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…..

A community to be proud of!

This newsletter highlights the recognition and awards of three of our community members. Congratulations to Mrs Angela Johnston, Mr Daniel Wruck and Aunty Dr Joan Hendriks for the recognition they have received for following their passion and the many hours of hard work that this has meant. Best of luck to Aunty Joan as she is a state finalist, in a National Award.

Dunwich State School is putting in a submission to the TV program “Its Academic”. The submission includes information about our school and community and photos to match this information. Every student who is in a photo that is submitted needs a permission form signed and returned to the school. These permission forms will be sent home very soon. Thank you to the Year 7 students and the team of adults who are assisting in putting this application together.

Last week an action team was formed as the first step in making Dunwich State School a “Kidsmatter Primary School”. Kidsmatter Primary is a national initiative that aims to contribute to improving mental health and wellbeing for Primary Schools. We will undertake a three year cyclic process in which to plan and take action using a comprehensive whole school approach. The Core components of Kidsmatter are;

Component 1: Positive school community
Component 2: Social and emotional Learning for Students
Component 3: Working with parents and carers.
Component 4: Helping children with mental health difficulties.

The idea is that Kidsmatter Primary is never finished and goals are continually set and worked on. This framework is continually responding to the changing needs of the school community.

With five weeks left to go in the school year, teachers are very busy preparing and assessing students ready for reporting time.

Attendance is also recorded on the school report and it is essential that this record is accurate. If you know that there are some absences for your child that are unexplained on the system, please call the school or send a note to clear this up.

“It is not ok to stay away”. The aim is to have every student learning and achieving every day.

Thanks

Jenny Wilson

Calendar

8—12 November  Life Education visit
Friday 9  Year 3 Excursion
November  Science Centre
Wednesday 14  3 Little Endangered
November  Animals presenta-
Thursday 15  P & C Meeting at
November  3.15pm in Admin
Thursday 15  Prep Transition Day
November

29-30 November  AAA Camp
Wednesday 5  Cleveland State
December  School Concert
Thursday 6  Swimming Carnival
December
Monday 10  Year 7 Graduation
December
Wednesday 12  Year 3 Aquatic Cen-
December  tre Excursion
Thursday 13  Christmas Concert
December
Friday 14  Last Day of Term 4
December

FROM THE PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Our whole school Walkathon was a great success, it was a wonderful day that all the children of the school enjoyed together. There will be a presentation at parade next Monday morning, 12th November, to present the class winners with their Gelati Vouchers, and to present the student who raised the most money with an iPod! All are welcome.

Our last P&C meeting for the year will be Thursday 15th November at 3:15pm in the school staff room. Come and enjoy afternoon tea with us and discuss your thoughts for 2013.

Amy Sheil

WALKATHON FUNDRAISING -- PLEASE SEND TO SCHOOL NO LATER THAN TOMORROW FRIDAY 9TH TO BE IN THE RUNNING FOR PRIZES!
RUGBY LEAGUE KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

On Thursday 25th October we ventured to Alexandra Hills State High School for the inaugural Bronco’s Primary School Knockout Competition. Dunwich entered 2 teams; one from Year 7 and the other from Years 5 and 6.

Mr Corey Parkin coached both teams for three weeks prior to the competition. We gradually developed some cohesion and teamwork and went into the games full of confidence. Thanks Corey for your great work.

Our senior team performed extremely well, winning 4 out of 5 Round Robin games and making the semi-finals. Our junior team won two and lost two of the Round Robin games and made playoffs for a finals berth, but were beaten by Victoria Point.

Everyone who played thoroughly enjoyed the day. Justin and Riley, our two Captains led their teams inspiringly and deserve congratulations. With some effort we can bring home the Cup next year.

DOOMADGEE VISIT

We started the morning off with a warm welcome with both schools showing great PowerPoint presentations of their school, culture and land. After a quick bonding session, we made crafty gift boxes thanks to Gradi who provided the boxes for us. By the time we’d finished... it was lunchtime and just to name a few goodies there were sandwiches, fruit and cake. After filling up on sweets and savouries we played a game of soccer. Once we’d finished the game everyone was saying that they were tired... but as soon as the teacher said that we were going for a swim that immediately changed our moods. Everyone was having a great time in the pool until the teacher ruined it by saying we had to get out. In the end we all had a fantastic day and we all made new friends.

