From the Principal’s Pen.....

There are three weeks left of the school term and Dunwich State School is in full swing. I am very proud to report that the growth in literacy achievement for the students has been excellent. One example of this is in Year 2 where every student has 300 sight words and achieved at or above the benchmark for reading. A remarkable effort! All of our students have celebrated improved levels in reading and I have personally enjoyed the elation on the student’s faces when they meet their individual learning goals. Well done to all of the teachers and the students.

As part of our transition plan, the Prep students attended a morning session with Mrs Gregory in Year One on Wednesday morning. It was very special for the students and the parents who got a glimpse of how positive the future is for them at Dunwich State School.

Interview slots are now open for the Prep students for 2013 and their parents. Mrs Goebel will be conducting group interviews on Monday 3rd December and Tuesday 4th December at 10.30am and 1.30 pm. To register for these sessions please call the office and book your time. It is important that you bring a copy of your child’s birth certificate to the interview.

There are so many important events coming up. We look forward to seeing parents and community members at all of the events. Some of these events include:

- Friday 23rd November at 3pm the Year 5/6 students involved in the digital learning project funded by Redlands City Council and organised by the Minjerrabah Moorgumpin Elders will be previewing their work before the Launch at the school on Monday 26th November.

- On Thursday 29th November the current Prep students are performing plays for their parents. This will be a fantastic celebration of their learning and I look forward to seeing all of the parents on this day.

- Congratulations to the students who have been selected for the AAA camp to be held on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th November. This is a major achievement. Thank you to Michele Connell for organising the camp with the Police and local community. I am sure everyone will have a lot of fun.

The Science Club, with Dr Kathy, is one of the highlights in the week for our students. On Friday the exploding fruit experiment was a great source of pleasure and learning. The Science Club break up will be held on Wednesday 5th December in the afternoon. It will be a lot of fun and the school community is invited to this break up. It is important for guests to remember to sign into the office every time they enter the school.

Remember with only three weeks to go it is extremely important that every child attends school every day to achieve to their full potential. “It is not ok to stay away”. Good luck to all students with their assessments over the next couple of weeks.

Jenny Wilson

Stop Press: The NP Band 8 Principal position for Dunwich State School has been announced. Congratulations to Ms Jenny Wilson on the appointment.
Student Speak...

PREP PLAY HOUSE PRESENTS

On Thursday 29th November the Prep Playhouse presents a Production of

Wombat Stew and Blossom Possum The Sky is Falling Down Under.

For the parents and family of Prep children to reserve your seats please contact the booking office at Prep - Phone 34099213.

11:30am start - meet and greet the stars and autographs will be given at a special morning tea after the plays.

Justin Parkin and Nat Manteufel thanking Mr Col Kingston who came to our school to inform the students of his pathway to becoming a plumber. This section of parade is vital for the students career education. We are very grateful to have Col visit us and share his knowledge.

Darren Mazzoni and Tyler Turuwhenua experiment with Dr Kathy Townsend in our MAD SCIENCE CLUB—‘exploding fruit’ was the order of the day as we learnt about the power and pressure of rubber bands. We are very lucky to have Dr Kathy help us with our science lessons!

Every child in Year 2 has learnt their 300 high frequency sight words. Yahoo — well done Year Two!!! Here Jesse Dwyer proudly holds the sign.

Students of the Week........
Community Spotlight...

UQ BAY FEST 2012

Open Day at Moreton Bay Research Station
This family friendly event will provide an insight into the
rich diversity of marine life that surrounds North Stradbroke island and Moreton Bay. Admission is free. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. For more information: T:(07) 34099058 E: mbrs@uq.edu.au www.uq.edu.au/moreton-bay-research-station/

DATE: SATURDAY, November 24, 2012
TIME: 10am to 3pm
PLACE: Corner of Flinders Ave and Fraser Streets, Dunwich, North Stradbroke Is.

BOOKS

Recently Dunwich School culled the library books and Elaine Turley organised for Heather Doonan to pick up our books for New Guinea schools. Donations of books are welcomed by Heather Doonan from Books4PNKids. From picture books to Grade 8 level, atlases, dictionaries, bibles, writing pads, pencils, erasers and even medical textbooks, which are sent to nursing training schools. They also send second hand laptop computers and are seeking to fill a request for 15 non-electric hospital beds. To donate phone 32541833 www.books4pngkids.


The new look library resource centre is underway — this a sneak peek at some of our purchases. We are hoping Kevin and Otto will inspire our junior primary students to read even more!

ORIENTATION FOR PREP STUDENTS

Our Prep students spent a morning this week in the Year 1 room with Mrs Gregory. Orientation was the name of the game and we are sure that our 2013 Year One students are ready for the classroom next year.
**YEAR 7 GRADUATION FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Dunwich State School Year 7 class will graduate from Primary school this December. Graduation at any level is a special occasion and extremely important to students. To mark this occasion and to celebrate their wonderful achievements at Dunwich State School there will be a Graduation Parade on Monday, 3rd December 2012.

The parade will be conducted in the under-cover area at Dunwich State School and will commence at 9.00am. This will be followed by a morning tea for parents and guests in the Year 7 classroom. This day provides a special time for parents/carers to celebrate with their children and we encourage you to attend. Michele Connell.

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Thursday 6th December.

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Dress in House Colours and cheer us on.

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