

Newsletter



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Term 4 - Week 10

Friendship & Learning

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

Thank you, everyone!

A very sincere thanks to the whole Dunoon school community for your support, enthusiasm and involvement throughout the year.

Thank you to our wonderful students who really are such engaged and positive learners. Thank you to all staff members for your dedication, kindness, energy, generosity, warmth and amazing work!

Staffing for 2020

We have a likely enrolment of 83 students for next year and our class structures should be:

Kinder: 12 students;

Year 1/2: 20 students;

Year 3/4: 26 students;

and Year 5/6: 25 students.

At this stage I am unable to confirm whether or not Ms Heather Laverick will be returning in 2020. I have received advice from Head Office that we will receive notification during the holidays. When I am notified, I will pass this information on via email.

Apologies for the uncertainty.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to

Brydie, Rowan, Floyd & Alia
who are celebrating their
birthdays during the holidays!

Best wishes from all your
friends at school!

GOLD AWARDS-Week 9

Amala, Madison & Alia

Happy
Holidays!

TERM 4

Tomorrow Last day of term (casual clothes)

2020

28 Jan School Development day (no students)

29 Jan Year 1-6 Back to School (Kinders 3 Feb)

Dunoon Staff would like to wish all students and their families a happy and safe holiday break.

Tie Day Tuesday

We had our second Tie day yesterday. Thank you to all for your support for this initiative.

What a generous community! Special congratulations to Oscar and Floyd for organising this event.

\$103.25 was raised for the Rural Fire Service!

Thank you to Evie, Indigo and Freya who raised **\$180** at the School Fair.

This money was used to help buy some concert costumes and backdrops. Well done, champions!

School Security

A reminder for all that the school premise IS NOT TO BE ENTERED out of school hours. This law applies for adults and children alike. Please contact the police or School Security Unit if you see people on our grounds out of school hours.

Lismore Police-66 260 599

DoE School Safety & Security Unit-1800 811 523 Thank you

Grant Application Results: drats!

We have recently applied for a number of grants and, to date, two of them have been unsuccessful. We applied for an Arts grant to create a vibrant entrance and school sign but that was declined.

We also applied for the Local Schools Community Fund grant to help fund our Outdoor Learning Environment but it too was not successful.

We do have one final grant, The Sustainable Schools grant, in the pipeline and we'll find out about that one in February.

Regardless of the outcome, we are going ahead with both projects next year.

Year 5/6 Camp-What an amazing 2 days!



Christmas Concert: Thanks to John W for his help in setting up the stage and filming the items, Scott Davy for doing the lighting, Emma Stone for helping with our special visitor, and the P&C for providing the BBQ. What a great night!



Year 6 Special Assembly: Thank you to the many parents who were able to come along to this special assembly. Well done, Year 6!



Bust the Dust: Hundreds of schools participated in the 'National Simultaneous Dance' last Friday. Instead of raising money, this initiative was designed to raise spirits. It certainly worked at Dunoon!



Parent Survey Results:

- Q1. What were your first impressions of the school for your family?
 Q2. On a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (high), how do we rate?
 Q3. Do you have any ideas for improvement?

Comments:	How we rate:	Improvement Ideas:
What a happy place! Wonderfully creative, letting children be themselves & learning at their own pace. Very receptive staff.	5	Can't think of anything.
A good family oriented school.	5	Trees.
Lovely small school. Sandra at the office was very helpful and friendly.	5	New school sign. Putting away equipment end of lunch.
Too lovely! The music you hear from children each morning practising, their lovely teachers.	5	None.
Creative, supportive & innovative. Real connections between older and younger kids.	5	Can't wait for more covered outdoor facilities.
Beautiful, happy, calm. Teachers are happy & welcoming. Students are respectful & happy	5	None.
Friendly	5	Uniform colour.
Lots of space to play outside, gardens, grass. Not too many desks in the classrooms and other learning spaces.	5	More trees and play equipment.
Very good.	5	More chocolate!
Perfect! I love how the kids are so supportive of each other, creative and there is a variety of opportunity for students.	5	None, you do a fantastic job.
Friendly. Musical. Happy kids.	5	Excited to see the outdoor area transformation. Maybe look at street appeal? New sign?
Calm, quiet, small, community focussed.	4-5	More work on bullying.
A wonderful environment for our children.	5	
Great	5	
The school community is fantastic.	5	Not at all. Love the kids, teachers & Principal.
Friendly, happy, beautiful music being played. Welcoming environment.	5	Keep it up.
Beautiful grounds, active children, welcoming.	5	Gardens, more trees.
Friendly staff, happy kids.	5	
A welcoming environment with lots of colour, joy & excitement.	5	Better landscaping in the front of the COLA.
Friendly, welcoming, vibrant. Beautiful music!!	5	
It is very good.	5	Children should get school holiday home work.
Good teachers	5	Not really.
Very friendly.	5	
Lovely staff	5	N/A
Very warm, welcoming, personal approach, all staff are highly approachable.	5	Update physical entrance.
Very welcoming and friendly.	5	Swimming pool.
All good impressions, think you are doing a great job.	5	

