

Newsletter

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Term 1 - Week 8

Friendship & Learning

19 March 2024

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

Dear Families,

Last week we travelled to Ballina each day for swimming lessons. While it was an exhausting week, it was also very rewarding with all students demonstrating improvement in the pool. We would like to thank the instructors who helped us.

Cricket: This week we have some of our stage 3 boys representing the Dunoon District on Friday. These boys will be playing a game against Goonellabah PS. Best of luck boys!

Harmony Day: This Thursday is Harmony Day. Each class will be doing special activities in support of this day. The P&C are having a cupcake bake sale at recess. Cupcakes are \$2 each. Please bring along some change to support them.

Principal Leave: I will be taking long service leave until the 6th May. Terry Currie will be Relieving for me during this time. Please contact Terry if you have any concerns.

East Long-weekend: If you are travelling for the Easter long weekend, please travel safe. If your child will be taking extra time off over this period, please inform the school ASAP. Travel application forms can be emailed home upon request.

Parent teacher interviews: Parent teacher interviews will be taking place in weeks 9,10 & 11. Individual class teachers will be in contact with timetables. Please return booking notes promptly.

Dunoon District PSSA: DISTRICT NAME CHANGE

The Dunoon District will now be renamed as the '**Bandjalaam District**' representing the butterfly in our area. This name has been verified and accepted by the Lismore and Regional AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) and supported by Aboriginal Elders within the community. Our first official event using our new title will be 'The Bandjalaam District Cross Country Carnival' to be held at Corndale PS on Friday 17 May.

Have a wonderful fortnight everyone!

Amanda van den Berg

Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

**MAR
18/19**

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

**MAR
22**

DDPSSA CRICKET-
SELECTED BOYS

**MAR
21**

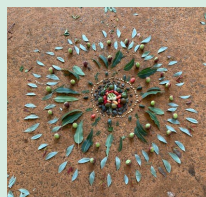
HARMONY DAY- CUP
CAKE STALL

**MAR
28**

MEAL DEAL \$5



Our 4-6 class made some beautiful mandalas with Mrs Ward. They designed their creations using elements of nature, and they looked fantastic!



Family Occupation & Education Index

Did you know?

Our school's socio-economic funding is based on information parents provide during the enrolment process. It is known as FOEI.



FOEI

FOEI is the best Socio-Economic Status measure for the Department to use as the basis for the allocation of resources (funding) to our school.



Identifying disadvantage

To adequately address the equity problem for students across NSW, FOEI is based on parents' highest level of school education, non-school qualification and occupational status.



DPS FOEI

We recognise that circumstances change and that at the time of enrolment, some parents may have been working full-time and are now part-time, have changed jobs, are unemployed or have taken on the role of a stay-at-home parent.



We also recognise that some people may feel uncomfortable disclosing information about their level of education or occupation. We respect your concerns and will treat your information in a confidential way.



How can I update my details?

Contact the office via email with your updated information- level of education, current occupation and Educational Qualifications.



Not Mandatory

While it is not mandatory to provide this information on enrolment, it does go towards the school's funding and as a result, impacts your child's access to resources within the school. We would appreciate you taking some time to update your details.



Family Occupation & Education Index

School Education

Options:

Year 9 or equivalent or below
Year 10 or equivalent
Year 11 or equivalent
Year 12 or equivalent

Educational Qualification

Options:

Certificate I to IV
Diploma/Advanced Diploma
Bachelor degree or above
No non-school qualification

Occupation Group

Options:

Not in paid work in the last 12 months.

Machine operators, hospitality staff, assistants, laborers, and related workers.

Tradespeople, clerks, and skilled office, sales, and service staff.

Other business managers, arts/media/sportspersons, and associated professionals.

Senior management and qualified professionals.



