Grandparents Day is a chance for children and the community to thank grandparents for their love and support. In 2014, Queenslanders will celebrate Grandparents Day on Sunday 26 October to recognise the significant contribution that grandparents make to their families and communities. Dunwich State School is celebrating Grandparents Day on Friday October 31st. All Grandparents are welcome to classes from 9am – 10.30am and then to a morning tea in the library.

This Monday 27th October Kaumaakonga from the Solomon Islands, are visiting the island for Island Vibe and will be performing on the school parade at 9am. The school community is encouraged to attend parade for the performance and to remain for the 30 minute presentation by the performers.

The school walkathon is another great opportunity for the community to be involved. This year the beach walk will be on Thursday 6th November and everyone is invited to join the students on the walk from Cylinder Beach that morning. Thanks also for sponsoring the students. They now have their walkathon forms and will be asking for sponsors.

Have your say!!! Time is running out!!! The due date for your ideas for the signage at the front of the school is Thursday 30th October. The questions are: - what messages and what animals are to be included in the artwork? The signs need to include the Dunwich State School Badge and motto and embrace the Jandai language in the messages. The signage would also need to incorporate animals that represent Dunwich, Amity and Point Lookout.

P&C meeting on Monday 27th October, please come to discuss the walkathon organisation, the signage at the front of the school and the development of a Well Being Area under A Block.

See you there.

Jenny Wilson, Principal.
The Life Education van will be stationed at the school from Wednesday 12th November to Friday 14th November. All students will be visiting the van for instruction on a variety of health related issues. They will also receive a workbook that reinforces the concepts learned.

The van has been fully funded by Sibelco, who have supported the Life Education van for many years. Sibelco recognises the importance of the Life Education programs and are proud to assist the students of Dunwich State School benefit from this excellent resource.

A summary of programs for each grade level and an information brochure went home last week. Please complete the bottom section of the summary if you would like to attend the Parent Session and return to the office or your child’s teacher.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Through the challenge students are given an opportunity to further develop their appreciation of the English language and are encouraged to explore and enjoy a wide range of literary texts. Congratulations to all the students who participated.
Year Two are studying a newborn baby: Thunder Campbell. We observed his features, needs and behaviour. Milestones were predicted for Thunder and we are all interested in how he will grow and change. Thanks for sharing him with us, Amanda!

On Monday the staff of Dunwich State School had professional development in our local context. We joined the staff of Moreton Bay Environmental Centre in a cultural & historical tour including Peel Island, Green Island, St Helena Island and Myora. Staff viewed live footage of coral formations and marine life on a large screen on board as we cruised from island to island across Moreton Bay.

Year 3 students are currently studying the devices that poets use to make their poems more interesting. They are also studying the structure of poems and recently adapted the second stanza of My Country by Dorothea Mackellar. Here is a selection of these poems.

**My Wonderful Land**
I love this beautiful island,
A land of wonderful wildlife,
Of beautiful blue seas,
Of exciting green bush.
I love her white sand dunes,
I love the fish jumping by,
Her beauty and her animals,
This wide green island for me!
By Mia Campbell

**Beautiful Land**
I love this wonderful land,
A land of lovely sea,
Of some falling dunes,
Of trees and the creeks.
I love her amazing land,
I love the big waves,
Her wonder and her beauty,
This is the place for me.
By Harlan Lawlor

**Minjerriba**
I love this beautiful island,
A land of lush greenery,
Of rugged old roads,
Of beautiful and native flowers.
I love her crystal sea,
I love her fresh water lakes,
Her activities and her wildlife,
Everything just the way for me!
By Harrison Cowell

**My Island**
I love this wonderful island,
An island of fresh water lakes,
Of crazy wet surf,
Of shifting seas and sunbaking snakes.
I love her tremendous storms,
I love her lush greenery,
Her thick trees and her sandy dunes,
A beautiful land of scenery.
By Charlie MM

**A Wonderful Land**
I love this rich land,
A land of wildlife galore,
Of dogs, cats and whales,
Of fish, sharks and galahs.
I love her terrifying forests,
I love her wonder and sights,
Her views and her lush greenery,
This land shall be mine.
By Druin Grose

**A Beautiful Land**
I love this green island,
A land of big green waves,
Of ragged old roads
Of greenery and long days.
I love her big beaches,
I love her tall wet trees,
Her green and beauty,
A very fun land for me!
By Billy Burling

**This Sunny Island**
I love this sunny island,
A land of turquoise sea,
Of sandy sand dunes,
Of wildlife and lush greenery.
I love her creepy plants,
O love her wonderful beaches,
Her bushes and her lakes,
Her weird and funny creatures.
By Lucy MM

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Come and help support Naomi's fight against lymes disease
Sunday 26th October 3-8pm
Entertainment – Adam Dunn
Come and support Naomi. All welcome!
‘Living with Lymes – Naomi’s Story’ on You Tube is an insight to Naomi’s life and dealing with this disease daily. For donations please see Alison at Prep.

Congratulations to Amy and Casey Karklis and Kelsey Parkin who played in the Queensland Indigenous Women’s Football Team last Saturday. They have now been selected to play for Australia in the Indigenous All Stars Team.
Well done, we are all very proud of you!

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