From the Principal’s Pen.....

At the end of last term Dunwich SS celebrated the Naplan results and for good reason. I would like to congratulate the teachers for the preparation that they did to prepare the students for this national test. The preparation involved ensuring that students had the essential core learning and also demystifying the test so that students were comfortable and ready to achieve to the high standards that they did. Well done to everyone.

Everyday at school counts toward students reaching their full academic potential. The motto at Dunwich SS regarding attendance is that “It is not ok to stay away”

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

• they learn better
• they make friends
• they are happier
• they have a brighter future.

Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check ups or care such as hair cuts. Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent or assist you to organise an exemption from schooling.

You must let the school know the reason why your child has been absent from school within two school days of their return. If possible, advise the school beforehand.

Reference (http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts)

I look forward to seeing every student every day this term, knowing that they have great opportunities available to them at Dunwich SS that will prepare them for a successful life.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the fabulous P&C for their efforts in organising our postponed walkathon. Fingers and toes are crossed for good weather on Tuesday 30 October.

Next week is the Quandamooka Camp for years 6 and 7 students and what an exciting time this will be. Many thanks also go to the committee involved the tremendous task of organising this camp. Special thanks go to David Christie for chairing the committee and bringing it all together.

Jenny Wilson

STOP PRESS..STOP PRESS

Walkathon postponed due to weather until Tuesday 30th October. Money can be handed in to the office on any school day.
Bike safety tips

Parents play a vital role in teaching children bike safety. Since children learn by example, parents can help teach children road and bike safety. When your child does ride to school:

1. **ensure they wear a correctly fitted and fastened helmet** – the helmet should fit firmly, be comfortable, and shouldn’t move around on the head when worn
2. **show them the safest route, ride with your child until you’re confident they have the necessary skills to ride on their own**
3. **make sure they ride on the footpath (if primary school age), keep left and give way to pedestrians**
4. **teach your child never to be towed by a vehicle, and never “double” other children.**

Helmets help protect bike riders from head injuries and can save lives. Queensland law requires that everyone must wear a helmet when riding a bike. Set a good example by always wearing a helmet when riding a bicycle – helmets are not just for kids. Helmets come in a variety of shapes and sizes and some helmets fit kids better than others.

To help to make your child more visible to motorists, place a flag and red reflector on the back of the bike and a white reflector on the front. Wearing brightly coloured and reflective shoes and clothing will also increase visibility.

**Students Speak……**

**Space Project – Year 3**

This term, we have been learning about space, especially the movement of the Earth around the Sun. This unit was called “Spinning In Space”

We learnt that the Sun doesn’t move and the eight planets rotate around the Sun on their own orbit. The shadows that we see every day are caused by objects blocking out the Sun. Shadows change direction and length during the day because the Earth spins and the Sun looks like it moves across the sky. The Earth takes 24 hours (one day) to rotate on its own axis and 365 days to orbit the Sun (one year).

At the end of this unit we all chose a different space topic for our research project. We used the internet and books to find information and we took notes from that information and organised it under sub-headings. We then had to change the notes into our own sentences. We have learnt that it is against the law to copy text from a book and say it is our own words.

Our writing was then typed into a text box using the Word program. Our final draft was printed and the text boxes were cut out and glued onto a piece of cardboard. Our cardboard also had a picture of our topic and a heading. We then presented our project to the rest of the class.

We thought that doing this project was fun and exciting. We also learnt a lot about Space and the genre of an Information Report. We would like to thank Ms Turner for teaching us about Space and the new genre and Mrs Philips for teaching us about researching information and using the Word program.

By Year 3 students

**TERM 4 SWIMMING**

Swimming has started off really well this term and we know it’s going to get better and better everytime that we go! We are really excited that swimming has started again!

Organised by Gradi Tromp, Youth Support Officer 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 to Yulludarrah, Mikayla and Locklain this weeks lucky winners

Although it was raining and a bit cool, we still enjoyed it and even got a game of water polo.

A big thanks to Miss Sykes and Mr Taylor. From Emma, Riley and Piper.

