Dunwich SS is committed to working the community to provide valuable learning opportunities for the students.

On parade this week Jan Aldenhoven organised for Laura Simmons to speak to the students about her PhD project on the iconic Swamp Orchids that occur on Stradbroke Island. The students and community members enjoyed the photo presentation. Laura also explained that the orchids are the tallest orchids in Australia and spoke to the students about how to take care of the environment to keep this special natural resource on the island.

On Monday the school community also welcomed five Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tertiary students and their lecturer from RATEP (the community based Indigenous teacher education program) at Tropical North Queensland TAFE. The diploma students are with a class for the week. Working with year 6 and Ms Connell is Shannon Clemments from Weipa, in the year 4/5 with Mrs Niotakis is Fallon Patolo from Mareeba, the year 3 class and Ms Turner have Aleesha Kostuch from Muchillba, the year 2 class and Ms V are working with Peter English from Cairns and the Prep class and Mrs Surawski are hosting Cindy Holman from Cairns.

The students are on a week-long field trip to understand the education delivery on North Stradbroke Island. Ms Peta Weaver, Coordinator of the RATEP Diploma of Education, is accompanying the students. The program aims to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers in Qld schools. Having the RATEP students in the classroom with our teachers and students is a very positive experience for everyone involved. On Friday at first break we are having a farewell morning tea for our guests in the library and community members are welcome to attend.

Our core business of every student learning and achieving every day is always paramount. At the moment the students are working solidly toward their best outcomes for term 3. Next week some students will be recognised for their efforts by being selected for the AAA (Academic; Attitude; Attendance) excursions. The younger students will take part in an excursion of the businesses in Dunwich and the older students will be going bowling. Thanks to Mrs Surawski for organising the excursions and congratulations to the selected students and their families for recognition of their efforts.

See you all at the School Disco on Friday 13th September.

Jenny Wilson
Kids Speak—Fathers Day at Prep

We did puzzles and built a farm with blocks. Dad was really good at monkey bars and hula hooping. I love you Dad!  
By Chelsea

Thanks Dad for coming in to Prep and playing ball games and skipping. I made him a love heart shape.  
By Hunter

We went on the monkey bars and into the tree. I was a cow girl and Dad was a cowboy. The ice-cream had sprinkles and it was delicious!  
By Jenari

I liked you coming to Prep Dad. I liked playing soccer with Dad at Prep. He is a good!  
By Statham

We played golf, (I am better than Dad). We also played hide and seek, I was in a special place and was hard to find. We made him a picture of a BIG love-heart in it!  
By Kaskade

I played with Dad with the bat & ball & I played really good! He talked to the other Dads. Dad loved the hot dogs and ice-cream.  
By Jake

He kicked a football around with me. Happy Fathers Day Dad.  
By Finn

Hi 5 Attendance Award

As part of our reading activities, students read to Aunty Marg. It is love-ly to see her looking so well!
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

Raffle Winners

Buzzy Winners
Loreli, Olivia, Johnno, Karna, Makai, Blake and Chloe—Congratulations!

Active After School Care
Redland City Council in association with PCYC sent a representative from Redlands Soccer Club, who gave the students some wonderful soccer lessons. Fun was had by all.

Auskick
Auskick has been a wonderful activity for students. Participation levels have been sensational!

School Disco
Freaky Friday Dress Up at the school disco 13th September!
Sausage sandwiches, drinks and treats for sale.

Mathletics Awards
Cairns TAFE students visited the school this week. They are studying a Dip Ed through a community based program called RATEP.

Students of the Week

EVERY DAY COUNTS
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 can not 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.

PCYC have advertised for the position of Coordinator for the Outside Hours School Care at Dunwich SS. Applicants need a Certificate III or a Diploma. If you are interested in the position please contact Ms Jenny Wilson at the school.

Program 1: Monday September 30th to Friday October 4th 2013 @ Raby Bay foreshore. (Everyday 8:00am to 10:00am)