From the Principal’s Pen.....

Proud of our positive partnerships that are leading to improved outcomes for students.

The dynamic Dunwich State School P&C and community volunteers teamed with Keiron Costello and Lauren Roth from Yulu Burri Ba and MJ from the North Stradbroke SLSC to host a very successful school walkathon on Thursday November 6th. The P&C provided morning tea and BBQ lunch, and Yulu Burri Ba supplied fruit for the students. Keiron and Lauren ran active beach games and the SLSC gave a safety talk to the students and watched over them during the surf swim. All of the students completed the walkathon and are now collecting money from their sponsors. The due date for this money is Friday 14th November with the winning names to be announced on parade on Monday 17th November.

The Prep – Year 2 transition day was a great success on Wednesday. Special thanks to the Stradbroke Early Learning Centre for the strong commitment they have to the transition program.

Solid Partnerships between Yulu Burri Ba, PCYC, Redlands Library, local volunteer Susan Horton, Leanore Gregory and the staff at DSS has meant the “The Dunwich Summer Reading Program” will run again this Christmas holidays. This partnership is aimed at promoting reading, communication and interaction for children from the Dunwich community, using the resources within the Redlands libraries. The teachers will be walking the students to the Dunwich Library on Thursday 4th December for craft activities, storytelling and entry to the Summer Reading Club Program. Then YBB will combine library visits and activities into the holiday program. Research shows that continuing to read over the school breaks vastly improves students reading levels.

The "I CAN I WILL" program is another powerful partnership for DSS. Conan from I CAN I WILL is currently running a mentoring program that is encouraging the older students to take care of the younger students. Conan is offering prizes at the end of the year for students who are seen to be good mentors.

The North Stradbroke Island Museum and Lisa Jackson work closely with the teachers to plan relevant curriculum that is embedded in the local context. Last week the Year 3/4s and the Year 2 class linked with the museum for history activities. Last, but not least, our partnership with the Moreton Bay Research Station and Dr Kathy is in full swing with students working on projects to be submitted for the open day on Saturday November 22nd and I am pleased to announce that Mad Science Club is back for the rest of this term.

A big thank you to all of our partners.

Jenny Wilson, Principal.

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### Calendar

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### The Week’s Behaviour Expectation is:

**Appropriate Language**

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**P & C MEETING**

Monday 17th November 3.15pm. All Welcome!
Students of the Week

Buzzy Winners

Deadly Certificates Bronze Awards

Sonic Learning

Hi 5 Attendance Award

All day, every day, all week!

Free Giveaway

This program is designed to build phonological awareness, working memory, listening skills and auditory awareness. Students gained certificates in many areas.

Congratulations!

Thanks to Sibelco for the funding for this program in our school.

Mad Science Club is back on

When: After school starting Monday Nov 10, 2014 until the end of the school year
Where: Dunwich Secondary Campus Science Lab
Who: Year 5 to 7 students only
(we will do lunch time activities with Year 1 to 4 students on Wednesdays)

Free Giveaway

Due to a reorganisation at the Secondary Campus we have some old school tables available if anyone would like them. These will be available this Saturday between 10am and 12noon only at the Secondary Campus.
Thank you to everyone who came along to the Walkathon - students, teachers and parents. It was a really great day!

If you haven't returned the money you've collected, please do so ASAP!

Remember - the student who raises the most money will win themselves a MINI IPAD.

The student who raises the most money in each class will win a gelati or an icecream voucher.

And everybody who returns any money goes into draw for a special surprise.

Thanks again for a really special and fun day at Cylinder Beach.

From the DSS P&C

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SCHOOL BANKING CO-ORDINATOR

We are needing to fill the position of banking co-ordinator for 2015. This position is very easy and only requires about an hour of your time each week. We are very flexible and you can choose the day you wish to attend. Please contact the school office or Nicole Niotakis if interested.
Mathew Burns visited yesterday and spoke to the Year 3/4 students about life for the Quandamooka people before contact with Europeans. Students learnt there were three tribes living on Moreton and Stradbroke Islands: The Nunukul, Goenpil and Nughie. The people made canoes and travelled around the bay and to the mainland for meetings with other groups. Mathew showed us the different spears, clubs and boomerangs used to kill different animals and spoke about tribal law and scarification (cuts made on the male's body once they have earned it). This gave them the power and right to do different things such as hunt for animals, have a wife or attend certain ceremonies. Mathew showed us the grass skirts that were worn and told us of the significance of ochre. He painted white ochre on Mia and Darren in the design of a stingray.

Thank you Mathew for your informative talk.

Softball Queensland is conducting the inaugural Murri Women’s Softball Tournament on Sunday the 23rd of November from 9am to 5pm at Redland Softball Association. There will be a Kidzone with softball related activities throughout the day where children can get a taste of softball or improve on any skills that they already have. Children from Dunwich State School are invited to come and join in. There will be a team from Stradbroke Island competing in the tournament.

Softball Queensland will be providing a free bus shuttle from the ferry terminal at Cleveland to the Redland Softball grounds at the following approximate times:

- Leave Cleveland Ferry Terminal to Redland Softball - 7.55am, 8.20am & 8.45am
- Leave Redland Softball to Cleveland Ferry Terminal - 5.00pm, 5.25pm & 5.50pm

The shuttle bus and the Kidzone softball activities are provided free of charge by Softball Qld. Bus holds 48. Ph: 0423194127

Michael Surawski Memorial Golf Day
22nd November 2014
$50.00 per person includes: Golf fees, Shirt, Breakfast & Lunch & ticket in the multi raffle.
Prizes include a signed Qld Jersey