Last Friday, we celebrated World Teachers Day, Grandparents Day and ‘Day for Daniel’.

The students were delighted to applaud their teachers for the work they do and to have their Grandparents in the school. Thank you to the many Grandparents who attended on the day and special mention to the Prep students who performed for the Grandparents. The students also enjoyed the table tennis tournament that promoted the safety messages on the Day for Daniel. This was organised by the well-being committee and special thanks to Tracey and Veronica for their efforts.

The day was a great community celebration.

Ms Stephanie Poole, the Project Support Officer (Social Media) from the Cyber and Reputation Management Team with the Department of Education, Training and Employment, visited our school on Monday to present a positive digital footprints presentation to the students in years three to seven.

She spoke of the proactive uses and benefits of social media, the current and upcoming trends in social technologies and digital citizenship, reputation and footprint. She addressed key issues relating to online privacy and cyber safety and how to respond to incidents of reputation management and online bullying.

Her messages were around the 5Ps. Protect, Profiles, Privacy, Positive and Permission. Each classroom has posters of the 5Ps promoting these messages.

Some interesting facts/tips she mentioned were:

1. **Stop unwanted contact** and only have friends on social media if you know them face to face.
2. There is **no delete button** on the internet! What you post is always there and it creates your digital profile.
3. **Employers** are now googling perspective employees to look at their digital profiles.
4. Have **strong passwords** to protect your privacy.
5. **“Stop and Think Before you Click”**.
6. There are legal implications of online behaviour. She mentioned the **legal age for Facebook is 13 years and Skype is 17 years**. Until this time parents are responsible if they allow their children access to this social media.
7. She also told **alarming stories** of parent’s credit cards linked to on-line games and she advised parents to use a gift card and not a credit card to keep control of the amount spent on the net.

The presentation was very valuable for our students.

As we go to print the students will be doing the Walkathon. Special thanks to our P&C for organising this event for our school.

Jenny Wilson, Principal.
Congratulations to all the students who took part in the NATIONAL Mathematics Competition. Special mention to Jamella and Grace who scored a credit for their wonderful effort.

We went to paradise Country. It was fun and enjoyable. There were sheep, horses, pigs, llamas, goats and an emu. The best part of the day was going to the gold mining place and finding stones. Billy B
On Friday Prep Playhouse presented their adaptation of Wombat Stew and Blossom Possum. All students put in an Oscar winning performance wearing beautiful masks and costumes. The audience gave them a standing ovation for their brilliant performance. After the play, guests were treated to a ‘Luncheon with the Stars’ and everyone had a wonderful time. Special thanks to the grandparents who attended to help celebrate Grandparents’ Day.

Our school was lucky enough to have some of the performers from Island Vibe come and deliver workshops on weaving, acting, drumming, diablo, stick tossing and hula-hooping. The students had a marvellous time learning new talents.
The Life Education van will be stationed at the school from Wednesday 12th 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 has gone home. 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.

Transition Day Prep to Year 2

The transition program into Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 in 2015 will be run on Wednesday 12th November from 9am – 10.45am at Dunwich State School. Every parent of students going into Prep next year are encouraged to attend.

On Thursday 13th November the support team, led by our Guidance Officer, Veronica Briggs will be visiting the students at the Early Learning Centre to gather data that will assist each child’s learning program at Dunwich State School.