Supporting student attendance

If your child is:

- Sick
- Has a medical appointment
- Has to travel for family business
- Involved in Sorry Business



Let us know

So we can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing

Every Day Matters



**OUR OFFICE
OPENS AT**

8.30AM

**OUR PHONES ARE OFF
UNTIL THIS TIME.**

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE
BETWEEN 8.30AM AND
3.15PM

HOURS

OFFICE

Attendance

The Department of Education considers acceptable reasons for students to take leave as:

Medical reason:	Family reason:	Other reason:
Flu Stomach-ache Diarrhoea Cold Headache/Migraine Strong pain Fever Broken bone Vomiting Infectious illness, e.g. chickenpox <u>Nose bleed</u> Asthma Rash Injury Medical appointment Dental appointment Optometry appointment Physiotherapy appointment Specialist appointment Other - I will telephone the school to explain	Funeral Moving residence Arrival or departure of an immediate relative from overseas Unavoidable involvement in a severe family incident Other - I will telephone the school to explain	Misadventure and unforeseen events, e.g. fire, flood Participation in a special event, e.g. attendance at a religious ceremony Family holiday Transport difficulty Unavoidable delay Other - I will telephone the school to explain

Often the reason for leave taken is:

- Slept in
- Needed a day off/ home day
- Child did not want to go to school.

These reasons are considered as 'unjustified leave' on your child's records.

If you are taking your family on an extended holiday (more than 4 days), you will need to fill in an application for leave. Forms are available at the office.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please inform the office of changes with contact phone details; change of address; Emergency contact details and changed student health conditions that staff need to be aware of.

Thank you





Swimming



BUDDY INTERVIEW

Name: Lennie and Sonny

Age: 6

Favorite song: ATSD (Roblox)

Favorite book: The cool tractor book

Favorite food and drink: Lolly Snakes

Party trick: Magic tricks



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 Medal**. 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)



Kitchen Garden

- ♦ Thank you to the Hathaway family, who came in over the weekend to redo the large metal garden bed. It has been cut into 2 beds which are now a much better height for the students, and it gives us twice the space for growing produce!
- ♦ Our produce stall has had a make-over, thanks to Annie and our stall helpers. Don't forget to look in the box for the latest offerings.



DUNOON PUBLIC SCHOOL

HEALTH CARE PLANS



PARENTS NEED TO:

- Communicate up-to-date medical information with the school.
- Present at the office with any medication you require our staff to administer to your child throughout the day.
- Sign the correct paperwork- no paperwork, no administering of medication.
- If your child NO LONGER requires a Health Care plan, please provide us with the appropriate documentation from your GP.
- Work with the school to ensure your child's medical needs are met.

CALL THE OFFICE 66895208

P&C School Uniform - The larger sizes in the Hemp shirts will hopefully arrive late next week.

Mobile Library Timetable

Dunoon School

Tuesday 11.15am-12.15pm

Next visit :

MAR 26

APR 9,23

MAY 7,21

JUN 4,18



P&C School Uniforms

School shirts & hats are available to purchase from the school office.

Pay online via School Bytes or by cash/cheque to the office.

Shirts: \$30 Broad Brim Hats: \$20

Bucket Hats: \$5

Dear Parents,

Our new finance system School Bytes introduced in May last year was originally not able to provide a parent app within their platform, however recently they have used a new app development framework that has allowed their team to develop a high quality, reliable mobile app which we are now using instead of My Family Hand-**please delete the My Family Hand app and download School Bytes parent app if you haven't already done so.**

The parent app has the same functionality as the School Bytes web-based parent portal.

Thank you.



The graphic features a dark blue background with a central smartphone displaying the app's interface. The app screen shows a 'Welcome John' message, buttons for 'FEES', 'Payment history', 'Activities', 'Forms', 'Excursions', and 'Attendance', and a 'Notifications' section with two items. Surrounding the phone are circular icons representing various app features: a calendar, a credit card, a document with a checkmark, a bell for notifications, a group of people, and a location pin. A dark blue horizontal bar is positioned above the phone.

 School Bytes

Parent App

Available now!

Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news

 Download on the App Store

 GET IT ON Google Play

WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL?

SIGN UP WITH DUNOON UNITED FC FOR THE WINTER SEASON

DUNOON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB



- + Registrations open February 1st
- + Spots available for all age groups and abilities



Dunoon United Football Club



@dunoonunitedfc



<https://dunoonunitedfc.org/>





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:



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The Smith Family

Learn today, change tomorrow.

Find out more
at 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.