



Term 4 Week 11
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Year 6 Farewell

We had a fantastic night last Wednesday! Many thanks to Madeleine, Renee and all of the parents of Year 5 students for doing such an amazing job coordinating this special evening for Year 6. The meal was beautiful and everyone enjoyed the very friendly and relaxed atmosphere. A great evening of celebration for Year 6 and their parents.

We wish all of our year 6 students the very best for the future. They have been a beautiful group. Goodbye and thank you to the many Year 6 families who will be moving on. Thank you for your support.

A message from Madeleine

I would like to thank the following people for their help with the Yr 6 Graduation Party:

Renee and Andy for their excellent short film (and Renee, for her organisational expertise)

Andrew for his great bbq'ing skills

Earle for creating the best disco in town

Kristy for the awesome cake

The following people for their food and salad donations: Nikki, Ali, Sarah P and Sarah B and Sally. Kristen and Shane at the Dunoon Shop for their ice donation. Cheers Madeleine

End of Year Concert

A special thanks to Miss Jodie for the incredible work she did with supporting the children with their presentations at the concert. It was a great evening!

Thank you all!

Thanks everyone for your great support throughout the year. In whatever way you have contributed, whether you have helped in classrooms, on P&C fundraising events, canteen, marimba fundraising, sporting events and excursions, coming to assemblies and generally encouraging your children to participate in school - we appreciate all your efforts. Your children benefit from your involvement and positive interest in their education at any level. Thank you to the staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year. Happy holiday, everyone!

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Wednesday - Last Day of School

Casual clothes tomorrow!



Wednesday -K-6 Science show

First Day Term 1 2014

Wednesday 29th January for Yr 1 – Yr 6

Kindergarten begin as a group on Monday 3rd February 2014

Best Start assessment for Kinders on 29th /30th /31st January

Genevieve and the staff of Dunoon School wish you all a Happy Christmas and a safe, fantastic and relaxing holiday! See you all next year.



School Security

As you are probably aware a number of local schools have been broken into recently. Please make sure all children are aware that school grounds are not available for use outside of school hours without the permission of the Principal. Anyone entering the school without permission is trespassing and the police will become involved. We ask that all parents be vigilant and call the **Lismore Police on 66260599** or the **School Security 24 hour hotline on 1300880021** if you see anyone illegally accessing school property over the holidays. Thank you.



Canteen News Yeah!!!!!!!!!!!!

Canteen renovation coming.....

Can you help clean out the canteen in preparation for the renovation????? We need to have it done before the New Year, so if you can spare some time please let Kristy know: 6689 5568

Staffing for 2014

As you know, Mr Gavin Henderson has been appointed for the temporary teaching position at our school next year. Gavin is an exceptional teacher with an outstanding reputation. Originally from Dunoon, he has worked in the private system in Queensland for the last 6 years and has proven excellence in teaching, student learning and wellbeing. Gavin shares our excitement about an engaging creative curriculum for our children and he has a wealth of experience in designing creative and engaging learning experiences. Gavin comes with high recommendations in terms of his warmth, exemplary teaching, amazing rapport with students, parents and staff, strong values, caring attitude, talent with sporting and musical endeavours, organisational abilities and strong commitment to teaching.

I know the whole community will welcome Gavin to our school.

Thank you

I would like to thank Mrs Joy Muller for the wonderful work she has carried out at Dunoon. Joy is a dedicated and committed teacher with a caring approach for the children she teaches. Joy has been a strong ambassador for our school and I thank her for her tireless work, her professionalism and her concern for children. Thank you, Joy for everything that you have done for the children at Dunoon.

Plans for 2014

With our staffing situation now in place, we are busy planning for next year. To the best of my knowledge we have 78 children who will be enrolled at our school next year. This is the figure we need in order for the Department to employ our 4th teacher! If for some reason we don't reach this figure at the start of the school year, we will be using school funds to employ this teacher (as we will also have access to the small school supplementation as we will be so close to the designated number).

Mr Gavin Henderson: K/1

Mr Will Johnson: 1/2

Mrs Heather Laverick: 3/4

Mrs Genevieve Slocombe: 5/6

Sharing the Year One class between Mr Henderson and Mr Johnson has been our only option available in order to have a smaller student to teacher ratio for a better climate for learning. Thank you to the Year 1 2014 parents who have been so receptive about his proposal. It is fantastic that we have your trust with this.

With our *creative curriculum* teaching and learning model being implemented, there will be many occasions where teachers will be co-teaching and children will be learning in mixed-class groups. Pastoral care, however, will remain primarily with the class teacher.

P & C News

AGM

Next year's AGM should be on or around Feb 18, 2014. Please consider joining the P&C to have a say. All executive positions will be open. We have a number of Yr 6 parents currently in executive roles who will not be with us next year.



Chess club has started and is very popular. Well done and thank you Ben from Kinder for organising the sessions.



Champions!



On the weekend the Little Athletics Zone championships took place. Three of our children partook, Paddy, Gabriella and Cassandra. All three got through to compete in the regional competition that is being held in Lismore early next term. Paddy in the 700m, Cassandra in 60m hurdles, 400m, shot put and long jump and Gabriella in the 800m and the 1100m walk. Well done and good luck at the next level.

Happy Birthday!

Many happy returns to Rosie and Harry who will be having Birthday celebrations during the holidays

YEAR 6 FAREWELL



Dunoon Out of School Hours Care



Vacation Care @ Dunoon PS On Pupil Free Days end of Term 4 Thur /Fri 19th & 20th Dec

We will open for full days of fun filled activities, games, art & craft if we get enough bookings. Please talk to the carers if you are interested.

*Fees starting from as low as
\$5 per child per day
(Depending on family's Government rebates)
Full day fee \$42*

Open 8am-6pm

New & casual bookings always welcome.

Must be enrolled prior to commencement.

Operated at Dunoon PS, pupils from other schools welcome.

Bookings/enquiries - Kristy Bloomfield:

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