Dunwich State School Celebrates Success.

The annual triangulation data from the “School Wide Positive Behaviour System” (SWPBS) celebrates outstanding results at Dunwich State School. The results show a significant improvement in behaviour due to the staff sharing one voice / a common approach. The “Thumbs Up” strategy for problem solving is used for students by every staff member, every day.

The committee identified students with behavioural concerns and the behavioural support plans that were put into action have made a significant difference. Well done to all involved.

As the year draws to a close it will be important to tie up loose ends. Could every parent scout around the house for any outstanding library books and make sure they are returned to the library. Parents are also reminded to return the Resource Scheme forms so that every student can receive their resources for 2015 before the end of this year.

On parade this week we celebrated two other positive outcomes. The walkathon and the contributions to the open day for the Moreton Bay Research Centre. Special thanks to everyone in the community who sponsored our students and to the Parents and Citizens Association for giving generous prizes to the students. Our wonderful partner, Dr Kathy Townsend from the Moreton Bay Research Station presented the students with awards for their work for promoting the underwater environment for the recent open day at the research centre.

Congratulations to the students who have reached a bronze award for “Being Deadly” this week. Well done to Braith Cowell, Vienna Edwards, Stevie Hammant, Sophia Savins, Sarina Niotakis, Oliviar Johnston, Keely Gannon and KC Campbell.

Resource packs for 2015 are now available to be collected from Admin

Please bring your completed resource scheme agreement.

STOP PRESS: This week, Dunwich State School has been invited by the South East Region to nominate for the Jack Pizey School of the Year Award for 2014. Nominations are due on December 5th. There certainly is much to celebrate.

Jenny Wilson, Principal.

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The Week’s Behaviour Expectation is:

Accepting Our Body
Students of the Week

Deadly Certificates Bronze Awards

Buzzy Winners

All day, every day, all week!

Hi 5 Attendance Award

Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 3rd Dec
Year 3 –7 at 9am
Prep - Yr 2 from 12:30

Students are able to wear house t-shirts to school and should make sure they have sunscreen, caps, water and lunch.

All parents are invited to attend.
Swimming caps in house colours are available now from admin for $4.00.

Authors Visit

Authors Brian and Miora Andrew visited our school last Friday and read their books ‘In Grandpa’s Garden and In Grandma’s Garden’ to students. The theme of the books addressed many coping strategies for children.
During the last few weeks, Year Three students have been learning about the history of North Stradbroke Island, including the history of the Benevolent Asylum. The Benevolent Asylum was a place for the old and sick people who had no-one to look after them. Lisa Jackson and Elizabeth Gondwe from the Dunwich Museum helped the students understand life in the past.

We first went for a walk around Dunwich with Elizabeth and looked at historical buildings, the remnants of the chessboard, and the Dunwich Hall, where the men from the asylum ate their meals. We could also see the blocks laid by convicts to form the causeway. Today, everyone drives on this to get to the Big Red Cat barge.

We also visited the museum to learn about the Benevolent Asylum from Lisa. The students saw lots of photos from the past when there were many Benevolent Asylum buildings and not many houses.

The students met Henry Savory, who was an inmate of the Benevolent Asylum. In his pocket was a letter that he had written to his father, which Lisa read to everyone. Students then received details about one inmate from the asylum and found out all about them. They then wrote a letter to a loved one as if they were that person.

Thankyou to Lisa Jackson and Elizabeth Gondwe for helping Year Three learn about the history of North Stradbroke Island and the people of the past.

Jenni Turner
The P&C will be holding another fabulous Christmas raffle this year. The major prize will be announced soon. In the meantime, we'll also put together some special hampers for prizes - and we'd love donations of items to go into the hampers.

*If you could send some donations of Christmassy, non-perishable items into the School Admin Office, we'll make up some delicious hampers for the raffle, which is drawn at the Christmas Concert on December 11.*

Thanks for supporting the P&C.

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**Straddie Oyster Festival**

Saturday 29th November

The Original Straddie Oyster Festival with Local Moreton Bay oysters & seafood. Market stalls, live music, hot food, Oyster shucking and eating, prawn-peeling competitions and mud crab races. Celebrity MC’s

Donations of baked cakes/biscuits for the cake stall would be appreciated. All enquiries, call the Club 3409 9216

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**Year 4/5 Car Wash**

**Year 4/5 are fundraising for their camping trip by holding a Car Wash**

**Saturday 6th Dec 9am**

**Dunwich High School**

$10 per car (exterior only)

**No need to book just drive in.**

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**Special thanks** to Mark Lawler (grandfather of Saul and Harlon) for his donation of prawns for the Principal’s conference.

**Special thanks also** to Yulu-Burri-Ba for donating a box of apples for the students to have apple slinkies. The students loved them!

Yesterday students were treated to a percussion workshop from Mr Cippolone and a performance by Gumdale State School who were accompanied by our students.