



# DUNDULA STATE SCHOOL Est 1922

## 10 March 2017 – Issue 03

*Dundula State School acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the state.*

### 2017 FOCUS

Spelling

Attendance

Reading

Numeracy

### IMPORTANT DATES

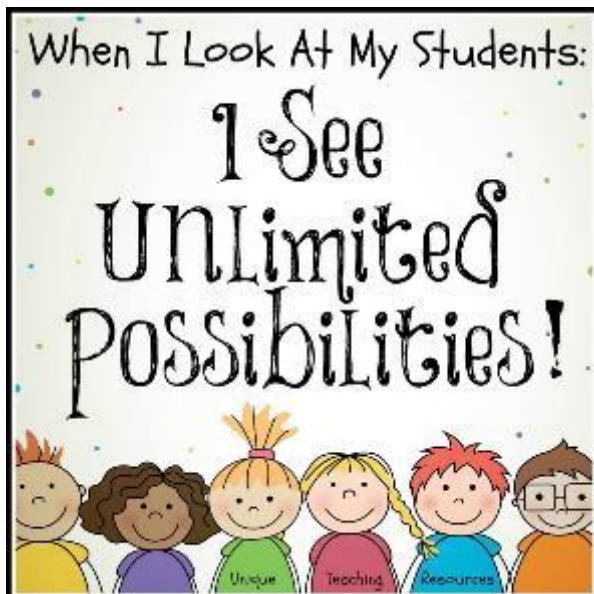
21 Mar Harmony Day

21 Mar World Down Syndrome Day

21 Mar Zany Sock Day

26 April P&C meeting

16 October Pupil-free day



On **21 March**, students are encouraged to wear their brightest and loudest pair of socks to school.

We will be celebrating Harmony Day and World Down Syndrome Day.

Lots of food, zany socks and a surprise fun activity.

All members of the community are welcome to attend and participate in our day of celebrations.

Homebake – 14 March – Neilsen; Hinschen; Hoani-Vincent; Ryan  
Homebake – 21 March – Satinie; Sabatino; Saron; Saron-Nicol

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hi

Happy **International Women's Day** yesterday! This day represents women from around the world sharing the experiences we face, as women, every day. It is a day where we acknowledge the prevalence of women who have continued on, when faced with adversity. For me personally, it is a day where I admire and be thankful for the influence and presence of women in my life – my beautiful mum, my grandma, my past teachers and coaches, friends and family. Thank you to my staff for who you are, the challenges you face, the strengths you bring and the compassion you share at Dundula.

Last week, I attended the **Principal's Conference** where the Director-general reinforced the critical importance of having a strong team behind every leader and that the wellbeing of principals is of utmost importance.

Our new **phone system** has been installed and is now fully operational. It is already making a difference to our administration.

I will attend **NAPLAN Online** Principal training this term. The regional tech will visit the school to check our capability for doing NAPLAN online and we are looking at being part of the trial in 2018 in preparation for full implementation in 2019.

We were fortunate to receive a truck load of free **garden mulch** last week. The students in the year 4 gardening club have been working hard to get the mulch into the front and side gardens. There is still much to do

with the mulch. I would really appreciate it if any members of the school community have some time over the next few days to help with this enormous task.

Constable Craig, our **Adopt-A-Cop** has taken a promotion to Officer-in-Charge of his own station. A new Adopt-A-Cop will be stationed at our school and I will communicate this information to you when it is confirmed over the coming weeks.

I wish to personally thank the outgoing **P&C** president Joy Hodges, Vice-president Tammie Lewis, Treasurer Ronell Satinie, Secretary Fiona Windsor and Minutes Secretary Judy McGann for their ongoing support of and commitment to the P&C.

For the incoming executives, I wish you well in your endeavours to guide us through this year, helping to shape the future for our students as you continue on the journey of fundraising to support the purchasing of much needed resources and the ongoing physical work you will do, in your capacity of P&C executives throughout the coming year.

I would particularly like to thank the outgoing executives for your ongoing support of me in my role as a teaching principal. I thank you for the wonderful resources you have provided for our classrooms, the library and the school surrounds and I thank you for your commitment to the job, at hand.

*Cheers*

*Trudy*

## PARADE AWARDS

The following students received awards at parade.

