

# Newsletter

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Term 4 - Week2

Friendship & Learning

17 October 2023

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

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you had a wonderful holiday.

**Grandparent/Friends Day:** Thank you to all who joined us at the end of term 3 for our Grandparents/friends day. It was wonderful to see so many faces around the school. A big shout-out to Mrs Currie for her organisation and to her helpers– Annett, Bec and Jess. It was also an exciting day for our friends at Dunoon Preschool, who also joined us. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2024.

**Permission notes for Excursions:** Please keep an eye on SchoolBytes. There are currently 2 permission notes that need to be actioned by parents.

**Staffing:** We welcome Mr Yager and Mr Bullen to our team for term 4.

**Year 7 2025**– applications open for selective high school. For more information, go to the website. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

**Public Speaking:** Congratulations to our 4 finalists. Special mention to Ashley who won the Stage 2 competition and Franklin who was Stage 2 runner-up. Thank you to Mr Henderson for organising and to Mrs Laverick and Mrs Henderson for being our official judges on the day.

Have a great fortnight!

Amanda van den Berg

Principal

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCT 17**

YEARS 4– 6 TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY DAY

**OCT 18**

YEARS 3– 6 CHECK-IN ASSESSMENT

**OCT 30**

KINDER ORIENTATION AND STEP-UP DAY

**OCT 30**

YR 5 STEM DAY @ RRHS

## ATTENDANCE– Late arrival or early departure

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

If you arrive late with your children or need to pick them up early for appointments, **please sign them in and out at the office.**

If your child is absent from school, we require a written or verbal explanation for legal reasons. Attendance notes will be sent home fortnightly for any unexplained absences.

Thank you.







## Dunoon District public Speaking.

Congratulations to Willow M, Lotte, Franklin S and Ashley for representing our school at the Dunoon District Public Speaking finals

Thank you to Mr Henderson for organising the morning and to our wonderful judges Mrs Henderson and Mrs Laverick.

We wish Ashley all the best as he competes against Lismore schools at Kadina High in the coming weeks.

### Public Speaking



# TERM 3 WK 8 & 10 AND TERM 4 WK 1 *Awards*

Merit awards and Student of the week

Term 3 Week 8:

- K/1 Dakota, Freda, Louis, & Jamie
- 1/2 Ethan, Max, Indra & Jasper
- 3/4 Logan, Ryan, Lucy & Willow M
- 5/6 Flynn, Eli, Olive & Sonny

Term 3 Week 10

- K/1 Edie, Arwen, Max & Felix
- 1/2 Luca, Charlotte & Freya
- 3/4 Willow C, Layla, Mekhai & Evie B
- 5/6 Arlo, Olive, Abby & Eli

Term 4 week 1

- K/1 Jamie, Freda, Audrey & Ali
- 1/2 Lillian, Lilliana, Frankie W & Tabitha
- 3/4 Heron, Ryan, Douglas & Noah
- 4/5 Autumn, Jesse, Maeve & Amala

Gold Awards: Leo H, Layla H & Jasper J  
Principal Banner: Leo H

Happy  
*Birthday*

Cooper, Killian, Bodhi,  
Abby & Willow M



**Enrolling  
Now**

**For all 2024 classes**

We are a dynamic, small school within a supportive community. Our staff are dedicated to ensuring our students are provided with a wide range of learning experiences. Please call the school for a tour.

- ✔ Strong student wellbeing support
- ✔ Excellent Literacy and Numeracy Programs
- ✔ STEM, Creative Arts and Kitchen Garden programs
- ✔ Sporting Opportunities

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<https://dunoon-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



or call 66895208



**Dunoon Public  
School**





## ACTION REQUIRED!

Dear Parents, The Stage 3 Adolescence permission note is up on School Bytes, along with Year 5 STEM Day excursion permission note.

Log into your School Bytes account and from the dashboard click on the Activities Tab on the top ribbon or within the Quick Links section.

To assist you with using the School Bytes parent portal on your phone, we have partnered with My Family Hand, an app that allows you to keep your calendar updated and provides direct links to permission notes and notifications on School Bytes. You can even record your child's absences from the app.

With the calendar organiser, you will find managing school communications much easier and simpler. Your calendar is personalised for you by your child's class and year. Every calendar entry contains all the details you need, along with links to all the original communication.

Register through: <https://register.myfamilyhand.com.au/dunoon>

OR scan the QR code below:


If you have any queries or issues registering, please email [dunoon@myfamilyhand.com.au](mailto:dunoon@myfamilyhand.com.au)

### ATTENDANCE:

You can also update your child's attendance by clicking on the attendance button in the top ribbon and enter the absence details required.

### PARENT GUIDES:

Click on

User guides 

below your name from the dashboard to access the Parent Guides

library.







