Regular school attendance is essential and at Dunwich SS we are going to implement incentives and rewards for students who attend every day. Each Monday on parade we are going to have the “HIGH 5” draw. The name of every student who has 100% attendance for the week before will be put into the draw. Each week there will be varying prizes. If a local business would like to donate prizes for 100% attendance please call the office.


Parents and caregivers must send children to school every school day under Queensland law unless there is an acceptable reason such as: illness or competing in school sporting events.

If your child is going to be absent from school, you must let the school know why the absence has occurred within two school days of their return. If possible, it is best to advise the school beforehand. Avoid keeping your child away from school for reasons such as: Birthdays; shopping; visiting family and friends; if they sleep in; looking after other children; minor check ups or care, such as hair cuts. Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

Establishing good routines around school can assist with regular school attendance. These include: have a set time to go to bed; have uniform and school bag ready the night before; have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast; set a time for daily homework activities; speak about school positively; send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term from Prep.

If you are experiencing difficulty in sending your child to school, contact the school principal for advice and support.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many parent volunteers at the School Disco on Friday September 13th at the Dunwich Hall from 5pm – 7pm. It will be a great school community celebration and special thanks to the Parents and Citizens Association for organising it.

Jenny Wilson

Calendar

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The Week’s Behaviour Expectation is:

Listening

Tuckshop

Wednesday
4th September

P & C FUNDRAISING
Sausage Sizzle Sat 31 August outside SPAR

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
Protecting the Environment

Our message this week is about understanding the consequences of our actions and protecting our planet.

Everything we do as humans has an effect on our planet. This may be:

- Soil erosion caused by too much clearing
- Killing native animals by overuse of pesticides and poisons
- Polluting the creeks and rivers with human waste
- Depleting natural resources by overuse
- Polluting the atmosphere by using fossil fuels
- Depleting natural habitat by over-development

There are many ways we have an adverse effect on the environment and upon our beautiful home planet Earth. While we are at school we need to learn as much as we can about how to protect our planet so that the natural resources survive long into the future.

The Year six class went down to the foreshore with Belinda from SeaWorld and Rachel from Healthy Waterways to clean up the beach. We walked from One Mile to Polka Point picking up as much rubbish as we could see. We split up into groups of five or six, in my group there was Oscar, Bailey, Reo, Jack, Jiri and myself. My group filled more than one bucket of rubbish. We found some interesting things like brand new sunglasses, plastic from a car, all sorts of skeletons and a really old can of Lemonade. We put all our rubbish on a tarp, divided the trash into different groups and each group filled out a survey about the different rubbish types.

Today my group and I were looking after the environment by picking all the rubbish up from the beach. We collected all the rubbish because we are trying to look after our oceans and animals. Our group found plastic bags, cans, rope, cigarettes, wool and other bits and pieces. Before we got any rubbish the beach looked clean because the rubbish was hidden. We found most rubbish under the rock in the ground and under seaweed. We walked from One Mile to Polka Point and cleaned up. After we finished we tipped all our rubbish on the tarp and sat down and talked about what we had found. Rachael and Belinda helped us tally and mark what we had. We had 14 cigarette butts, 10 cans, 12 plastic bags and more. We are thankful that Rachael and Belinda came and helped us clean our local environment and also left us a gift from Sea World a large green soft turtle, but we haven’t named it yet!

By Zire

On the 22-8-13 YR6 went down to One Mile to do a clean-up on the nearby beach. Rachel who came down from Healthy Waterways and had brought with her Belinda who came down from SeaWorld. They helped our class clean up and survey all the rubbish on the beach. The clean-up would make a major difference to marine animals like the turtle and the manatee.

