Dunwich State School

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

From the Principal’s Pen.....

Each week we celebrate the great things about our school with a parade on Monday mornings. Everyone is welcome to attend the parade each Monday. Last weeks parade commenced with the recorder group playing the National Anthem followed by the school pledge and community messages. The students were privileged to have a local identity, Dale Ruska, to speak to them about his career pathway on his road to becoming a Builder. Dale stressed to the students the importance of working hard at school every day to do the best they can among other things. I would like to thank Dale again for attending the parade and passing on his very important messages to the students. He is a true role model, a very proficient speaker and a great motivator.

At the start of this term most students chose their special number for raffles with the Youth Support Co-ordinator from Babi called Gradi Tromp. Each week Gradi organises grocery hampers with donations from the Wynnum Redlands Catholic Parish and the winning numbers are announced on parade. The students get much pleasure out of their numbers being called out. This week’s winners have their photographs in this newsletter and this practise will continue.

The teachers at Dunwich SS have already started planning the work for the students for Term 4. They are linking the work programs to explicit cognitive domains through Bloom’s Taxonomy. I would like to take this opportunity in the last newsletter for the term to sincerely thank the teachers for their dedication to ensuring that every day every student is learning and achieving through a relevant curriculum that is aligned to the National Curriculum. Dunwich State School is truly a school to be proud of.

Volunteers are a very important part of the success of the school and I would like to ask for people who have been considering to volunteer for reading groups or assist with lunch time activities to please ring and arrange for this to happen for the start of term 4. You are all welcome and needed.

Wishing happy and safe holidays to all.

Jenny Wilson

P & C REPORT

By Amy Sheil, President

Whole School Walkathon

We are holding a whole school walkathon Thurs 11 October. There will be great prizes for the students who raise the most money in each class and an iPod touch for the child who raises the most money overall.

Sponsorship forms have been sent home with all the students to get sponsors.

The students are excited about going to Point Lookout for this walkathon. If you are interested in helping out on the day please contact the Administration on 3409 6333. The P&C provided marshalls for the Strad-die Salute that was on last weekend, and we raised $1000 for the school. Thank you so much to our volunteers.

STOP PRESS

Walkathon is on the 11th October not the 18th October as per the first correspondence. The walk is 3 km long. Money can be handed into the office on any school day between 8am—3.30pm.
Pirate Day by year 4

Wednesday was “International Talk Like a Pirate Day”. We decided to celebrate the students completion of the pirate novel, “Horrendo’s Curse” on this day. Year 4 had a Pirate themed literacy morning. Students wrote stories about their life as a pirate, completed pirate comprehension activities and researched modern day pirates. The students all wore pirate hats and some even got dressed up. Well Done year 4.

The Lorax by Year 3

Last week Year 3 students wrote a new ending to “The Lorax”. We had to pick a character from the story and write what happened to it. We had a choice to write about what happened, a story as a poem or make it rhyme.

For example, Jamella wrote:
Oh I was so pleased in Ma-Ma-Land.
It was so grand.
There was a beautiful purple planet just for us.
Grace wrote about what happened to the Lorax:
I helped the Brown-Bar-Loots pick their food.
It didn’t change my happy mood.
I looked after the Humming-Fish, Swamee-Swans and Brown-Bar-Loots.
I had my own pair of boots.

Stan wrote about the Once-lers relatives:
And with a BOOM,

a Swommie-Swan fell into a strange electric car.
And this car held......
The Once-lers Relatives!
Far away the Swammie-Swan travelled to a new land.
And Fiddle-Me-Flange!!!
How new did this look?
And Ash wrote about the Brown-Bar-Baloonts:
Our new land was wonderful and colourful.
We ate coconuts.
They tasted like mokenuts.
We all learned how to surf,
with all of the Smurfs.
We enjoyed reading “The Lorax” and watching the movie, where we had to note down the differences from the book.

Next term we will be presenting our new endings on the computer using the Powerpoint program.

Year 4s walk to the high school

By Preston and Shaye

On Wednesday year 4 went on an excursion with Mandy and we had wild berries. We collected reeds for weaving and learnt how Indigenous people use materials.

Then on Friday, we weaved bracelets and painted our Boomerangs. We had a weaving race with Aunty Mandy.

Year 4 had an Awesome afternoon with Aunty Mandy. Thank you for coming and spending time with us.

Students of the Week

Organised by Gradi Tromp, Youth Support Co-ordinator from Babi. Each week Gradi organises grocery hampers with donations from the Wynnum Redlands Catholic Parish and the winning numbers are announced on parade. Congratulations this week to Shay Doyle, Oscar Brewster, Johnathan Myers and Kimmy Townsend.

This weeks hamper winners

Dunwich vs. Riverview

Touch Game

By Nate & Sachem

Photos by Ellen Thorburn

Riverview put up a good fight, the whole way through the game, but Dunwich came out on top. The first 15 minutes was an uphill battle with no one scoring a try. The first try was in the 16th minute, when Justin stole an intercept try. Dunwich scored 2 more tries before half time. The 2nd half was a quick opener, with Nate scoring in the first 15 seconds. Dunwich went on to score 2 more tries, until Riverview broke Dunwich’s scoring streak with a well-constructed try. The ending score was 7-1 to Dunwich.

Students Speak......
Kristee from SEAT (Spinal Education Awareness Team) visit to Dunwich State School

Kristee visited our School and spoke to all classes about the importance of keeping your spine safe. She also spoke about the different types of injuries to the spine and how her injury impacts on her life.

