

# Newsletter



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Term 1 - Week 10

Friendship & Learning

3 April 2024

Every student is known, valued and cared for in our school

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter long weekend.

As we get closer to the end of term, teachers are busy organising parent/teacher meetings. If you would like to discuss your child's progress, please message the teacher to book a time.

Our District cricket team won their previous match and move on to the next round. They will play against Wyrallah Road Public School this Friday.

We will be holding our ANZAC assembly Friday 12th April which will be run by our 5/6 leaders. This is an important time to reflect on Australia's history of participation in armed conflict as well as consider the perspectives of other countries that may still be in armed conflict. If your child has concerns or would like to discuss this further, UNICEF has a few suggestions that help students feel safe: 1. Find out what they know and how they feel. 2. Keep it calm and age appropriate. 3. Spread compassion, not stigma. 4. Close conversations with care. 5. Limit the flood of news.

Have a wonderful last 2 weeks of school.

Terry Currie

Relieving Principal



K/1 are learning to sort living things according to their attributes. Lots of fun was had making imaginary living things.



1/2 Maths—finding the area of our footprint.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Noah,  
Alistar,  
Myles,  
Kaden &  
Kai.



Holiday Birthdays;  
Lucy, Max  
G, Freya &  
Evie B

# Family Occupation & Education Index

## Did you know?

Our school's socio-economic funding is based on information parents provide during the enrolment process. It is known as FOEI.



## FOEI

FOEI is the best Socio-Economic Status measure for the Department to use as the basis for the allocation of resources (funding) to our school.



## Identifying disadvantage

To adequately address the equity problem for students across NSW, FOEI is based on parents' highest level of school education, non-school qualification and occupational status.



## DPS FOEI

We recognise that circumstances change and that at the time of enrolment, some parents may have been working full-time and are now part-time, have changed jobs, are unemployed or have taken on the role of a stay-at-home parent.



We also recognise that some people may feel uncomfortable disclosing information about their level of education or occupation. We respect your concerns and will treat your information in a confidential way.



## How can I update my details?

Contact the office via email with your updated information- level of education, current occupation and Educational Qualifications.



## Not Mandatory

While it is not mandatory to provide this information on enrolment, it does go towards the school's funding and as a result, impacts your child's access to resources within the school. We would appreciate you taking some time to update your details.



# Family Occupation & Education Index

## School Education

Options:

Year 9 or equivalent or below  
Year 10 or equivalent  
Year 11 or equivalent  
Year 12 or equivalent

## Educational Qualification

Options:

Certificate I to IV  
Diploma/Advanced Diploma  
Bachelor degree or above  
No non-school qualification

## Occupation Group

Options:

Not in paid work in the last 12 months.

Machine operators, hospitality staff, assistants, laborers, and related workers.

Tradespeople, clerks, and skilled office, sales, and service staff.

Other business managers, arts/media/sportspersons, and associated professionals.

Senior management and qualified professionals.

To sign up for the Channon Market Roster, click on the link below and fill in your availability: [Channon Market Roster](#)



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SUN 14TH APRIL 2024



### WHAT

Dunoon P&C is fundraising to help supply the Kitchen Garden and provide equipment for classroom STEM projects for 2024.

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated on Sunday 14th April at the Channon Market. Dunoon Public School is the **Charity of the Day** which means we are able to collect donations for our school and run a BBQ and cake stall.

### WHERE

Areas needing helpers are as follows:-

- Transport and set up supplies
- Collect donations at the gates
- Cook on the BBQ
- Serving food at the BBQ and Cake stall
- Supplying cakes for the stall

### HOW

Fill in the online sign up form via the P&C Facebook page

OR

Email: [dunoonpandc2480@gmail.com](mailto:dunoonpandc2480@gmail.com)

OR

Contact any P&C committee member (Jess, Alison, Catherine, Libby, Mel or Bec)

See the reverse for the current roster.

THANKS CHAMPS





## Channon Market Roster

Dunoon Public School P&C Fundraiser

SUNDAY 14TH APRIL	7:00am	7:30am	8:00am	8:30am	9:00am	9:30am	10:00am	10:30am	11:00am	11:30am	12:00am	12:30am	1:00pm	1:30pm	2:00pm	2:30pm	3:00pm	
Transport BBQ, Set Up		Jess H Gavin H 3. Vacant																1. Vacant 2. Vacant 3. Vacant PACK DOWN
Cooking BBQ			Adam B. Peter D.	Gavin H. 2. Vacant	Gavin H. 2. Vacant	Gavin H. 2. Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant		
Serving BBQ, Cake stall			Jess H Karen B Michelle	Karen B 2. Vacant 3. Vacant	Jess H 2. Vacant 3. Vacant	Jess H 2. Vacant 3. Vacant	Jess H 2. Vacant 3. Vacant	Jess H 2. Vacant 3. Vacant	Jess H 2. Vacant 3. Vacant	Jess H 2. Vacant 3. Vacant	Jess H 2. Vacant 3. Vacant	Jess H 2. Vacant 3. Vacant	Jess H 2. Vacant 3. Vacant	Jess H 2. Vacant 3. Vacant	Jess H 2. Vacant 3. Vacant	Jess H 2. Vacant 3. Vacant		
Gate 1 (Top) Collection				Michelle D	Alison T	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant		
Gate 2 (Middle) Collection				Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant		
Gate 3 (Bottom) Collection				Kate G	Kate G	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant		

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## **NORTHERN RIVERS CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

### **DUNOON OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE**

To keep our service viable we need to fill vacancies  
for Before & After School Care.

