

Newsletter



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Term 4 - Week 9

Friendship & Learning

Tuesday 10 December 2019

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

Christmas Concert: This Thursday!

Our concert is on this Thursday, 12th December. It will commence at **6.15pm sharp!** In the event of wet weather, we will rejoice and squeeze together in the COLA!

The P&C will be providing a **free sausage sizzle** for our students and family members. This will operate from **5:00-5.30pm for our students**. After that, students will be asked to go to the classrooms to change out of their school uniform and into their costumes. Any leftover sausages will be available free to parents/family members from 5.30-6pm. If you wish, you may bring a gift for a child in need. This will be given to our special visitor on the night. The gift should be labelled with the appropriate age of the child. The evening will include terrific performances which have been very much student-led and directed. Ms Ward has done a fantastic job of facilitating this event! It will be wonderful! There will be presentations and a Christmas raffle. Our finishing time is approximately 8.00pm.

Oh, What a night! Year 6 Farewell Snapshots!

Thank you, everyone, for a terrific Year 6 Farewell! Special thanks to Dunoon P & C and Kristin and Shane @ Dunoon Store for funding the dinners for the Year 6 students and for helping with the organisation. Thank you also to Ms Ward for the tremendous effort she put into making sure this special event went smoothly! Our beautiful Year 6 students feature on the following pages!



TERM 4

Thurs 12 Dec Concert 6.15 - 8.00 pm

Fri 13th Dec Final assembly for Yr 6 2.30-3.00

16/17th Dec Year 5/6 camp Lake Ainsworth

Wed 18 Dec 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)

Tie Day Tuesday

We had a Tie day today and will have a tie day next Tuesday. Make, borrow and wear a tie. If you'd like, make a small donation to help families in need after the recent bushfires and for those families in hardship because of the drought.

Thanks to all those who participated today!

Farewell to our amazing Year 6 students

This week we say farewell to our incredible Year 6 class of 2019!

They have been wonderful role models and have shown exceptional skills in collaboration, leadership, and creative and critical thinking. We wish them all the best in their journey to high school.



Tess



Billy



Ben



Jemma



Madison



Iris



Freya



Inda



Lochie



Flynn



Bowie



Charlie



Congratulations!

Term 4 Week 8 Awards

Student of the Week

K/1 Logan

1/2 Lily

3/4 Alia

5/6 Freya

Merit Awards

K/1 Willow C, Willow M, Lucy

1/2 Arlo, Daniel, Sonny

3/4 William, Luke, Riley

5/6 Tess, Jemma, Inda

Gold Awards

Amala and Angus S

Principal's Banner

Angus S



Happy Birthday

Alannah, Angad, Ansh, Flynn,

Luke and Rhett

We hope you all have a great day.





The Pre School hosted their Christmas Concert at our school last night.



Our fabulous volunteer musician, Ian Knowles and the choir, performing at the Carmina Burana Big Sing Weekend.

Parent Survey Results

Thank you to the many families who responded to our recent survey. Please see the following pages for some feedback.

If you would like to contribute your thoughts, please feel free to do so. This can be done by sending a note into school or sending an email : genevieve.slocombe@det.nsw.edu.au

Thanks, Genevieve

- 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 the children in the morning practising, and 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 also.	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 – 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>More excursions?? Visiting performances (Drama etc).</p>
<p>Very friendly, caring & thoughtful of the children. Great public interaction/speaking of the Yr 6s.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Bus from Lismore to Dunoon.</p>
<p>Tidy, close to home.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Tuck shop, solar panels.</p>
<p>Welcoming, warm, quirky, artistic, individual fun, close.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Nope.</p>
<p>Friendly & welcoming.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Wonderful welcoming community.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>More gardening & cooking.</p>
<p>So very happy. Such in inclusivity & caring environment & students.</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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>5</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 kindy to Yr 6.</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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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>		

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

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