Kristee advised students to:
- NEVER dive into water without first checking the depth
- ALWAYS wear a helmet when riding a bike and skateboarding.
- ALWAYS be careful climbing trees.
- DON'T take stupid risks

There’s Lots Happening in Year 7 by the year 7 class

We have had a busy year but there is still lot more to do! On the academic front have just received the results from the NAPLAN Tests we completed in May and as a class, our results are excellent. The thing now is to be ready for secondary school and a new phase in our lives. Mrs Connell has changed the emphasis and we are now doing a lot more research work – learning to find information ourselves.

Of course we are looking forward to the holidays because it has been a long term. We are also looking forward to all the events that will happen after the holidays. Camp Quandamooka Jarjums occurs 17-19 October at Adder Rock. The following week some of us will be competing in a Knockout Rugby League competition at Alexandra Hills State High School. Also exciting is that swimming will recommence as our sport activity in Term 4.

The Open Day at the school on Tuesday 11th September saw lots of community members visit our classroom and we were pleased to hear that they were impressed with what we had achieved and the types of learning we were involved in at Dunwich State School. Some showed particular interest in Project 600 which is an on-line literacy program. This innovative approach to education is fun and a good learning activity. It will continue during Term 4.

The school recently commenced a Student Representative Council. Years 4, 5, 6 and 7 have representatives on this Council which is chaired by our School Captain Ellen Thorburn. Initially we have been learning how to conduct meetings efficiently. We hope that the council will become an important contributor to Dunwich State School operations.

Congratulations Year 2

Yahoo! 95% of the students in Year Two have already learnt their 300 sight words.

We feel so proud!

Ms. V. and our treasured educators.

Music Concert

On parade on Monday, Piper and Mali played Guitar to advertise the Music Concert to be held on Wednesday 20th September. Many thanks to Fiona Surawski for organising the concert and congratulations to the students for their performance.

The Week’s Behaviour Expectation is Being Responsible for Others

Students will participate in class lessons each week that focus on the weekly behaviour expectation.

We would like to thank Kristee for sharing her story with our students.
Lessons will be held in Term 4 one afternoon a week after school at St Paul of the Cross Church Dunwich. A date to commence has yet to be decided.

If any parents are interested in wanting their children to participate in the program or would like to know more about it, please contact Margaret Zielke on 3409 7332 by Thursday 20th September.

Thank you M Zielke

CHILDREN’S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
Once again this year Father Frank O’Dea from Star of the Sea parish will be conducting lessons to prepare children to celebrate the sacraments of:
First Communion—Year 4 upwards
First Reconciliation—Year 5 upwards
Confirmation—Year 6/7 upwards

CLEVELAND DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL
MUSIC SHOWCASE 2012
Wednesday October 17 at 7pm
AT THE
REDLAND PERFORMING Arts CENTRE
Join us for a wonderful evening of entertainment showcasing the exceptional talents of the Cleveland District State High School music students.
Doors to RPAC will open at 6.00pm
Adult $12  Concession $6 Child $6
Tickets to be purchased directly from RPAC Box Office
Phone 3829 8131 or Online www.rpac.com.au
or in person 2—16 Middle Street Cleveland
Opening Hours Monday to Friday 12 noon to 4pm Sat 10am to 1pm

DELANEY MEMORIAL SOFTBALL
SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 2012
Welcome and Traditional Dance @ 8am
Full day of softball commencing @ 9am with visiting teams from Brisbane
12 midday to 1pm Children’s Exhibition game
(open to general public, parents are encouraged to participate)
2.30 to 3pm Q Crew Dancers
3pm to 4.30pm (approx) Grand Finale
Tea, coffee, Sausage sizzle and similar style meals available for purchase through-out the day.
“SHARKS” Tooth Kitchen is open Lunch 12—2pm and Dinner 6—8pm
With limited under cover area and seating, we encourage you to
BYO Chairs
Traditional games for all ages will be held in the tennis court area through-out the day.

SIKATEBOARDING WORKSHOPS
OCTOBER SKATE SCHOOL
Dunwich—TUESDAY 2 October, 11am to 2pm (Cunningham Street)
Point Lookout—WEDNESDAY 3 October 11am—2pm (East Coast Road)
Amity Point—THURSDAY 4 October 11am—2pm (Clayton Road)
Drinks will be provided, BYO lunch—BOOK NOW PLACES ARE LIMITED
To book and for more information 3829 8233 or
kara.mansley@redland.qld.gov.au OR www.facebook.com/RedlandsYouth

Adverts

Tuckshop
We are still looking for tuckshop
Helpers P L E A S E
Time required 9am to 1.30pm
Friday October 12
Friday November 16
Friday December 7
Please contact Fiona on 3409 6333

Child and Youth Community Health Service
Rhonda Rainbird is the Clinical Intake Officer from Redlands Health Service. She has offered to come to Dunwich SS for intake assessments, to save parents having to go to the mainland. The service is available for students in Prep to Year 3. If you have concerns about your child’s development collect a referral form from school. The services available through this service are Physiotherapy, Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy. Rhonda’s phone number is 34884222.

CSIRO Holiday Science
Something to tell your students about!
A whole day of hands-on science experiments and activities for children aged 7 to 12.
24 September 2012
Redlands Indigiscapes Centre
17 Runnymede Road, Capalaba
Cost: $65 Double Helix Member / $75 non-member: MORE INFO
www.csiro.au/events/SQLD-Holidays