Dunwich State School is a good school!!

The results of the 2013 School Opinion Survey were released this week. The survey confirmed what we know as 96.6% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that this was a good school and that their child likes being at this school and feels safe at this school. 100% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that they can talk to the teachers that the school works with parents to support their child’s learning and the school provides useful feedback about their child’s progress. 97.8% of students said that their teachers encourage them to do their best and 100% of staff agreed that this is a good school.

The data collected this week reinforces that we live our motto of every student learning and achieving every day. The students showed great improvement in the learning. Some examples of the high quality results include:

- 33% of the year one class in 2013 received a Very High Achievement in reading.
- Over half the year 1 class are reading at a High Level or above.
- 50% of the students in year 2 reached a Very High Achievement in reading.
- Year 3 students were in the high bands in writing and 61.5% of Year 3 students were in the high bands in numeracy. These results exceed the nation’s results by 30% in each area.

All current and prospective parents and community members are welcome to come and see this school and any classroom in action at any time. Please sign into the office upon arrival. I will happily give you a tour of the school and answer any questions that you may have.

Jenny Wilson

“Working together to ensure that every day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving”

From the Principal’s Pen.....

NEWSLETTER

21st Nov 2013

Term 4/ Week 7

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The Week’s Behaviour Expectation is:

Appropriate Language

Swimming Carnival

Thursday 5th December

Yr 3—Yr 6 9am-12noon
Prep—Yr 2 012.30am-2.45pm

Please contact the school if you can help on the day.
During the last few weeks, we 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 us understand about life in the past.

We visited the museum and made a timeline of Stradbroke Island history. We had to look around the museum to find the information we needed to complete the timeline. We also saw lots of photos from the past when there were many Benevolent Asylum buildings and not many houses.

We also went on a walk around Dunwich and looked at historical buildings, the remnants of the chessboard and the Dunwich Hall, which used to be where the men from the asylum ate their meals. We could also see the blocks that the convicts laid to form the causeway. We drive on this causeway to get to the Big Red Cat barge.

A few days ago we had a visitor in the classroom. He gave everyone a bit of a fright. His name was Henry Savoury and he was an inmate of the Benevolent Asylum. He had a letter in his pocket that he had written to his father which was read out to us. We all received details about one inmate from the asylum and found out all about them. We then wrote a letter as if we were that person. We would like to thank Lisa Jackson and Elizabeth Gondwe for helping us learn about the history of North Stradbroke Island.

By Year 3 students
Look out for our editorial in the Bayside Bulletin explaining how year 3 students had better results than the nation on NAPLAN.

Please Vote!

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/rens 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. Thanks for your support.

Christmas Holidays DANCE CAMP
- Gold Coast

Bounce Dance are holding a dance camp for children aged 5 to 18 in the first week of school holidays Monday 16th December to Friday 20th December. Combining Hip Hop, Yoga, Jazz, Ballet, Contemporary, Bootcamp & Pilates. For more information please visit www.bouncedance.com.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Students of the Week

Amity Point Shop Fire
Fund Raising Raffle
Multi Draw Raffle
OVER $10,000 worth of prizes
Includes $500 BCF vouchers, $250 shopping vouchers, 42’ TV, Hummingbird Fish Finder
Drawn Sat 30th Nov
Join the fun at Amity Oval from 10am
20/20 Cricket Ride
Food Drinks
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