### February 24

Student of the week	No parade
Good ones winner	No parade

### March 03

Student of the week	No parade
Good ones winner	No parade

## GATE RAFFLE

Week 4	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$25 – Shields family 2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$15 – Chook 3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$10 – Barbara P
Week 5	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$25 – Helen Tanti 2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$15 – Kelsie Cash 3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$10 – Ronell Satinie

## STARTING TIME

Lessons start at **9am** sharp with a reminder bell ringing at 8.50am. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, we start at 8:30am with Reading Club.

Class rolls will be marked promptly at 9am in line with Departmental Policy. Students arriving after 9am will be marked late. If a student is running late, it is a requirement that you sign them into school at the office. If the office is unattended, please make your way to the classroom and inform the teacher of the reasons for the lateness. The class roll is also taken after 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch break.

## SIGN-IN/OUT OF SCHOOL

If a student is taken out of school or arrives late due to an appointment or commitment, please sign the student in/out at the office. The signing book is on the main office counter.

## OFFICE HOURS

Please remember that Mrs Hodges, our Administrative Assistant, works in the office Monday to Thursday until 11am. If you have any inquiries/forms/payments to discuss, it would be appreciated if you can complete these tasks on these days. As the office is only attended during these times, there is not always someone here to answer the phone, so parents/carers are encouraged to contact the school during break times to ensure that any urgent messages are passed on to students. Alternatively, you can text the school mobile on 0408820025.

## PREP/1 SIZZLING STORY STARTS



This week in 7 Steps Writing, the Prep/1's came up with some creative sizzling story starts for this monkey picture.

**Isabell** - The monkey needed to go home because he was naughty. The monkey threw banana peels on his friends heads.

**Stanley** - The monkey had a banana peel fall on his head. He laughed so hard his fur started to go fuzzy.

**Harlan** - The magic banana peel fell on the monkey's head

and he turned into a superhero.

**Meralda** - Flurly the monkey is at school. The kids were looking for the monkey. Flurly was hiding. Flurly saw a banana on the light so he jumped up to eat it. Flurly fell down and the peel landed on his head.

**Jax** - The monkey slipped on the banana peel and it hurt. He told his mum and they went to the shops to buy bandaids and it was freezing.

**Kaiden** - The banana fell on the monkey and it gave him hippy power and it made him smile.

**Owen** - The monkey was relaxing but a banana fell out of the tree onto his head.

## COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY!

It is vital that the school is kept informed of any changes in contact details for parents/carers; such as a change in address, home phone, work phone or mobile and any alterations to your nominated emergency contacts. This is a vital part of our Emergency Management Plan at Dundula.

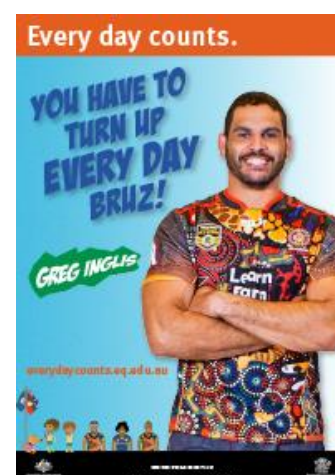


## NO HAT, NO PLAY

At Dundula, we have a **no hat, no play** rule. It is vital for sun safety. Please ensure that students have their hat with them each day at school. If for some reason it is taken home, please ensure that it is returned with them the next school day. Hats **must** be worn for any outdoor activities including PE and class sessions as well as at breaks.

## ATTENDANCE

A reminder that a sharp and narrow focus on attendance is still in force this year. Our school goal is to have **all** students attending **>95%** of the time. Lateness also matters. Education Queensland has very strict guidelines about lateness. The first bell rings at **8:50am**. On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, Reading Club begins at **8:30am**. Reading Club is an excellent opportunity to improve student's literacy skills and we don't want them to miss out if they are late! Please ensure students are at school and ready for learning at the appropriate time each day. With your help we can reach our goal of having all students attend **>95%** of the time.



## SCHOOL ABSENCES

It is the responsibility of the parent/carer of a student to advise the school when a student will be absent and for what reason. At Dundula State School you may advise of an absence by:

- ✚ phoning the office on 4952 8333
- ✚ talking with the student's teacher in person
- ✚ sending an SMS to the school mobile on 0408 820 025

We encourage you to notify the school **prior** to the start of the school day if the student will be absent from school. Also if a student leaves early due to illness and then is away for further days after this, you must still advise the school of subsequent absences. The school does not and cannot assume the student is still ill.

