From the Principal’s Pen.....

As the year draws to a close there is much to celebrate.

Our achievements in 2014 have been recognised by our South East Assistant Regional Director, Terry Cornish, who has nominated Dunwich State School for the Jack Pizzey “School of the Year Award”. This award seeks to recognise a state school that has demonstrated significant achievement in the previous school year in:

- innovative teaching and learning practice to improve outcomes for students
- strong leadership and commitment to professional learning
- effective engagement of parents and the school community to shape the positive and inspirational culture of the school.

It is a true compliment for our school to be recognized as outstanding in its field. This is all due to the hard working, committed staff and the support of all of our school community partnerships. We wish our whole school community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to working together in 2015, with a strong determination for continual improvement for student outcomes.

The Graduation Parade of our Year 6 and 7 students was a huge success. We are very proud of our students and pleased in the knowledge that they have a solid educational foundation that will help them in their transition to secondary education. To the students, we wish for you the very best and don’t forget your great primary school.

The Turtle Project.

http://vimeo.com/113490646

Click on the Vimeo link above or type in the address to see the fabulous finished product of the Turtle Project Video. Thanks to Ms V and the year two students who worked with Kris Martin (the co-ordinator of the project) and many other people to make this work. All of the names are at the end of the Video. Our students are absolute stars. The funding for the project came through a Redlands Shire grant - environmental arts category.

The finale of the year is the Christmas Concert. What a wonderful celebration for our school. Thanks to all of the staff and parents involved in the organisation on the day.

School resumes on Tuesday 27th January and if you haven’t picked up the resource packs already please do so the week before school starts. The office will be open from Monday 19th January.

Wishing you and yours the very best for the festive season.

See you all on Tuesday 27th January and remember it is not ok to stay away because we learn every day.

Jenny Wilson
Principal.

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Resource packs for 2015 are now available to be collected from Admin. Please bring your completed resource scheme agreement, if not already handed in.
Easier access to school information through updated version QSchools app

A recent update to the QSchools app means our parents will now be able to find information more easily.

On top of being able to access calendar, newsletter and other information from our school website the upgraded app can also access uniform shop information and school social media pages. It all makes staying in touch and up to date a little easier for your family.

Visit the department’s apps page for more information and all the features: [http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app](http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app)

The QSchools app is available for free download through iTunes, Google Play and the Window’s store.

The Websites for Schools development team would love to hear your ideas for future functionality for QSchools. You can leave feedback within the app via Settings, then Leave Feedback.

All day, every day, all week!

Hi 5 Attendance Award

Congratulations to Ruby for attaining her 10km ‘Go and Run’ badge.

Well Done!

Science Award Winners

Sports Award - Preston

Leadership Awards - Kimmy and Jack

Dux of Year 7 - Mimi

Dux of Year 6 - Preston

Most Improved - Mikayla

Year 6/7 Graduation
Congratulations to Billy and Olivia who borrowed the most books for 2014. Don’t forget to keep up your reading over the holidays by visiting your local library.

Please check at home for any overdue library books and return them on your return.

The Aquatic Centre was fun! I had never seen a whirlpool before. We played tiggy and did handstands underwater. Druin did an awesome somersault too! The waterslide was great, going down that tunnel was cool. We tried out the baby slide and you skid across the water at the bottom. Everyone who went enjoyed the day and were very nice to each other. Thanks Ms Turner and we all had fun! By Grace C and Maddison C

Dunwich State School wishes you all

We played on the beach, and played spotlight. The long, long walk along the beaches was very fun. The gelati from the shop was delicious. We swam in Maya’s pool, everyone was so happy. The hot showers were nice after going into the cold sea. The food was great. Thanks to Mrs Su-rawaski, Desleigh and the other parents that helped, we all had an awesome time! By Sol, Chelsea and Kyla

Thanks to everyone who supported our car wash.
**Free Software**

Student advantage — free Microsoft Office software for students’ personal computers

All Queensland state school students are now able to download multiple copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite onto their personal devices. This suite provides students with the latest full versions of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote and more.

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**A Great Partnership**

Tracey, our school chaplain, and Lauren from Yulu Burri Ba worked together on Well Being projects in the school this year. The Girls Unite program was a great success that was finalised with special gifts for the students. We look forward to more projects next year.

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**Congratulations** to Delvene Cockatoo-Collins who has secured the position of Aboriginal Liaison Officer of our school for 2015.

**Farewell**

We would like to thank Elisha Iselin for all her hard work and commitment to her position over the past 2 years and wish her well in her new endeavours.

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**Commuinity Christmas Day**

Dunwich, Ron Stark Oval  
Friday 12th December  
2pm-6pm

- Free BBQ  
- Face Painting  
- Jumping Castle  
- Giant Water Slide  
- Slushy & Popcorn Machine

Opportunity to book an ATSI Health Checks with YBS health workers  
This is an alcohol and drug free event.

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