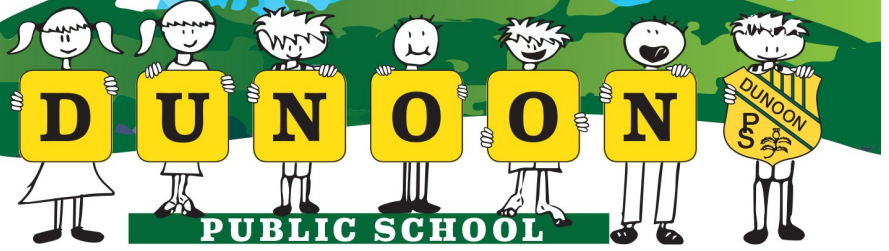


# Newsletter



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Term 4 - Week 11

Friendship & Learning

Tuesday 16th December 2014

## Tomorrow, Wednesday 17th December

There is excitement in the air about tomorrow, our last day of the school year. The children may wear casual clothes. The Year 6 children need to remember that the Staff versus Yr 6 Students T-ball match will be held so they need to be match-ready! I know that all staff members are primed! The match will take place at 9.30am. The Year 5/6 class will be exchanging their Secret Santa gifts tomorrow. The Farewell Arch for Year 6 will take place at **3pm**. Parents are most welcome to be at the school gate for this special tradition.

## Thank you, everyone...and happy holiday!

A sincere thank you to all of our school community: staff; parents and children for your terrific support throughout the year. I hope you all have a happy, safe and peaceful break. Thank you for making Dunoon Public School such a special place! Please see the next page for further details. Happy holiday, Genevieve

### Farewell

Dear Staff, Children and Parents of Dunoon School,  
I would like to thank you for making the last five years at Dunoon such a positive and rewarding experience. Thank you for your support, friendship and guidance. Thank you to the staff and children for my farewell assembly and to the parents for their kind words and beautiful gift and delicious cake. The book that the staff and children prepared for me I will treasure always.  
Over the past few weeks I have received many cards, gifts and good wishes expressing thanks and wishing me all the best in my retirement. I thank you all for these kind wishes. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching at Dunoon. Over the years I have worked with fantastic people, led admirably by Mrs Slocombe. To the parents thank you for being very supportive and finally thank you to the children for their desire to learn.  
Dunoon is great school and I wish everyone connected to it all the best for the future. I hope the friendships I have made over the past few years will stand the test of time and distance. No doubt somewhere, sometime I will bump into you. Please don't forget to come and say hello as I would love to hear how everyone is progressing. Regards, Will Johnson

Week 11

**Last day for students:  
tomorrow,  
Wed 17th December**

### GENERAL REMINDERS

**Please return all school home  
readers & school library books  
tomorrow.**



## Thanks!

In whatever way you have contributed to our great school, I'd like to thank you all. Thank you to parents for your active and positive support, for helping in classes, P&C fundraising events, canteen, sporting events and excursions, transporting children, attending assemblies and events. Thank you for promoting our school so positively in the wider community.

Thank you to the wonderful students at Dunoon! We are so lucky to have such a positive and enthusiastic group. We wish all of our Year 6 students the very best for their future. They have been a beautiful group to teach and to have as leaders in our school. Goodbye and thank you to the Year 6 families who will be moving on. Thank you for your support.

Thank you also to the fantastic staff at the school. I have been so fortunate to have such an amazing group of dedicated, supportive and talented people.

## Staffing for 2015

As you know, Mrs Terry Currie has been appointed to our school to fill the classroom teacher vacancy left by Will Johnson's retirement. Terry comes highly recommended as a dedicated, organised, enthusiastic and genuine person who loves to teach. We warmly welcome Terry on board!

The process for appointing the principal at The Channon has still not been finalised. I am hoping to hear confirmation tomorrow and I would definitely notify everyone if that is the case. Otherwise I will communicate information via the P & C email list and post news on our school website.

Our anticipated enrolments for 2015 are 71 and at this stage I believe our staffing numbers will be three full-time teachers.

The figure needed for 4 teachers (as we have had in the last two years) is 78.

I would particularly like to thank Mr Gavin Henderson and Mrs Peita Patch who have been such a tremendous addition to our school during 2014.

Mr Henderson has made a wonderful contribution to our school throughout his temporary teaching appointment for the year.

Mrs Patch stepped in beautifully last term in a relieving capacity in the Year 3/4 classroom. Thank you both! At this stage, I am not in a position to confirm teachers or class structures. I apologise for this uncertainty and would like to thank everyone for your patience during this time. I hope to provide some details soon.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Term 4 Week 11 Awards

**GOLD AWARD**

Harry x 3, Jack Wh x 2

**PRINCIPAL'S BANNER**

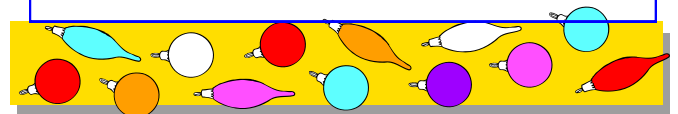
Harry

## News from Mr Johnson's Class

It has been a busy last few weeks at Dunoon for the children in the class. First of all, I would like to congratulate them on their performances in the play at the end of year concert. Everyone worked hard to learn their parts and worked hard on their acting skills.