<p>Friendly. Genevieve seems like an excellent and dedicated Principal.</p>	<p>I don't know – I don't feel like I "know" the school yet. Higher rather than lower.</p>	<p>Better orientation for parents – perhaps an evening where parents are introduced to teachers, the school grounds & each other & the educational approach & philosophy is explained to them. Dunoon PS has a great reputation as a good school, but as someone who has no other recent experience with schools (no point of comparison) & is sceptical about the public education system, I still don't really understand what is special about Dunoon PS. I would like to understand this better!</p>
<p>Very friendly, caring & thoughtful of children. Great public interaction/speaking of the Yr 6s.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>More excursions?? Visiting performances (Drama etc).</p>
<p>Tidy, close to home.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Bus from Lismore to Dunoon.</p>
<p>Welcoming, warm, quirky, artistic, individual fun, close.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Tuck shop, solar panels.</p>
<p>Friendly & welcoming.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Nope.</p>
<p>Wonderful welcoming community.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>So very happy. Such in inclusivity & caring environment & students.</p>		<p>More gardening & cooking.</p>
<p>My first impression of the school was that it might be a school that is friendly and caring. This was based on the many trees, the beautiful colour of the office building and the smaller size of the school. I thought it might be a little less formal and strict than a big cement and brick school in town. My hopes for what the school might be like have been well surpassed. The support and enthusiasm as principal in the first meetings the couple of years leading up to Layla starting in kindergarten reassured me we were making the right decisions about where to send Layla. You went above and beyond to progress the applications for capital works and extra support for Layla. Thank you for all that work. It made a massive difference.</p>		
<p>Not only have all the teachers been incredibly positive and supportive of Layla, what has really surprised me is the way the kids support Layla. I don't know exactly how you have created an environment where the kids look out for each other but it is definitely different to other schools and has meant so much to Layla and us. The best example of this was the spontaneous cheering the kids did when Layla competed in the cross country. I'm sure it was obvious to the adults what a big effort that was for Layla but for the kids to acknowledge that and cheer her on without any direction from a teacher brought a tear to my eye. But it is the greetings and chats the older kids have with Layla every day that shows this was not a once off 'nice thing'. It is a sign of respect, compassion and responsibility from the older kids. 5</p>		
<p>As you know I love Dunoon PS. We are so grateful to you especially for being such a strong, compassionate, open and forward thinking leader. I am so very appreciative that you have taken some of my thoughts on board and am willing to change to take positive steps to bring in more attention to kindness, inclusivity and celebrating the quirky not just the sporty. I love the school for its committed teaching and support staff. I only ever have good things to say about it and you personally.</p>		<p>One thing I have always thought would be amazing is at the Christmas concert to add a beautiful song actually sung by all of the kids from kindly to Yr 6.</p>
<p>Awesome school: Love the emphasis on creative thinking and collaboration</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Love the school! So happy with a feel of warmth, respect, energy. Dedicated and expert teachers</p>	<p>5</p>	
<p>It's a great school. Thank you for all you do! Every child is valued.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Canteen?</p>
<p>Dunoon is an excellent school! The focus on the kids is wonderful! I also like to way children from different classes work and play together. It's a very caring school.</p>	<p>5</p>	
<p>The teachers really know and care for the children, the way that children are given so many opportunities across so many different areas, the buddy program is exceptional!</p>	<p>5</p>	
<p>Creative and vibrant school. Dedicated teachers</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>More music!</p>
<p>Friendly school. Kids care for each other. Teachers do a fantastic job. Thank you all</p>	<p>5</p>	

Community

Notices



**Lismore & Villages
Relay For
Life 2020**

**Sat 28th 3pm -
Sun 29th March 9am**
Southern Cross University,
Military Road, East Lismore

[Lismore&VillagesRelayForLife](#)
cancercouncil.org.au/lismorerelay

 Celebrate  Remember  Fight back!



Register today!
Relay for life is a community fundraising challenge for Cancer Council.

Teams of friends, families and colleagues raise money in the lead up to an overnight event, where team members take turns walking around a track to signify that cancer never rests so neither do we.



Lismore Toyota



Southern Cross University

Swimming Lessons at Dunoon

Commencing January 2020

Learn to Swim, Stroke Correction

Learners with Disabilities

Mums & Bubs

Contact: Sue Attwood (Cert: 545) 30 years' experience

0427 883 130 for further information and bookings

Some more great camp photos!