By Nate and Sachem

Jessica Thorburn went to Music Camp last week and this is what she had to say:

I have learnt so many things at Music Camp. I have met many new faces and listened and played with a magnificent orchestra. The band and orchestra were joined together and sounded really beautiful! My favourite day was Friday because we had Sizzle food for lunch! It was my first time at such a camp and I will remember the experience forever. I also have photos to treasure. My absolute favourite song that we played was “The Kiss” from the movie Last of the Mohicans; the song was so fast to play and I loved it! Thanks to Ms Petah Ritson and Mrs Fiona Surawski who helped get me there! I am very grateful and would love to go.

Student Speak...

Year One students take the microphone on parade this week. Well done girls!
Community Spotlight...

Aunty Dr Joan Hendriks
Senior Australian of the Year 2013
State Finalist
Joan Hendriks
Reconciliation advocate

Aunty Joan Hendriks, a descendant of the Ngugi people of Moreton Bay Queensland, is an inspiring community leader, an outstanding adult educator and passionate advocate for reconciliation achieved through the understanding of cultural differences. She believes sharing cultures, spiritualities and ways of living with the land can be the stepping stones to a united Australia where justice and equity prevails. Since the 1980s she has worked in Aboriginal education in primary and secondary schools, local church and community organisations, in government and internationally at the United Nations Indigenous Peoples Forum. A former student at Brisbane’s Lourdes Hill College where she is now honoured as Elder in Residence, Aunty Joan was awarded the Australian Catholic University’s highest honour, Doctor of the University in 2012. She is also an Elder in the Murri Court at Cleveland where her wisdom and experience contributes to a greater cultural understanding. A consistent advocate for the rights of Indigenous people, Aunty Joan was actively involved in the campaign which saw traditional owners win native title recognition over their lands on North Stradbroke Island.

The Week’s Behaviour Expectation

Working with your strengths

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

NOTICE TO CLUB SWIMMERS

ON TUESDAY 13TH AND WEDNESDAY
14th November from 3pm, the Swimming Club will be holding a clearance sale at the pool. All clothing stock will be on sale; this will include blue and gold club T shirts selling for $3 winter long sleeved hoodies for $6 and boys and girls swimmers.

Congratulations to Angela Johnston

Due to her commitment, enthusiasm and tenacity in the development of a playgroup program in Dunwich, she was recognised when she received an award last week from Playgroup Queensland at Southbank TAFE. Angela has been instrumental in helping organize Playgroup in Dunwich each week. Because of Angela’s hard work the whole Stradbroke Island Community benefits. Well done Angela.
**Students of the Week**

![Students of the Week]

**This weeks hamper winners**

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 Emma Healey and Clayton Penhallurick-Maher.

![This weeks hamper winners]

**Tuckshop News**

We are still looking for helpers for the following tuckshop dates;

**Friday 16 November**

**Friday 7 December**

Friday 16th our tuckshop will be serving Corn Fritters and Banana Smoothies at big lunch! Morning tea menu yet to be advised.

Please contact Fiona on 3409 6333 if you can help.

![Tuckshop News]

**Adverts**

*Are you looking for work?*

Horizon Specialised Training—FREE 5 week Program

13th Nov—6th Dec at The Little Ship Club. 10am-2pm (Lunch & transport provided). Gain Senior First Aid Certificate, Interview Techniques, Career Planning and Training Options. Phone Bev to register 0488 096 014. Many thanks.

A member of Indigemail and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander email network of Australia which shares and cares about our people and provides a holistic approach to helping our people enhance their opportunities.

To join Indigemail contact Darren@indigenoussupport.org.au.

![Adverts]

**MUSIC AT THE COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRE**

“Community Jam” at the Community Learning Centre on Friday 16th November, 2012. Open to all community. Bring an instrument. From 7pm onwards.

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