The children then thoroughly enjoyed the excursion to Dorroughby EEC. Here they learnt about bush tucker, fish life cycles, how to make lunches using local produce and the part the centre plays in the regeneration of vegetation on beaches. The children should be proud of their behaviour and the respect they showed to the staff at Dorroughby.

I would like to thank the children for all their hard work over the past year. It has been wonderful to see the improvement in their knowledge and confidence. This class will always remain special to me as it is my last class after 27 years of teaching. I wish each one of them all the best for the future. May all their dreams and aspirations be fulfilled.



**Happy Birthday to Rosie , Lleyton & Lara who will celebrate birthdays in the holidays!**

**Best wishes for your special day**





## Dorroughby Stories K-2

Last Wednesday the children from Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 visited Dorroughby Environmental Education Field Centre. Here are some reports on their visit.

On Wednesday the children went to Dorroughby Field Centre on the bus. On the bus I sat next to Lucy. When we got there we all went into the classroom and learnt that we had to eat lots of healthy and not junk food. Our teachers were Tamlin and Christine. We went in different groups. We all made some food. Our class made fetta rolls and the other class made some salad. *Philippa*

On Wednesday the K/1/2s went to Dorroughby Field Centre. We made some lunch. We had spinach and fetta triangles. While our lunch cooked we learnt from where our food came. Then we had lunch. It was delicious. We also learnt about bush tucker. *Eade*

Last Wednesday K/1/2 went to D.E.E.C. We watched a video that a school had made about food. It was funny. Then we watched a video about the life cycle of a salmon. It was interesting. After that we went on a treasure hunt. While we were on the treasure hunt we learnt about food that Aboriginal people used to eat. *Paddy*

Last Wednesday we went to Dorroughby. The people there taught us why we should buy food from the Farmers' Market or other local producers and not the supermarkets. A lot of the food in supermarkets has come from overseas and uses lots of fuel to get here. *Sunny*



## News from Mr Henderson's class

K/1 have had an enjoyable end to their school year. Their trip to Dorroughby was educational and exciting. The children made salad from the aquaponic gardens and cordial from native bee honey and lemon myrtle in a solar oven! The highlight seemed to be examining worms under the microscopes. The K-2 students also enjoyed a visit from Rosie, a frog specialist from SCU, who spoke about our frog diversity on the Northern Rivers. Happy Christmas K/1. I hope you enjoy your holidays and find time to keep up your reading!

Kind Regards,

Gavin Henderson



## Year 3/4 Excursion

Firstly, a BIG thanks to the 18 year 3/4s (and Leif's dad, Luke) who came along on the excursion for their outstanding behaviour! You were wonderful representatives of our school as we travelled to Evans Head and enjoyed our activities there. You should all be so proud of yourselves, for your behaviour, for trying new things and learning new skills. Well done!

On a personal note, it has been a privilege working with you and your children this year.

Wishing you all a happy, safe and rejuvenating holiday period.

Mrs Patch



*More Year  
3/4  
Excursion  
photos next  
page*



## Year 5/6 Lake Ainsworth Camp

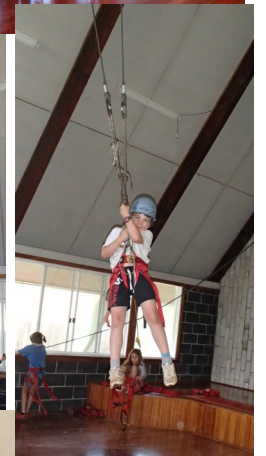
What a fun-filled week we had at camp! We enjoyed canoeing, marine studies, kayaking, archery, ropes course, raft building, rock climbing and sailing. Everyone loved the night activities, free time activities, the food and the cabins! Thank you to all students for your enthusiasm and participation. Thanks also to the wonderful parents who helped to transport the children: Angela, Sally, Sarah, Ove, Kristy and Julie.

## More Year 3/4 Excursion photos



**The Year 6 students leave their mark at the school!**

*Thank you, Year 5/6 for being such a beautiful group of children. You have been an absolute delight to teach! Mrs Slocombe*





## P&C News

The P & C would like to thank all teachers and staff who have worked with our children this year. We would also like to thank parents, carers and members of the community who have contributed to the school and the children's educational experience. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday time and we hope to see you next year.

Regards

Lisa

## More P&C News

### Christmas Hamper Raffle

The total takings from the raffle was \$465.85

Cheers Emma



**SECURITY NOTICE**

THE SCHOOL GROUNDS ARE  
INCLOSED LAND

IF YOU ARE ON THE GROUNDS WITHOUT  
SCHOOL VISITOR APPROVAL YOU ARE  
TRESPASSING

**TRESPASSERS WILL BE  
PROSECUTED**

Department of Education and Training

### School Security

A reminder for all that the school premise IS NOT TO BE ENTERED out of school hours. This law applies to both adults and children.

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School Security Unit - 1300 880021

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