Dunwich State School

“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 excelling in 2014.
The parade on Monday morning was a celebration of this fantastic school community.
Qamar from the Moreton Bay Research Station launched the Turtle Project with an interactive science and ecology presentation that educated the students about the conservation of turtles. This project continues for the next two weeks and culminates with the Year 2 students being filmed in an education video about turtles.

Our students showed their musical talents. Sol and Satchi performed on the keyboard and then Jack, Paris, Riley and Flynn had the whole school foot tapping and bopping when the band called “Hotwire” performed.

The five student teachers from RATEP – a community based teacher education program for indigenous teachers introduced themselves to the students. These adult age student teachers are in the school for a week to assist them to complete their studies.

We celebrated Preston’s achievements! He has made the Metropolitan East Athletics Team and will be competing in the State Athletics Championships in the 100m sprint. We let Preston know that we will all be behind him when he runs, and our support will bring him home.

We congratulated Joshua who has just completed a week at advanced music camp. At the end of the week Joshua performed in an orchestra and in the choir. Well done Josh.

The community is invited to be involved in two big events next week. The Hidden Histories Presentation at the Museum on Tuesday from 3.15pm and on Wednesday 17th September the school is celebrating NAIDOC DAY commencing at 10am.

See you all there!

Jenny Wilson,
Principal.
School Cookbook

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 eucaryes.

You can email to:
belinda.nardieg@hotmail.com
or drop your printed/written recipe into the school office. Recipe pages supplied for you to complete.

We would like to receive them by the end of term three please.

ALL DAY, EVERY DAY, ALL WEEK!

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 on 0409 580 336
The students will also be invited to sing at the Island Vibe Festival on November 1st. This is a community event and not a school organised event.

Fathers Day Prep Celebrations

How did you enjoy your evening?
“It was a great night and something I had been looking forward to after a long day at work. My son was excited to show me around.”
“It was a great night, great food and great to see what my son’s class does and learns. Thanks for all the effort put into the food, activities and presents!!!!”

How did you enjoy the games and activities?
“It was hard work chasing my son around from game to game, but in the end we stuck with “T” ball. He love to belt balls!”
“Games and activities were great. It was great to spend time with my son and see the enjoyment on all the kids faces. (All enjoyed)”

How did you enjoy the food?
“The stew was good old home style cooking and the cake and ice cream certainly filled me up! My son had two serves of everything so it must have been good.”
“The food was delicious, thanks, well done everyone involved!!!!”

Why would you recommend this evening to other fathers?
“It’s a great way for your son or daughter to show you what they do and for you to show you love and care about these things. They will remember the day for a long time to come.”
“It was a great time to be involved in the Prep class. One on one time was great too, as it is limited as home. I would recommend it for the joy it brings to all Prep kids; it was great to see the pride!! “
“Thanks again. Well done. Awesome time. <3!!!”

NAIDOC MENU
Curry, Rice and Damper $7.00
Fish, Coleslaw and Bread $6.00
Sausage Onion and Bread $2.00
Tea/Coffee $1.00
Tea or Coffee & Damper $2.00
Poppers $1.00
**“Hidden Histories” - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Session**

The teachers and staff at Dunwich State School invite you to attend a Cultural Heritage training workshop at the Museum on September 16. The workshop is called “The Big Picture – A Hidden History” and is about making everybody more aware of the impact some past government laws, policies, practices and community attitudes have had on Aboriginal people. The workshop will be provided by Elizabeth Tailby, who works for Department of Education Training and Employment as the Regional Principal Project Officer for the Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspectives in Schools (EATSIPs).

The session is designed to embed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education to students and teachers, but will be of interest to a wider audience. Everyone interested in learning more about Aboriginal culture is welcome to come along. We’d love to see you at the Museum on Tuesday Sept 16 at 3.20pm. A light afternoon tea will be served. Please RSVP for catering purposes to Lisa Jackson at the Museum on info@stradbrokemuseum.com.au, or 3409 9699.

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**INDIGENOUS SURFING.**
If you intend going to surfing, you need to put your name down at the office on Thursday mornings before school.

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**A CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION**

An essential presentation for all parents and older students. Sargent Peter Twort will present ‘Who is talking to your kids’ in the Dunwich State School Library from 5pm to 5:40pm on Thursday 18th September.

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**RATEP VISIT**

We would like to thank everyone in the school community for the welcome we have received – particularly the beautiful Welcome to the Country of Minjerribah at Parade on Monday. Thanks also for the support of staff, parents and students in sharing the time and your knowledge about the school and community. We have gained so much unique experience and knowledge from being able to be in your school and this is an inspiration for us. We all want to continue our journey in education – with the aim of becoming classroom teachers and to work with our people. From Aggie Nona, Paula Bobongie, Chantelle Fitzpatrick, Sam Yowyeh and Tanya Canuto. Diploma RATEP students 2014.
VEGEMITE SURFGROMS IS NOW AVAILABLE IN YOUR REGION!
VEGEMITE SurfGroms has landed on North Stradbroke Island with specialised centres (N.S.I. Surf School) now delivering the program for children in the Redland City/ Brisbane areas.
VEGEMITE SurfGroms offers youngsters aged between 5 and 12 years old the opportunity to learn how to surf in a fun, safe and supervised environment, whilst also learning vital ocean awareness and beach safety skills.

To sign up to a VEGEMITE SurfGroms program, simply visit www.surfgroms.com
If you would like further information, please don’t hesitate to contact
Jim Hughes at Surfing Australia – jim@surfingaustralia.com.

ST PAUL OF THE CROSS is holding sessions to prepare children in year 3 to 7 for the sacraments of:
- First Communion
- First Reconciliation—Confession
- Confirmation

Sessions will be one afternoon a week for 4 weeks after school. Dates will begin in October but are yet to be finalised.
If you would like your child to participate or would like more information please contact Margaret Zielke on 3409 7332 by next Wednesday 17th September.