From the Principal’s Pen.....

What an exciting week this is for the Year 6 and 7 students. As this newsletter goes to print they are at the Quandamooka Camp. Students from primary schools on the mainland will join our students on camp. This year one hundred students will attend the three day camp. Many community members are involved in the success of the camp and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for creating this most memorable occasion for all of the students.

This week our students were involved in the taping of the song “Hands Across Australia”. The value of this experience for our students includes the chance to learn about reconciliation and to reframe their thoughts on racism. Thank you to Sally Novak for instigating this holistic learning experience for the students.

“Every Student Every Day”. This week the classroom teachers had interviews with the Principal and a Regional staff member to discuss the data that they have collected on every student and how this data can lead to learning plans that ensure that every student reaches their potential. It is important that every student attends every day to ensure that these goals can be met. If your student is ill, please call the office in the morning to explain their absence. If your student is not ill then it is extremely important that they attend school to reach their full academic potential to give them the best chance in life.

Last term, letters were sent home to parents if the student’s records showed “unexplained absences”. Thank you to the parents who have returned their responses to these absences. Shortly, we will be sending out reminder letters to the parents that have not returned these details as it is essential that every student’s absence is recorded with a justified reason.

Next week is “National Kids Safe Week” and our students will be involved in various activities during the week. Special thanks go to Debbie Phillips, the Workplace and Safety Officer at Dunwich SS for co-ordinating these activities.

Once again, I encourage every community member to contact me at anytime with their concerns, comments or ideas.

Jenny Wilson

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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.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE GOES LIVE ON FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER. LOG ON TO SEE A SCHOOL WE ARE PROUD OF.
**Students Speak…….**

**Wear a Bike Helmet!**

Never hit the road without a helmet because they protect your brain from getting damaged. Helmets are not for heads but for handlebars. Wear a proper helmet not a hat and always clip your helmet up.

By Namuli, Kayla and Chloey

Be safe while riding your bike, scooter and skateboards by wearing a helmet. Helmets protect your head and brain. If you don’t wear a helmet you could get a fine.

By Lakaylah and Mia

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**MATTHEW BURNS PRESENTATION**

**Monday 15th October—Assembly**

How privileged we were to have Matthew Burns share some local knowledge with our students. These are some of the comments from the students about the presentation.

**What I loved about Matty Burns’ presentation was when he showed us how to hunt Dugong and he talked about punishment spears.** By Jack

On parade, Matthew Burns showed us what tools Aboriginal people from North Stradbroke Island used when hunting fish, birds and kangaroos in the past. Matthew made a fire with sticks which was awesome to watch. He also threw a spear on the oval which went to a distance of approximately 150 metres! One student from each class threw a boomerang. By Shelby, Lakaylah and Kayla

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By Sylah

Matthew Burns presentation was awesome. I loved how he did the fire and how he made the home made spears and threw them. He also told us about all the Aboriginal things. I like the whop. By Paris

I thought it was really cool when Matthew Burns threw the spears past the playground. By Reo

On Monday, Uncle Mathew Burns came to Dunwich State School and talked to us about Indigenous culture. He showed us boomerangs, spears, baskets made with weeds, and he took us to the oval to demonstrate how to throw spears and boomerangs. Thank you Mathew for coming, it was fantastic and we enjoyed your visit. By Aylsssa and Preston.

I really liked seeing Matthew throw the spears. By Bayden
This year Dunwich State School, in partnership with Lines in the Sand North Stradbroke Island LTD will be delivering the 2012 Quandamooka Celebrating and Sharing Culture program which is an Aboriginal and Indigenous cultural program of activities for our children and community at the school before Island Vibe Festival.

The program includes:

- 9am Monday October 15 Matthew Burns talking about Quandamooka cultural artifacts (at school assembly)
- 1pm Tuesday October 23 lunch time Sand Ochre art with Craig Tapp (under cover area)
- 1pm Wednesday Oct 24 lunch time Aboriginal art craft with Mandy Blivet (under cover area). Please bring seeds, feathers, shells!
- 1pm Thursday Oct 25 lunch time Aboriginal art with Josh Walker (under cover area)
- 3.30 Ivy Smith visiting traditional healer will be meeting with community at Polka Point
- 11.30 Friday October 25 story with Raymond Walker (at prep school)
- 1pm Hip Hop performance with visiting artist Fred Leone from Impossible Odds (school oval).

Redland City Council is proud to sponsor Quandamooka Celebrating and Sharing Culture.
NATIONAL SAFETY IN SCHOOLS WEEK

Next week in National Safety in Schools Week and as part of this program we will be offering activities during the course of the week to demonstrate and celebrate Kids Safe messages. These will include colouring in competitions and games.

Every year in Australia 58,000 children (0-14 years) are hospitalised and 250 children are killed, due to unintentional injury. Since the establishment of Kidsafe the number of children in Australia killed by unintentional injury has halved.

In 2012 as part of Children’s Week, Kidsafe is joining with hundreds of primary schools around the country to promote and celebrate child safety.

Tuckshop News

Menu for Friday 19 October
Morning Tea
Pikelets with Jam or Honey
Big Lunch
Toasted Sandwich Combo including Popper
MEAL DEAL $6.00
Ice Blocks available at the play bell

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.

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

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”

Vacancy - School Crossing Supervisor
Dunwich State School

One casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at our school. Wages are paid at $25.61 per hour and the hours of work will be up to an hour in the morning and half an hour in the afternoon on a roster system.

School Crossing Supervisors may be required to work five days per week in all weather conditions.

Commencement of work for the successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by an approved Medical Officer.
- Must hold a Positive Notice blue card for child related employment. An application will be organised through The Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Application packs are available from the school office. Applications close at 3.00pm on Thursday 25 October, 2012.

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