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Term 1 - Week 2

Friendship & Learning

31 January 2023

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

Dear families,

Welcome back to another exciting year of learning. All staff at DPS are looking forward to working with you to support your child's learning.

We would like to welcome new staff who are joining our team. Lisa Clarke has been permanently appointed to the school and will be teaching K/1 and Tanya Donders will be teaching Stage 2 Mondays and Tuesdays. We also welcome our new Student Support Officer, Melissa. Melissa will be working with our students both in the playground and during small group activities focusing on student wellbeing. This is an excellent addition to our school resources.

Notes home: Today there will be a lot of notes and information sent home with children. Please make sure you read each note carefully to ensure you are aware of what is happening across the school and excursion permission notes and money are returned on time. This will ensure a smooth transition to the school year.

Service NSW vouchers: NSW Return to school vouchers can be used at the front office to pay for school uniforms and book packs. Parents will need to come into the school office and present their vouchers either in printed form or through the Service NSW App. Students will not be able to bring vouchers in to redeem themselves.

Book packs: All students will be required to purchase a book pack from the school at a cost of \$50. This book pack will provide students with all their stationary needs, exercise books and online subscriptions for the year. There will be no additional cost throughout the year.

Voluntary Contribution: This contribution is a payment made to the school by each family to support the purchasing of ongoing resources and equipment needed to ensure classrooms are adequately resourced with learning equipment such as hands-on math's equipment, readers, art supplies etc. This contribution is \$30 per student or \$50 per family and is a once-off yearly payment.

Swimming Carnival: This year's swimming carnival will be very different to other years due to the floods and lack of pools available to host school carnivals. We have been offered a half-day session at Alstonville pool from 9.30-12, meaning that we will be unable to make the day as inclusive as it has been in the past. The Dunoon District PSSA will hold a carnival for competitive swimmers only ie: Those who made the DDPSSA team in 2022, those who attend squad and those who can swim 50m competitively. Due to time constraints, there will be no 25m swimming events or other activities for non-swimmers. All students not attending the carnival will remain at school with staff who are not attending. We regret that this is the situation we face, but we feel confident that we will be back to normal in 2024. A note for competitive swimmers will be sent home this week.

Health Care plans: If your child has a health care plan from your doctor, please ensure it is up-to-date and that the school has a copy. This can be sent via email or as a hard copy. We thank you for your cooperation.

Newsletter update: This year, we will be sending out our newsletter fortnightly on even weeks. Please look out for this in the email account you have supplied to the school.

School Facebook: Please like our Facebook page and stay up to date with important information. <https://www.facebook.com/DunoonPS>

Stormbirds: If your child was selected to participate in Stormbirds and received a note at the end of last year, please ensure that it is returned by Friday. Melissa (SSO) is looking forward to starting her wellbeing programs. If you need a new note, please call or email the office.

End of school day: In line with the Departments allocated school day hours, we will be ensuring students are out the front gate of an afternoon to meet parents and bus by **3.10pm**.

Have a great fortnight everyone!

Amanda van den Berg
Principal



Upcoming Events

Friday 3 February

Kindergarten students
First day of school

Wednesday 7 February

P&C Meeting - 5.30pm DPS

Wednesday 8 February

K-2 Rocky Creek Dam Excursion

Wednesday 15 February

Dunoon District Swimming
carnival- qualifying students only

Tuesday 21 February

School Photos
Online ordering in 2023 more
information to come

Wednesday 22 February

Meal Deal \$5

School Uniforms

School shirts & hats are available for
purchase from the office.

Shirts: \$25 Hats: \$20

Bucket Hats: \$5

Hardship funds can be used to purchase
uniforms in 2023.



Dunoon Shop Lunches

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



K-2 Rocky creek Dam excursion – Hosted by DEEC and RASE

As part of this term's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program, students in K-2 will be learning about living things and the importance of habitats. Stage 1 students will make observations, collect data, present findings, and classify using external features. They will follow the STEM Design Thinking Process to design and make a habitat that caters for the needs of a living thing. Students will 3D print a mini prototype of their design. Kindergarten will focus on living things having basic needs and their external features.

Date: Wednesday 8 February

Venue: Rocky creek Dam

Cost: \$5

Transport: Bus



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Term 4 Week 10

Gold Awards

Oscar x2, Willow M, Kiri, Myles, Eli, Tex,
Lenny, Flynn, Lilliana, Isabella

Principals Banner

Zac & Oriel

Absences

All NSW public schools use a digital roll marking system. Rolls are marked before 9.30am each day.

If your child is absent from school, we require a written or verbal explanation for legal reasons. Thank you.

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 Banner**. 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)



Holiday Birthday Wishes
to
Jasper & Tabitha



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P&C News



Our 1st meeting for 2023 is on next week, on **Tuesday 7 February at 5.30pm at the school.**

Coming to the meetings is the best way to keep up to date with what is happening in the school and your chance to influence any actions the P&C may take. We welcome all members of the school community and there is no pressure to take on any jobs you are not interested in.

The P&C's **AGM is in week 4, on Thursday 2 March** at 5.30pm at the Dunoon Sports Club. The AGM is where we form the committee for the year ahead.

If you have any questions about the meetings or joining the P&C please feel free to email us via dunoonpandc2480@gmail.com

Far North Coast Softball Association Inc

Saturday Junior Competition Update

Dear Parent

FNCS is offering a competition for our junior players to hone in their softball skills, whilst playing against their peers on Saturday prior to the senior games. **Starting this Saturday, 4 February**, from 12.00noon and finishing at 1.00pm, this competition will be targeting those players aged between 10 to 14years. There will be no extra charges to current registered players, while new players will pay a one off fee. FNCS will manage the teams, ensuring all teams will be of a consistent standard and will supply the coaching staff. This is an excellent opportunity for your child/children to play against teams of a similar age. **This competition will only go ahead, if we can recruit the numbers needed.** *Please indicate if your child/children would like to be involved in this competition by filling out the form below.*



<https://form.jotform.com/230221730548044>

Nominations close Thursday, 2nd February.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards

Di McGowen - FNCS Secretary




Scan me for more info

Lesson times during the week Mon-Fri

7:30am - 8:30am
3:45pm - 4:45pm
5:00pm - 6:00pm

Advanced Extension lesson
6:10pm - 7:10pm (Mon, Wed, Fri only)



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