Dunwich State School is a great school that is getting better in 2014. Dunwich State School excels in Naplan Results, once again, in 2104.!!!

Our mantra of every student learning and achieving every day, and our intense focus on every student meeting their academic potential pays off in the Naplan results in 2014.

The student’s results beat the nation in Year 3 Grammar and Punctuation, Reading and Spelling and were similar to the national results in Writing and Numeracy. Year 5 student’s results were similar to the nation in Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy and similar to the state in Reading, Spelling and Numeracy. Year 7 student’s results largely exceeded the nation in Numeracy, with 54% of students in the upper two bands. Year 7 students also beat the nation in Writing and Spelling whilst Reading and Grammar and Punctuation were similar to the state. Our Naplan results greatly exceeded the results of “like schools” in the nation.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the dedication and commitment of all of our teachers and teacher aides. Their hard work has once again has been reflected in the student’s Naplan results.

On Monday the Year 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 students enjoyed a “Science Show” that was organised and funded by Cleveland DSHS as part of their extensive transition program. The students really enjoyed the science show that was largely focussed on chemistry, with impressive and colourful chemical reactions that truly entertained and reinforced with students, the wonder of science.

A reminder to all students and parents that the Premiers Reading Challenge is coming to a close on September 5th. Students are to return their forms to the office for mailing by September 1st.

Tomorrow, Friday 22nd is the opening of the Yarning Circle at Dunwich State School and the community is invited to attend. Special thanks goes to Sibelco for funding the project. I look forward to seeing you all at the ceremony.

Jenny Wilson
Principal

The Week’s Behaviour Expectation is:
Helping

IF YOU INTEND GOING TO CLEVELAND D.S.H.S. IN 2015, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU ENROL ASAP.

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.
The garden group is putting together a school cookbook. We would love healthy, easy recipes to include. We would especially love some traditional Stradbroke recipes for fish and eugaries.

You can email to: belinda.nardieg@hotmail.com or drop your printed/written recipe into the school office. We would like to receive them by the end of term three please.

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”, practice 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
In Science we are learning about the properties of materials. Last week we did an experiment to test the tensile strength of different objects. All Science experiments should be a fair test. To learn about fair tests we had a competition to see which team would be the quickest at putting on and taking off the given amount of clothes. In fair tests only one thing can be changed. The one thing we changed was the people in the team. However, Ms Turner gave the teams different amounts of clothes so two things were changed meaning it was not a fair test.

In Geography we are learning about Bali and comparing it with our own culture. Life in Bali is very different from life in Australia. There are many volcanoes and some are dormant (sleeping) which means they could erupt in the future. The Balinese follow the Hindu religion but the rest of Indonesia follows the Islamic religion. Traditionally, the Balinese ate away from other people, used their fingers to eat, had banana leaves for plates and squatted on the ground. Ms Turner made us a traditional Balinese meal of Nasi Goreng (fried rice and vegetables) and we went outside to eat it in the traditional way. The food was really nice but it felt strange compared to the way we eat food in Australia.

We have also learnt how different their schools are from ours. Their classrooms are very bare and the only picture is of the President of Indonesia. Students start school at 7.00am and finish at 12.00pm. They have a parade every morning and a teacher checks they are clean and dressed neatly (complete with white socks and black school shoes). They pray in the school’s temple before school and sing a beautiful song before they go home. Teachers are highly respected in Bali. The student takes the teacher’s hand and presses it to their forehead so they can feel comfortable talking to such an important person.

Reading groups happen once a week and we are really enjoying the books that we are reading. Thank you to Elisha and Gaye Mazzoni who help us with our reading.

Next week Year 3/4 are going to the Sciencentre and the Aquactivity area at Southbank. Thank you to all the people who sponsored us for our Spellathon because it means that our excursion is all paid for and we can go on another one at the end of the year.

FATHER’S DAY STALL:
Friday 5th September.
Gifts for Dad Priced $1 - $10.
Wrapped gift collections in gift bags $5 - $10.
Come and see a preview of what’s on sale on Wednesday 3rd September before school in the undercover area.
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

The SCHOOL PHOTOS were delivered to the students today. If you would like a ‘Whole-School’ or ‘School Leaders’ Photo, a copy of these are available on display in the school office or any other photos please order directly with:

Advanced Life Photographers Phone 3216 8280

Footy News

Saturday 23rd August

Under 6’s Gala Day
Starts 9.30am

MAYOR TO OPEN STRADDIE SHARKS’ EXTENSIONS at 12.45pm

We will kick off with the Under 6’s Picnic in the Park Gala day and finish with Live Music on the deck.

Club Photos - 24th August 2014

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