# K-2 Reading Support.



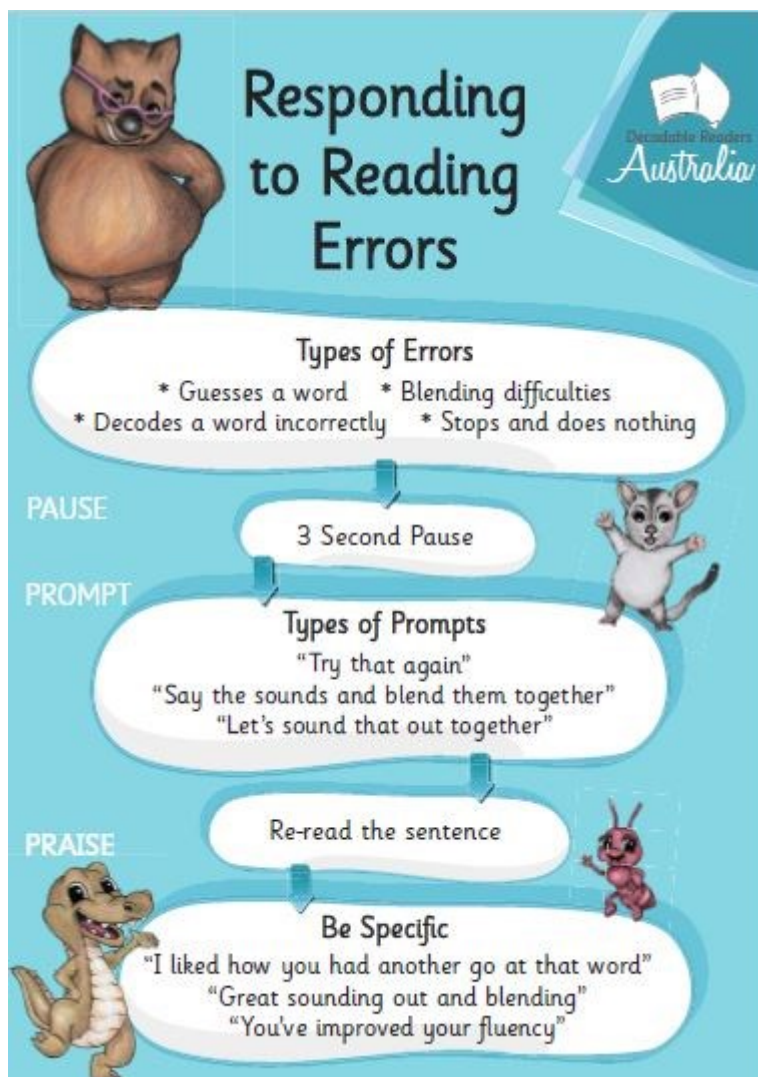
In line with the new English Curriculum, we have purchased an online Reading package to support students with reading at home and within the classroom. Students will have access to decodable reading texts that are specifically levelled and targeted for each individual student. Below are some tips for helping your child when reading at home.

## What to do if I get stuck...



-  Look closely at the word
-  Put your finger under the word
-  Slide your finger
-  Blend the sounds out loud
-  Ask yourself 'Did that make sense?'
-  Re-read the sentence

Our new online program will be accessed by students online and is similar to reading eggs with each student having their own username and password. Decodable Readers Australia have designed the program to be engaging without the 'games based' approach that Reading Eggs takes. We encourage parents to have their children read aloud at least 3 nights a week.



Student log in details will be sent home this week.

Decodable Readers Australia offers a number of online supports for parents and provides a clear structure to the reading learning process.

You may wish to log in and check out some of this information for yourselves.

<https://www.decodablereadersaustralia.com.au/>

Please remember that the classroom teacher will assign students with reading levels and while the books they are reading at home may seem easy, this is for consolidation purposes and to assist with building reading fluency, a very important aspect of reading.

## Community News



### Mobile Library Timetable

Dunoon School

Tuesday 11.15am-12.15pm

Next visit :

Oct 10, 24

Nov 7, 21

Dec 5, 19



## Community News



# Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



**Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.**

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✓ Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

**\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible**

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:



Leonie Sykes - Community Liaison NSW - Saver Plus



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Learn today, change tomorrow.

Find out more  
at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



## Community News

**Kyogle Community Centre Program starts Wed 11 Oct  
4pm-6pm each week in Term 4**



**A FREE 10-week healthy lifestyle program for  
7-13 year olds and their families.**

**Sign up now to Go4Fun**  
**1800 780 900 or [go4fun.com.au](http://go4fun.com.au)**



## Community News



### FREE Questacon Pop-Up Science Centre coming to North Coast

Join the *Questacon Science Circus* for a FREE pop-up science centre experience like no other!

Come along to spin yourself dizzy, test your reflexes, explore your fingertips under the microscope, and watch some of our spectacular science shows.

With over 30 hands-on exhibits, the *Science Circus* pop-up is a fantastic STEM day out for the whole family. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to ignite your curiosity!

- This is a FREE event, but bookings are essential.
- Most people spend 1 – 2 hours at our pop-up.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Hurry, book your FREE ticket now!

► <https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/Show.aspx?sh=QUESTPSC23>

#### Lismore

Saturday 4 November, 10 am – 4 pm  
Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre  
50 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah NSW 2480

#### Casino

Tuesday 7 November, 4 – 7 pm  
Casino Indoor Sports Stadium  
Jersey St, Casino NSW 2470

#### Grafton

Saturday 11 November, 10 am – 4 pm  
PCYC Grafton  
300 Powell St, Grafton NSW 2460

#### Woolgoolga

Saturday 28 October, 10 am – 4 pm  
Wiigulga Sports Complex  
Solitary Islands Way, Woolgoolga NSW 2456



MODANVILLE  
P&C

# Spooky Disco

**TICKETS \$10 – includes a  
sausage & popper**

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER	MONDANVILLE SCHOOL	5:00PM TO 8:00PM
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Other food/drink available to purchase on the night.  
Msg 0428242689 or contact the school for tickets