From the Principal’s Pen.....

Parents/ Caregivers and the broader community play a vital role in supporting successful learning outcomes for our children. It is a priority at Dunwich State School to engage with parents and the community to work together to maximise student learning outcomes. This week we have the most meaningful partnerships in operation where parents, students and the community have worked together to focus on student learning.

1. MAD SCIENCE CLUB FINALE on Monday 19th was a true celebration of student learning by our community. Dr Kathy Townsend is to be commended for the many hours of planning and preparation that she has put in to ensure that the program and the final afternoon not only ran smoothly but was exciting learning. The students and their parents enjoyed a variety of science experiments that the students have experienced through the course of the program (see the comic insert in today's newsletter). Special thanks to Ann Dibble and Mandy Blivett for cooking the BBQ and to Laurie Lipscombe for ensuring the facilities requests were taken care of every Monday of the program.

2. A PARADE DEDICATED TO PROMOTING READING. Col Sutcliffe and David Field from Capalaba Rotary Club spoke about the importance of reading on parade before presenting the school with books for the Prep students and $1000 for the school to purchase books for the students. Dunwich SS was one of 25 winners in the National Family Reading Month competition. Over 400 schools entered the competition with a total of 2,073 student entries. Kimberley Townsend (Year 6) submitted the winning entry “Reading helps inspire me to write my own stories and lets you be in your own little world”. Thanks to Kimberley’s efforts the school has won $1000 in scholastic rewards and every student received a band to remind them of the importance of reading everyday.

3. To celebrate ENVIRONMENTAL WEEK, Mrs Connell and the Year 6 class are working with Rachael Nasplezes, Senior Community Engagement Officer of Healthy Water Ways, on the “BAG IT” project. On Thursday the students will collect litter from Dunwich water ways and analyse data from the rubbish that they have collected. The students will work with Rachael doing follow up projects stemming from this analysis. A great community learning experience.

It is wonderful to see the parent attendance at parade every Monday…See you next Monday. Everyone is welcome.

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

I was holding the glove with dry ice inside and steam came out. It was really cold. I had lots of fun! Madison

This Mad Science Club breakup was enjoyed at the secondary campus this Monday. This was the best Mad Science Club day ever because we did all of the experiments to showcase our wonderful work. They included making delicious magic ice-cream, annoying our neighbours with quacking duck straws and screaming monkey heads, Frankenstein snot, exploding volcanoes and awesome dry ice experiments!

We finished off our awesome day with a Mad Science laugh! Thank you! Dr Kathy and all the staff who helped.

By Marli and Mimi
**Safety in Schools Week**

Help educate your children about preventing accidents during Safety in Schools Week from 26–30 August. Each day has a different theme with the aim of teaching children how to be safe around common hazards at home or school. There are information and activities for parents on the Kidsafe Queensland website: [www.kidsafeqld.com.au/school-safety](http://www.kidsafeqld.com.au/school-safety)

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**P & C QUICK NEWS**

**SCHOOL JUMPERS**

School jumpers are for sale for $20.

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**Tuckshop this Friday!**

Helpers will be needed for the next 3 tuckshops. If you can help please contact Fiona Surawaski.

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**Rotary Donate Funds for Books!**

The Rotary Club have kindly donated money to our school to be spent on books. The students will greatly appreciate this wonderful gesture!

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**Stella Science Quest**

The above Year 6 students participated in the Cleveland District High School Stella Science Quest cluster day.

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**Raffle Winners**

Kimberley wins National Reading Challenge
As part of their National Curriculum, History Studies, Year Two re-enacted the ‘Dinner Rush’ photo of the Benevolent Asylum, at a recent visit to the Dunwich Hall.

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