Welcome to the start of term 4. I hope that everyone had a very relaxing holiday. This term the school will publish the vision and plan to lead us into the next four years. I would like to thank the parents, students, community members and staff who have all contributed to this plan.

Our vision statement is:
“Working together with shared high expectations of each other, our services and our students. Dunwich State School provides an innovative whole school curriculum, addressing the needs of every student, every day”.

The full Quadrennial School Review is written in draft form and I encourage you to contact me on jwils55@eq.edu.au if you would like to have further input before the plan is published.

We are working together on major projects at the moment including the Walkathon. The Quandamooka Camp and The Bush Tucker Garden project.

Tomorrow is the school walkathon and I would like to thank Dr Amy Sheil and the active members of the P&C for the many hours they have spent in organising this community event. I encourage all of the school community to join us at Cylinder Beach to assist in the preparation of morning tea and lunch for our students. You are also invited to listen to the enthralling cultural stories by Aunty Margaret Iselin and then a swim and beach games.

Every student is expected to participate in this event whether they have received sponsorship or not. Student who have received sponsors are to return their forms and monies to the office by Friday 25th October. It is also essential that all permission forms are returned.

I would also like to introduce and welcome two new staff members for this term. Mrs Sue Rogers who will be the Learning Support Teacher replacing Sonja Stevens, who is acting Guidance Officer on the mainland, and Miss Tracey Hodge who is our newly appointed School Chaplain. Tracey will be working at the school on Wednesdays and Fridays and we look forward to Tracey filling the gap that will be left with the departure of Gradi from Babi.

Gradi will be sorely missed, although she has made enough “Gradi Hampers” to continue the raffles for the rest of this term and the students did purchase 50 chickens for the village in Africa. The year one students purchased the most chickens and received their awards on the last day of school last term.

Special thanks to Gradi.

See you at the Walkathon.

Jenny Wilson
The school walkathon from Cylinder Beach to Adder Rock and return will take place Friday 11th October. Please remember to bring a hat, sunscreen, sun shirt, togs and towel. Also, please apply sunscreen in the morning before coming to school. We will be having a sausage sizzle for lunch. All welcome!

Reminder—NO HAT NO PLAY
Please ensure your students have a hat for sun safety or they will be unable to play out in the sun.

Any donations of hats would be sincerely appreciated. Thanks

EVERY DAY COUNTS
Don’t forget the importance of attending school every day!

More information on the importance of regular
My name is Tracey Hodge & I’m the new chaplain at Dunwich State School. I am really excited to be a part of your lovely school and hearing all the wonderful things the school does. It excites me even more to be part of the team here.

My role is really one of support—supporting children mainly but that also flows on to families, teachers and staff at the school. I have a background in nursing and the arts (where I have dabbled in drama), drawing and photography. I have a love for the outdoors and sports as well. I will be at the school on Wednesdays and Fridays. I am looking forward to the walkathon this week. Please feel free to come up and make yourself known to me. Tracey

To the staff and students at Dunwich State School,
Well done on your fantastic efforts raising $105 to buy chickens for families affected by poverty. These gifts will improve their lives by giving them a source of income and food. We, at TEAR are greatly encouraged by your support and thank you for your selflessness.

Sincerely, Lorelle Fernando
Admin Officer
TEAR Australia
PCYC have advertised for the Position of Co-ordinator for the Outside Hours School Care at Dunwich SS. Applicants need a Certificate III or a Diploma. If you are interested in the position please contact Ms Jenny Wilson at the school 3409 6333

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