We are very excited about the pending Open Day on Tuesday 11th September. Flyers have been posted to all residents on the island to invite them to come in and see the great work being done by students and staff and Dunwich SS.

On Wednesday 5th September Martin from Geckoes Wildlife visited the school with a wide variety of beautiful live animals. The students really enjoyed the session and loved every animal but I do believe that the wombat got the biggest “Wow”.

Thanks goes to Sibelco for funding this treasured learning experience for our students.

We are thanking the teacher aides at Dunwich SS and celebrating the wonderful work that they do with a Breakfast on Thursday 6th September. The teacher aides are truly valued members of staff and they go far and beyond their duties in the dedication they show to every student and school projects. So, on behalf of the rest of the community may I take this opportunity to share our appreciation of the teacher aides for all of their efforts.

For the week starting the 10th September we will have seven guests in our school from the RATEP Diploma of Education in Cairns with Tropical North Qld TAFE. RATEP is the Ed Qld / James Cook University / North Qld TAFE partnership that seeks to increase the numbers of Indigenous teachers in Qld. They are visiting Dunwich for a week observation and research project as part of the Diploma Course. The visiting student-teachers are assigned to the class levels that they requested for most of this week.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate all of the students who have been reading for the reading challenge over the past 16 weeks. It is time to finish reading and return your forms to the office. Well done to all parents who encouraged their children to participate.

See you on Tuesday for Open Day.

Jenny Wilson

P & C REPORT
By Amy Sheil, President
We held a meeting at school about the Gonski Report which looks at funding for schools. If it went through it would be of great benefit to our school. To register your support or if you would like more information please go to igiveagonski.com.au

The P & C meetings are at 3.15pm on the third Thursday of every month in the Admin building—all welcome.

Change of Date for Reading Training Now
On Tuesday September 18th at 9am at the Prep
Learn strategies to help you help your child to read
Ring the school on 3409 6333 to book a place

The Week’s Behaviour Expectation is
Suggesting and Persuading
Students will participate in class lessons each week that focus on the weekly behaviour expectation

Calendar

Tuesday 11 September
Dunwich State School Open Day

Tuesday 18 September
Reading training at the Prep

Thurs 20 September
P & C Meeting at the Prep

Saturday 22 Sept
Start of September school holidays

Monday 8 October
Term 4 begins

Thursday 18 October
P & C Meeting at 3.15pm in Admin

Monday 22 October
Student Free Day

Thursday 15 November
P & C Meeting at 3.15pm in Admin

Term 4 ends 14 December, 2012

NEWSLETTER

Dunwich State School

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

From the Principal’s Pen.....
Dealing with Conflict and the Use of the Word “Bullying”

Bullying is defined as using strength or fear to coerce others, or to persecute another. There are very few incidences of bullying at Dunwich State School.

Conflict is a normal part of learning to get along with others and conflict resolution and problem solving are basic life skills. It is important that we use conflict situations as a teaching tool to help us make wise choices, build tolerance towards others and develop character.

There are different types of conflict resolution strategies that we use to support students in these situations. They are:

**Negotiation** – suggesting a number of possible solutions and choosing the one that suits both parties the best.

**Arbitration** – asking someone else (a teacher, parent or adult) to make a decision on the problem.

**Communication** – talking through a misunderstanding.

**Mediation** – asking someone else to help you negotiate a solution.

**Legislation** – coming up with a class, school or family rule to prevent a recurring conflict situation.

One problem solving model we are using in the school is a 6 step plan:

**Step 1** – Identify the problem

**Step 2** – What can I do? Think of lots of different ideas, even if they seem unlikely.

**Step 3** – List What Might Happen

Think about what might happen for each of the ideas you’ve come up with.

**Step 4** – Pick the Best Solution

Based on the consequences that you considered in step 3 and pick the best solution to the problem.

**Step 5** – Do it!

Put your plan into action.

**Step 6** – Did it Work?

Think about what went well and about what you could do differently next time.

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Year 4 Egg Drop: Three students accounts

**By Lincoln**—Last week, Year 4 did an egg drop, we used weird stuff like icing, marshmallows and pom-poms to protect our egg. Only 2 eggs died.

**By Isaiah**—The egg drop was extremely awesome. I like egg dropping it is the best thing ever! Some materials we used were icing, cotton wool, cotton balls, marshmallows, bluetack, and bubblewrap.

**By Jacob and Taijah**—We were learning what materials to use to protect our egg. So if it happens in real life we won’t loose the egg.

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Yellow Box Reading in Year One

Students in Year One are enjoying working with the new ‘Reading Yellow Box’ during their reading sessions.

This kit is made up of comprehensive multi-level, multi-text type, reading comprehension cards that include text and questions that are designed to give students valuable language practice through a range of vocabulary and phonic activities. It also gives the students ideal skills practice for the National Testing Program. We work on these cards for the last 20 minutes of each reading session on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Feel free to drop in and have a look.