We surveyed the rubbish and there seemed to be a lot of cigarette butts, but we also found beer bottles and other destructive objects that will hurt marine life. Healthy Waterways are going to send the information to the Government so they can see that there is a major crisis and the destruction that litter has on the marine animals. On the beach we found well over 6 buckets and 1 clean-up day bag full of rubbish. So much was found that we needed to use the plastic bags we found on the beach to put the astonishing amount rubbish in. If we hadn’t have cleaned up it would have ended up in a gyre (a massive whirlpool which sucks in the beach to put the astonishing amount rubbish in). If we hadn’t have cleaned up it would have ended up in a gyre (a massive whirlpool which sucks in the beach to put the astonishing amount rubbish in). If we hadn’t have cleaned up it would have ended up in a gyre (a massive whirlpool which sucks in the beach to put the astonishing amount rubbish in). If we hadn’t have cleaned up it would have ended up in a gyre (a massive whirlpool which sucks in the beach to put the astonishing amount rubbish in). If we hadn’t have cleaned up it would have ended up in a gyre (a massive whirlpool which sucks in the beach to put the astonishing amount rubbish in). If we hadn’t have cleaned up it would have ended up in a gyre (a massive whirlpool which sucks in the beach to put the astonishing amount rubbish in).

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By Shelby

On Thursday the 22nd of August the Year 6 class went down to the water front to collect rubbish with Rachael from Healthy Waterways and Belinda from SeaWorld. Before we went we watched a video called Bag It, we learnt that in the Pacific Ocean there is a Gyre called the Great Pacific Gyre. In a Gyre there is a big ball of current that spins all the rubbish around, while it is spinning the sun degrades it into smaller bits. After we watched the video we went to One Mile to collect rubbish. We walked down to Polka Point and back. When we got back we tipped out all the rubbish on a tarp and sorted it all out in columns. We found lots of plastic, foam, cans and cigarette butts. I would like to thank Belinda and Rachael for taking us down and collecting rubbish. Just remember to not litter!

By Jack

My group and I found a lot of rubbish in the rocks. We found all sorts of things like rope, plastic, cigarettes butts and a lot more. Our bin was half full just in a little section of the rocks. On the beach there were bits of plastic and plastic bags washed up. In the water there was a piece of plastic floating in the water.

When we finished collecting rubbish we went back where we started and tipped all our rubbish onto a tarp.

We were picking up rubbish to help the marine life and to clean the beach. Kiara, Camille, Mimi, Lynise and I were in a group. Rachael from Healthy Waterways and Belinda from SeaWorld came to help us with the clean-up.

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When we finished collecting rubbish we went back where we started and tipped all our rubbish onto a tarp. We made piles of rubbish. When we were in piles we had to things we found. We rette butts, 10 pieces of soft drink cans, a bottle of things. When we finished to school. So remember, By Marli

All the Year Six’s went down to the Foreshore with Rachael from Healthy Water Ways and Belinda SeaWorld from to pick up rubbish; we picked up rubbish to prevent marine life from dying, to clean the beach and to make the ocean cleaner because floating in the Pacific Ocean is a giant mound of rubbish the size of the U.S.A. We started at One Mile and walked to Polka Point. In our group there was Zane, Reo, Bailey, Jack, Jiri and I. Most of the things that our group found were mostly plastic bags and cans. At the end we all put our rubbish onto a big tarp and filled out a survey of what we found. It was mostly made up of plastic and cans.
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

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

Mad Science
Mad science now takes place at big lunch on Tuesdays. Last week was Prep—Yr3 and next week is Yrs 4-6. The year levels will alternate each week.

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Sausage Sizzle
Sat 31 August outside SPAR

Welcome Back
Shirley

Raffle Winners

Students of the Week
Students will be collecting coins towards buying chickens for those in communities around the world less fortunate than ourselves. The money we collect will be sent to TEAR Australia to support these families in need. $5 will buy a gift of two chickens that can provide a family in poverty-stricken areas with additional food. Breeding chickens can lead to a small business selling meat and eggs. Even if you cannot afford $2.50 or $5, putting together several 20c and 50c coins will add up. The class who buys the most chickens will win a basket of stationery.

TEAR (Transformation, Empowerment, Advocacy and Relief) Australia is a movement of Christians in Australia responding to the needs of poor communities around the world. Our motivation comes from our belief that God loves all people, and in Christ offers them the opportunity of a new life. We believe that God is just, and has particular care for the poor and those who suffer as victims of injustice.

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