This service is available from 7.00am to 9.00am,  
3.00pm to 6.00pm Monday to Friday.

Child care subsidy available.

Please contact **Amy on 0407 332 348**

to enquire or email [dunoonoshc@nracs.org.au](mailto:dunoonoshc@nracs.org.au)

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FUNDED SERVICE**

[www.nracs.org.au](http://www.nracs.org.au)

## Supporting student attendance

If your child is:

- Sick
- Has a medical appointment
- Has to travel for family business
- Involved in Sorry Business



**Let us know**

So we can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing

Every Day Matters



# HOURS

**OUR OFFICE OPENS AT**  
8.30AM

**OUR PHONES ARE OFF UNTIL THIS TIME.**

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE BETWEEN 8.30AM AND 3.15PM

# OFFICE

## Attendance

The Department of Education considers acceptable reasons for students to take leave as:

Medical reason:	Family reason:	Other reason:
Flu Stomach-ache Diarrhoea Cold Headache/Migraine Strong pain Fever Broken bone Vomiting Infectious illness, e.g. chickenpox <u>Nose bleed</u> Asthma Rash Injury Medical appointment Dental appointment Optometry appointment Physiotherapy appointment Specialist appointment Other - I will telephone the school to explain	Funeral Moving residence Arrival or departure of an immediate relative from overseas Unavoidable involvement in a severe family incident Other - I will telephone the school to explain	Misadventure and unforeseen events, e.g. fire, flood Participation in a special event, e.g. attendance at a religious ceremony Family holiday Transport difficulty Unavoidable delay Other - I will telephone the school to explain

Often the reason for leave taken is:

- Slept in
- Needed a day off/ home day
- Child did not want to go to school.

These reasons are considered as 'unjustified leave' on your child's records.

If you are taking your family on an extended holiday (more than 4 days), you will need to fill in an application for leave. Forms are available at the office.

### CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please inform the office of changes with contact phone details; change of address; Emergency contact details and changed student health conditions that staff need to be aware of.

Thank you



## Dunoon Shop Lunches

Dunoon shop is offering lunches Monday and Friday to the school. Please order and pay at the shop.



## DUNOON SCHOOL AWARD SYSTEM

Most Friday mornings, we gather as a school to acknowledge the efforts of our children.

Three gold merit certificates are presented as well as a 'Student of the Week' award for each class.

During the year, children who collect **FIVE** class awards, including Merit Certificates, Student of the Week, Aussie of the Month and other individual awards, are eligible to receive a large **Gold Merit Certificate**.

**THREE** large Gold Merit Certificates are collected to receive the **Principal's Medal**. Once your child has collected these awards, they need to be handed into the office by Thursday morning for Friday assembly.

(Please note the students awards will be returned)



## P&C School Uniforms

School shirts & hats are available to purchase from the school office.

Pay online via School Bytes or by cash/cheque to the office.

Shirts: \$30      Broad Brim Hats: \$20

Bucket Hats: \$5

## P&C School Uniform -

**The larger sizes in the Hemp shirts have arrived.**

DUNOON PUBLIC SCHOOL

# HEALTH CARE PLANS



## PARENTS NEED TO:

- Communicate up-to-date medical information with the school.
- Present at the office with any medication you require our staff to administer to your child throughout the day.
- Sign the correct paperwork- no paperwork, no administering of medication.
- If your child NO LONGER requires a Health Care plan, please provide us with the appropriate documentation from your GP.
- Work with the school to ensure your child's medical needs are met.

**CALL THE  
OFFICE** 66895208

## Mobile Library Timetable

Dunoon School

Tuesday 11.15am-12.15pm

Next visit :

**APR 9,23**

**MAY 7,21**

**JUN 4,18**



Dear Parents,

Our new finance system School Bytes introduced in May last year was originally not able to provide a parent app within their platform, however recently they have used a new app development framework that has allowed their team to develop a high quality, reliable mobile app which we are now using instead of My Family Hand-**please delete the My Family Hand app and download School Bytes parent app if you haven't already done so.**

The parent app has the same functionality as the School Bytes web-based parent portal.

Thank you.



# Parent App

Available now!



## Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news





# WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL?

## SIGN UP WITH DUNOON UNITED FC FOR THE WINTER SEASON

# DUNOON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB



- + Registrations open February 1st
- + Spots available for all age groups and abilities

 Dunoon United Football Club  
 @dunoonunitedfc  
 <https://dunoonunitedfc.org/>



## Community News



# Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:



NSW/Act - Saver Plus Team



SaverPlusNSWACT@thesmithfamily.com.au



1300 610 355

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**The Smith Family**

Learn today, change tomorrow.

Find out more at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.