(Year 6)

This week’s hamper winners
**Year 5/6 News**

Wow! We have had a busy start to the term and we will sleep well this weekend! We have been estimating and measuring capacity, mass and length in Maths. We love Maths! We have been singing our favourite 9 times tables tune and we sound awesome!

From Kayla, Sylah, Namuli, Mia, Shelby, Lakaylah and Chloey.

**QUANDAMOOKA CELEBRATING and SHARING CULTURE**

Lines in the Sand, North Stradbroke Island Limited in partnership with Dunwich State School will be delivering the Quandamooka Celebrating and Sharing Culture program which is an aboriginal program of activities for local community based at the Dunwich State School. The Quandamooka Celebrating and Sharing Culture program is supported by the Quandamooka Forum.

The program includes:
- Monday October 15 Matthew Burns talking about Quandamooka cultural artifacts
- Tuesday October 23 lunch time Sand Ochre art with Craig Tapp
- Wednesday Oct 24 lunch time Aboriginal art craft with Mandy Blivet and Casana Doyle
- Thursday Oct 25 lunch time Aboriginal art with Cas
- Friday 11.30 story with Raymond Walker

**Bucket News**

**Be a Bucket Filler**

You feel very happy and good when your bucket is full. You need other people to fill your bucket and other people need you to fill theirs. You fill a bucket when you show love to someone, when you say or do something kind, or even when you give someone a smile. You can fill your own bucket when you use powerful thoughts.

**Don't Dip**

When you dip into a bucket you take out some good feelings. You dip into a bucket when you make fun of someone, when you say or do mean things, or even when you ignore someone. A bucket dipper makes other feel bad. People who have an empty bucket think they can fill it by dipping into someone else’s. But that will never work.

**Use Your Lid**

A bucket dipper has an empty bucket. They are trying to fill their own bucket by dipping into yours. Remembering that the bucket dipper is feeling bad about themself and not letting their unkind words or actions harm you is using your lid.

**MAGIC SQUARES**

The Year 5/6s love their magic squares. Can you work this easy one out? Remember, all lines need to equal the magic number 30.

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Cyberbullying
By Justin and Kyah

Yesterday Nathan Vaughan from the Qld Police spoke to the Year 6 and 7 students about cyberbullying. He explained the dangers of cyberbullying and how to avoid them.

Some of the suggestions:
- don’t make your profile picture a photo of yourself
- use all privacy settings
- Limit your number of your friends
- Only add people you know
- Don’t give out private information
- If you have and suspicions about someone, notify the police.

Hi-Jump Program
By Bianca Stevenson

Yesterday School Chaplin Neale and Ms Thomas a Guidance Officer came over from Cleveland District State High School to talk to us about how to cope in Secondary next year. They mentioned the teachers who will support us next year. They played some games with us, celebrity head, friendship games and did magic tricks. They are revisiting us in two weeks time.

Tuckshop
Thank you to Rhiannon Moreton for volunteering for next Friday. A menu will be sent home next week. We are still looking for helpers for the following tuckshop dates;
- Friday 19 October
- Friday 16 November
- Friday 7 December
Please contact Fiona on 3409 6333 if you can help.

Adverts

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 throughout 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 buy your own chairs.
Traditional games for all ages will be held in the tennis court area throughout the day.

PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST
Where: Stradbroke Island RSL
When: Sunday 4 November 2012 at 9:00am
Cost: $20.00 per person or $50.00 per family of 4
Raffle and lucky door prize.
Prize for “Best Dressed in Pink”

BAY PLAYERS PLAY
“How to Train Your Husband”
By Devon Williamson

October 18, 19 and 20
At the Dunwich Community Hall

Doors open at 6:45pm
Bring a plate of nibbles to share
Tickets $25 each and are available from the Point Lookout Post Office and Dunwich Newsagency

Licenced Bar available

CLEVELAND DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL
MUSIC SHOWCASE 2012
Wednesday October 17 at 7pm
AT THE
REDLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
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