On Wednesday 30th October **Sam Knowles who is the Assistant Regional Director visited Dunwich State School.** She was very impressed with what Dunwich State School has achieved and our plans for the future. We discussed improved students results and the excellent work that the teachers have done to create our own Pedagogical Framework. She was also impressed with how good the students looked as they were all wearing the full school uniform with pride.

**We are a proud school** and wearing the school uniform is an effective way to promote unity among students. Wearing the same uniform encourages students to behave friendly, helps to develop good social skills and a sense of belonging to the school community. Also, when students wear the same uniform, they feel more connected with each other. Some research shows that wearing the school uniform can help to improve discipline and prevent bad social behaviour. If any parents have difficulty in sending the students in full school uniform (including black shoes) please contact the office.

This week the **Life Education Van** is at school because of the generosity of Sibelco who funds this essential learning for students each year. Thanks also to Jenni Turner who organises for the van to visit the school.

“Everyone has a right to feel safe all of the time”. This is a mantra we often use with students at school. The **Guidance Officer is currently delivering a program to Year 4/5 students to assist them with developing these skills.** These students will then produce posters based on the messages learnt in this program as part of their Media subject that will be displayed around the school. In week 9 the students who created the best posters will be awarded prizes on parade. I am looking forward to seeing the positive messages that they create. This project will then be reviewed and extended across all classes in 2014.

Jenny Wilson
EZYPLANT COMPETITION

Please Support Dunwich State School by registering to vote for us at ezyplant.com.au S.E.Q. School Gardening Grant. Our school values your support so please spread the word and ask your family, friends and neighbours to support your child/ren's school's gardening project by registering their vote. Votes can be made daily until 28th February 2014. You can "LIKE" them on Facebook so you can be kept up to date on the grant process and find out when they have multi voting days so Dunwich can receive BONUS votes.

Our Bush Tucker Trail/Garden Plans are coming along nicely but we need all the help we can get so if we win this comp we will have extra money to get it up and running sooner. Thanks for your support.

Congratulations to the students who were chosen to attend AAA Day for Prep - Yr2. The children visited many of the local businesses who provided them with a tour and some goodies. Thanks to all the businesses who took part.

For the Year 3 - 6 students who were nominated for AAA Day - were taken on an excursion to ten pin bowling with lunch provided. The children had a wonderful time and enjoyed playing in the Game Zone with their free tokens.

The students were chosen for their good attendance, attitude and achievement.
Social Skills Program in Year 4/5 Media - This week's message is “we all belong”.

By the Guidance Officer.

Acquiring social skills is a life-long process and must be adjusted as a child grows and experiences various social situations. Lessons must be taught explicitly to aid their development of skills required to function positively in society. The overarching goals of any children’s social and emotional learning program should be to help the child to be themselves and know that they are each important members of our community. I am looking forward to working with the Year 4/5 class this term and really enjoyed the session today entitled “We all belong”.

Gordon Tallis kindly donated autographed limited edition footballs to students who showed lovely manners when they visited Main Beach for the walkathon. Congratulations!

Mr Bertossi PE Teacher and his able assistant David Christie are delighted to have the assistance our Chaplain, Tracey in the Swimming Program.

Having 3 adults there at the pool each Wednesday allows for more individual refinement of children's swimming technique. This makes for better outcomes. Thanks Tracey!

In the lower grades we would be grateful to have even more adult help.

Year 1, 2 and 3 parents are very welcome to help in the water.
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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

Swimming is on every Wednesday—Students are reminded to bring their togs, a towel and a bathing cap.

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