Dunwich State School

“The working together to ensure that every day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving”

From the Principal’s Pen…..

Dunwich State School is a great school that is getting better in 2014.

The exciting event for this week was the Ekka Excursion for our year one and two students. This excursion can only happen after a huge effort that utilises the sublime organisational skills of the teachers, Mrs Gregory and Ms V. The excursion was of no cost to the students because of the fundraising efforts of the classroom teachers and the Parents and Citizens Association. Special thanks also goes to all of the parents that volunteered on the excursion. A great educational experience for our students.

The exciting news from last week’s district athletics trials is that three students from Dunwich State School made the Redland’s District team to compete at the Metropolitan East Athletics Meet. Congratulations to Preston, Jiri and Kuruwenya.

On Wednesday, Dunwich State School hosted forty guests from Brisbane Catholic Education. They came to listen to the success stories of Dunwich State School and our holistic approach to the well-being of our students. Thanks to Aunty Joan Hendriks for organising this event.

This week is Children’s Book Week. Reading with your children every night is the biggest gift you can give to them.

Children’s Book Week starts next week and students of all ages can find a good read on the 2014 Book of the Year shortlist. This year’s theme is ‘Connect to reading – reading to connect’ and highlight’s the benefits of exploring other people’s stories.


Jenny Wilson
Principal

Calendar

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The Week’s Behaviour Expectation is:

Taking Turns

AFTER HOURS SCHOOL ABSENCE LINE
Phone 3409 6320 (it will ring 5 times)

Please say your student’s name and their year level and why they are absent. During school hours this phone will be answered by office staff.
My name is Avara Galea, I live at Adder Rock Camping Ground. Today Nanna Donna Ruska came to prep to tell us a story about when she was little. She told us that there was no electricity or running water. They had to go down to the creek with a bucket. They carried it up to the house to use for baths and washing clothes. At night time they sang songs and Granpy played the accordion (a music box). They told stories to the kids and they went to sleep. They used a lamp because they didn’t have any electricity. My favourite story was catching crabs with a stick. They hold the big point of the stick and the crab holds the stick and then they get the flippers and then they put it in the big bag.

Nanna Donna showed me my Nanna Louie’s photo. That’s my Poppy’s mum. It was very special. I was so proud.

By Avara

Who wants to sing about turtles?

The ‘Turtle Arts and Conservation’ Project is happening! It’s where a bunch of artists get together with school kids and do cool stuff like art and music, with an emphasis on education and in this case Turtles. Any children wanting to participate in the “Turtle Song”, practise will start in the lunch hour on Wednesday 20th August and run every Wednesday lunchtime for 5 weeks.

Any questions please contact Clara Durbidge 0409 580 336
On Wednesday Year 1 and Year 2 went to the Ekka. Here is what some of the students had to say - ☺The ferris wheel went around 7 times and it was awesome. Chavez. ☺I liked feeding the sheep. Hayden. ☺I like the wacky whistles that make the sound of a motorbike, owl, bird, monkey, cat, dog and frog. Ashlyn. ☺The Tommy Destroyer spun you this way and that way. Dash. ☺When I was on the ferris wheel with Miss V I saw the Monster House, it was awesome! Shanti. ☺My showbag was a Hubba Bubba and had a blue water bottle. Sophia. ☺My mum took me with my friends. I liked when I got a free milo. James. ☺I fed the goats and sheep - they were really hungry! Mia. ☺I got a police teddy from the building display, he is sweet. Lawrence. ☺I loved meeting the baby goat that was born yesterday, it was black and white. Lucy. ☺I loved discovering stuff and making dinosaur fossils. Lochlain. ☺My favourite part was riding the big bull. Jake.

On Thursday 7th and Friday 8th August Kuruwyerna, Ryan B, Jiri, Lynise, Riley S, Chelsea, Mimi, Grace M and I went to Capalaba State College for the District Athletics Carnival.

I was very nervous before my races because I wasn’t sure how strong the competitors from the other schools would be. Some were new people I had not seen before. The grounds were prepared well and the conditions were good. I competed in the long jump and came 4th overall. I also ran in the 100m and the 200m coming first in all my heats, my semi finals and came first in both finals too! I am now going to represent our school at the Metropolitan East Sports Carnival at QEII on the 7th and 8th September.

Other outstanding results were Lynise who won the shot put, Kuruwyerna came second in the 800m and Jiri came 2nd in the high jump. Jiri will join me in competing at the Met. East Sports Carnival. Everyone was cheering on each other to try their best throughout their events and we all had a good time. Thanks to Mrs Niotakis for taking us over town to compete.

By Preston
The Point Lookout Boardriders Club
“GETTING IT TOGETHER THROUGH SURFING”

A program to encourage island children to participate in learning surfing skills, water safety, healthy eating and fitness. For 4 Saturday mornings, the Club will be having Junior surfing competitions along with instructions on learning surf skills for new-comers to the sport.

The mornings will also include talks by a professional life guard, fitness instructor, nutritionist and local professional surfers. Club President Tim Blewitt will be talking to the School on Tuesday to explain the Program.

It is a free program. Club membership is encouraged but not a must. Accredited surf coaches will be on hand to help.

The dates are – 16th August, 20th September, 11th October and 15th November

Ph. Tim on 0428539684 or Jennie 0400866615 for any more information

Redlands Athletics

Redlands Athletics will be holding their sign-on days for the new athletics season on Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th August, from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm at Cleveland District State High School. Full details can be found on our website www.redlandsathletics.org.au

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