide initiative. Randomly selected parents were sent the information to complete the survey online or on paper. Could I encourage the selected parents to complete the survey and if you are unable to, please notify the school TODAY, so that another parent can be given the opportunity? Feedback helps our school grow stronger.

Our teachers are giving their time to make sure that every student has the opportunity to have a **parent/student/teacher interview** where the student can explain their learning goals for this semester. If you have not yet completed the interview with your student and their teacher please phone the school to make arrangements to do so.

Connecting with the broader community is a priority for our school, as this assists the well-being of all students. On parade this week the school presented a birthday package for Shirley Cooper and the school sang “Happy Birthday” to Shirley for Sunday August 4th. We hope you have a lovely birthday Shirley.

The students also made get well cards for Aunty Margaret Iselin. Aunty Margaret is very special to our school and we wish her a quick recovery.

We had 11 guests in the school on Monday from the United States and Singapore. They were international students from the Rustic Pathways Program who introduced themselves on parade and then assisted students learning in the classroom for the morning session. This email was sent from Emily Harney, the coordinator of the program:

> “Thank you so much for your email and for allowing our international volunteers to visit Dunwich State School. It has been our student's and staff’s favourite school to visit in Australia! We look forward to returning on Monday. Have a great day!”

Don’t forget our mantra “It is not ok to stay away because we learn everyday”

We are very proud of our school!!!!!!!!!!

Jenny Wilson
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

Yesterday, all the students participating in the Auskick AFL program received a backpack filled with goodies including a hat. The students are really enjoying the program.

Rustic Pathway Volunteers visited the school on Monday and assisted with students throughout the primary. They were from a variety of places throughout America including New York and Texas as well as one coming from Singapore.

We all wish Shirley Cooper a Happy 3rd Birthday and a speedy recovery at the R.B.H.

The violin students were involved in workshops with some members of the Chamber of Music Festival. They all performed for the school and parents/carers last Wednesday in a concert. Thanks Louise for your work with our students. Thanks also to the members for their performance.
Year 3 students take part in reading groups every Tuesday and Wednesday. Reading regularly will help us with comprehension, reading fluency and learning new words. This term we are reading non-fiction books. Topics have been about communication, music technology, big machines, art, seasons, waterfalls, glaciers, avalanches, clothes and playing sport. There are four groups where we read with other students who are at the same level. Each group has an adult who helps us learn new words and answer comprehension questions.

We would like to thank Amy Sheil, Michelle Shackell, Ms Stevens, Jan Jhonman, Debbie Philips, Carmel Karklis and Ms Turner for supporting us.

By Year 3 students
Some students in the school will be entertaining the people in Respite by demonstrating their reading talents. Different children will be chosen each week to visit.

Mrs Goebel is now on leave to attend the Masters Games in Italy to compete in softball. We all wish her well!

Many thanks goes to Leanne and Damian Stewart who kindly donated a new fridge to Prep.