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Mad Scientist Club Yrs 1—3

**By Chelsea, Kyla, Kailyn and Grace**

Last Friday at Mad Science Club we made disappearing foam. All we needed was nail polish remover and foam. We also needed safety glasses and gloves because it was toxic. We made goo after mixing the substances. The foam disappeared. It was fun and exciting. After that we did the mad scientist laugh.

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Students of the Week

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Year 2 Museum Visit by students

Year 2 recently came to the Museum to learn about Aboriginal artifacts made from the natural environment, as part of the new national curriculum. The Museum prepared a fun Treasure Hunt, and the children had to find an object, read all about it and then report back to the class about what they found.

The children then went back to class, and created a special display about what they learnt from their visit, along with beautiful artwork.

The display is now in the Museum for a few weeks only. It looks just great. Come along and have a look.

Fathers Day Poems and Art by Year 2 students

My Pop Gary
My pop Gary is an awesome pop.
He’s a worker pop.
He’s a beach loving pop.
My pop Gary is a grey eyed pop.
He’s a white haired pop.
He’s a chocolate eater pop.
He’s a pop who likes to be funny.
My pop Gary is a party pop.
He’s a laughing pop.
He’s a smiling pop.
And sometimes he’s a swim a lot pop.
I love him, my pop Gary.
By Keely Gannon

My Dad Ross is a weird dancing dad.
He’s a pool throwing dad.
He’s a surf with me dad.
My dad Ross is a doctor dad.
He’s a swimming dad.
He’s a cooking dad.
My dad Ross is a brown eyed dad.
He’s a muscular dad.
He’s a handsome dad.
He’s a dad who likes riding bikes with me.
My dad Ross is a funny dad.
He’s a crazy dad.
He’s a real proud dad.
And sometimes he’s a shark chasing dad!
I love him, my dad Ross.
By Maya Sheil

My Dad Chad is a football dad.
He’s a run with me dad.
He’s a taking down dad.
My dad Chad is a miner dad.
He’s a rides bikes dad.
He’s a fishing dad.
My dad Chad is a muscular dad.
He’s a hairy dad.
He’s a skinny dad.
He’s a dad who likes riding motorbikes out at the pine forest.
My dad Chad is a silly dad.
He’s a snoring dad.
He’s a funny dad.
And sometimes he’s a fool joking dad.
I love him, my dad Chad.
By Ryan Borey

My Dad Geoff is a laughing dad.
He’s a bike riding dad
He’s a cuddling dad.
My dad Geoff is a Straddie dad.
He’s a swimming dad.
He’s a science dad.
My dad Geoff is a brown eyed dad.
He’s a handsome dad.
He’s a scarf wearing dad.
He’s a dad that likes golfing the best.
My dad Geoff is a loving dad.
He’s a funny dad.
He’s an awesome dad.
And sometimes he’s a party crazy dad.
I love him, my dad Geoff.
By Annabelle Nette

Hands Across Australia
This is a song that you may hear your students singing at home very soon. Dunwich SS will be teaching the students the song in Music lessons and encouraging them to enact a positive RAP message to fit the song in drama lessons. The students will use their ever increasing technology skills to video and edit their efforts and submit these to the “Generation One” competition. Good luck to all students.
The song: HANDS ACROSS AUSTRALIA
If you help me and I help you
Think of all the things that we could do
If we all joined hands across Australia
There’s so much hope in this big land
In every woman, child and man
When we all join hands across Australia
For generations and generations
We believe that this great nation
Is the finest place the world has ever seen
Tomorrow is a brighter day
Gonna come together to make a change
And we all join hands across Australia
(x2)

Technology News:
This week we have been working together to create the video of Dunwich State School. Please come along to Open Day Tuesday 11th September to view the video.

Mad Scientist Club
Come along and join in with Dr Kathy Townsend in the Mad Scientist Club this Friday Lunchtime (after play bell)
First Aid Course at Dunwich State School

Dunwich State School is hosting a first aid course. The provider is Purple Heart.

Full course (4 hours) is $75 and CPR update (2 hours) is $40.00. Saturday 15 September at the school library.

Please contact the school on 3409 6333 if you wish to attend.

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Kind Regards Rhonda

Adverts

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

http://www.csiro.au/events/SQLD-Holidays

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

About the Marie Rose Centre

As of the 10th September 2012 all after hours telephone calls to the Marie Rose Centre will be diverted to Queensland’s Health Contact Centre.

The Health Contact Centre provides confidential health assessment and information service to the people of Queensland 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

The centre aims to promote better health through the delivery of evidence based clinical practice.

If you would like to discuss anything about this change then please do not hesitate to contact me on (07) 3409 9059 between the hours of 8am and 4pm.

Richard Smith, Director of Nursing, Marie Rose Centre.

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Swimming Club News

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Tuckshop

We are still looking for tuckshop helpers please.

Time required 9am to 1.30pm

Tuesday September 11 (Open Day)

Friday October 12

Friday November 16

Friday December 7

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