As the school year of 2013 draws to a close it is important to remember that learning continues until the end of the year and so it is important that every child attends school every day.

To give your children every life chance it will also be important to continue reading with them over the Christmas holidays. Research shows that children have a large drop in literacy levels if they do not continue reading over the break. Leanore Gregory (Year 1 Teacher) and Susan Houghton (volunteer in the year 1 reading groups) have been working with the Community Wellbeing Committee to ensure that reading programs are available over the holidays at the Dunwich Library.

Each classroom teacher will be taking their class to the Library to encourage them to be a part of this holiday program and forms will be sent home to parents to complete so that they can engage their children in the program.

The next couple of weeks provide many opportunities for the school community to be involved in the school. Important dates:

- Year 1 and 2 excursion to GOMA on Tuesday 3rd December.
- Cleveland Music Concert 10.45am on Wednesday 4th December.
- Swimming Carnival on Thursday 5th December. Year 3-6 from 9am – 12.30pm and Year Prep – 2 from 12.30pm – 2pm. Volunteers Welcome.
- Little aaa excursion on Monday 9th December.
- Year 4/5 and Year 3 end of year excursions on Tuesday 10th December.
- The Christmas concert on Thursday 12th December.

See you there,
Jenny
A Special Visit

On Tuesday the 19th November, Mr Hector Bertossi (Mr Tony Bertossi’s father) and Mr Carl Saffigna came into the grade six classroom to help us with our history assessment task. Mr Bertossi Snr, spoke about his life experience which helped us compare two immigrants’ lives in Australia. He spoke about his home country during war and how Italy suffered in debt after the war, about his trip to Australia and how the basic conditions on the boat affected the journey. When Hector arrived in Australia he had no money so his friend loaned him money until he found a job, and he has never been without one. Hector met his future wife Estelle in a Brisbane entertainment club; they married and had four children. Mr Hector Bertossi had many interesting stories. Mr Saffigna spoke about the hardships that migrants faced on landing in Australia and their contributions to the Australian society. Mr Saffigna is writing a book on this migrant story. Thank you very much Mr Bertossi for organising these visits.

7 Body Safety Skills Every Child Should Know

from your school Guidance Officer

Last week the Dunwich State School Protective Behaviours mascot, “Roary” and I visited Year 3 to deliver the Health curriculum topic: Protective Behaviours.

Here is a summary of the 7 important body safety skills every parent can teach their child. These skills can be taught in daily conversations as your child grows.

- Teach your child that their private parts are the body parts that go under their swimsuit. Note: a child’s mouth is known as a ‘private zone’.

- As soon as your child begins to talk and is aware of their body parts, begin to name them correctly, nose, eyes, toes, etc. This way, if a child is touched inappropriately, they can clearly state to a trusted adult where they have been touched.

- Teach your child that no-one has the right to touch or see their private parts/private zones and if someone does they must tell a trusted adult straight away. As your child becomes older (4+) help them to identify five people they could tell. These people are part of their safety network.

- Encourage your child to talk about their feelings, e.g. ‘I felt sad when....pushed me over’ and talk with your child about safe and unsafe feelings. Discuss times when your child might feel unsafe e.g. being pushed over; or safe e.g. snuggled up reading on the couch with you. Children need to understand the different emotions that come with feeling safe or unsafe.

- Discuss with your child their early warning signs. These are the signals they will feel within their body to warn them when they feel unsafe i.e. sick in the tummy, sweaty palms, feel like crying, heart racing. Tell your child that they must tell you if any of their early warning signs happen in any situations. Reinforce that you will always believe them and that they can tell you anything.

- Try as much as possible to discourage the keeping of secrets. Talk about happy surprises such as not telling Granny about her surprise birthday party and bad secrets such as someone touching your private parts.

- Discuss with your child that if someone does touch their private parts they have the right to say No or Stop! and outstretch their arm and hand. Children need to know that their body is their body and no-one has the right to touch it inappropriately.

If you wish to learn more or need to talk to someone please go to the following websites: Child Wise www.childwise.net, Australian Childhood Foundation www.childhood.org.au or Bravehearts www.bravehearts.org.au

Regards, Veronica
Congratulations!!!!

Three year 6 students have been selected to participate in an end of year camp at Rainbow Beach from 14th December until 19th December. Tracey Hodge, the school chaplain, volunteers with Briswestcare association that runs the camps, and she was able to save three spaces for Dunwich SS. A team of people including the Principal, the Year 6 teacher and the chaplain selected the successful applicants. The criteria included a great improvement in attitude, behaviour and commitment to doing their school work. Congratulations to Jiri and Sylah and Jordan for being recognised for their efforts this year.

Friday 6th December is the last day of swim training and all club members are invited to the pool a swim and sausage sizzle, drinks and ice blocks from 3pm onwards.
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**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

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**Dunwich Library**

School Vacation Activities

Michael Marks from the Redland Libraries will be running activities at the Dunwich Library during the school holidays. All children and parents are invited to come and enjoy these free activities.

Workshop dates are:

- Tuesday 17th December -10.00-11.00 am. The children will be able to sign up for ROAR on this day
- Thursday 9th January - 2.00-3.00 pm
- Friday 17th January - 10.00-11.00 am
- Thursday 23rd January - 2.00-3.00 pm

The students are going on an excursion to the Dunwich library next week. For your child to receive their free bag and library card please return your child’s library membership forms to their teachers ASAP.

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