From the beginning of 2017, it is mandated that state schools contact parents/carers in the morning if a student has not arrived at school and we have not been notified of an absence. We are working towards getting those processes in place now.



## READING CLUB, NUMERACY GAMES AND SMART MOVES

All parents, carers and members of the community are welcome to join in with Reading Club, Numeracy Games and Smart Moves held every *Monday*, *Wednesday* and *Thursday* morning. Thank you to those adults who already do this on a regular basis. The staff and students are very grateful to you for giving up your time to do this. The more adults we have supporting our children, the more beneficial it is for everyone. ☺



Annual Membership	Fee
Adult	\$60
Junior   under 18 yrs	\$45
Ball Fees   Thursday Morning Fixtures	\$7

## TRIPLE P SEMINARS: GET A TASTE OF WHAT POSITIVE PARENTING IS ALL ABOUT

"Why does my child do that?" Triple P seminars can help you understand your child's habits and encourage behaviour you like.

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## GET THE CONVERSATION STARTED

Life can be busy, and pressure on families is growing. Yet many of us are uncomfortable with asking for help when we need it.

The [Talking Families Facebook page](http://www.facebook.com/talkingfamiliesqld) ([www.facebook.com/talkingfamiliesqld](http://www.facebook.com/talkingfamiliesqld)) provides information and resources that can help. You can also find support services at the [oneplace website](http://www.oneplace.org.au) ([www.oneplace.org.au](http://www.oneplace.org.au)).

## STEP UP 2 PREP

### Fridays from 9am to 11am

Every Friday, Dundula State School facilitates a children's play and learning environment to assist in a smooth transition to school.

Our interactive program:

- prepares children for school
- nurtures their curiosity
- develops motor skills
- familiarises children with our campus
- boosts pre-math and literacy skills
- promotes social and emotional development

Come and have some fun in the Arts Room!!

## SCHOOL ROUTINE

TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	HPE Tuckshop Breakfast Club Chappie Nick	Homebake			Music Hot dogs Icy cups Breakfast Club Chappie Nick
8.30am	Reading Club	Staff meeting	Reading Club	Reading Club	
8.50am	Numeracy		Numeracy Smart Moves	Numeracy Smart Moves	
10.30am				P-1 Library	
11.45am					4-5-6 Library
1.45pm	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	
2.00pm					2-3 Library
2.30pm					Parade

## P&C NEWS

### Next meeting

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 26 April 2017** at 7.00pm. Please come along and support the best little country school in town.

### 2017 committee

Congratulations to the new Executive and General Committee Members. The 2017 committee are:

President	Leanne Hall
Vice-president	Grant Anderson
Treasurer	Ronell Satinie
Vice-treasurer	Cathy Overlack
Secretary	Joy Hodges
Tuckshop	Coral Deakin
Working Bee Coordinator	Phil Hall
P&C Qld Rep	Tracey Auld

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM for such a great start to 2017 and welcome to all our new and returning members.

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

The Tuckshop is open on **Mondays** and the menu is set out below. Please continue to support the Tuckshop by ordering lunch on a Monday or volunteering to help out.

<b><i>Dundula School Tuckshop Menu</i></b>			<b><u>Rolls</u></b>
<b><u>Sandwiches</u></b>			<i>Chicken &amp; Salad</i> \$4.00
<i>Honey, Vegemite,</i>	\$2.00		<i>Ham &amp; Salad</i> \$4.00
<i>Straw Jam,</i>	\$2.00		<i>Salad = Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese &amp; Carrot</i>
<i>Cheese</i>	\$2.60		<b><u>Hot Food</u></b>
<i>Egg &amp; Lettuce</i>	\$2.50		<i>Chicken Crackles</i> \$3.00
<i>Ham or Chicken</i>	\$3.00		<i>Chicken Nuggets</i> \$3.00
<b><u>Milk</u></b>			<i>Party Pies</i> \$1.00
<i>Chocolate or Strawberry</i>	\$2.20		<i>Sausage Rolls</i> \$2.00
<b><u>Ice Creams</u></b>			<i>Lasagne</i> \$4.00
<i>Frozen Yoghurt</i>	\$2.20	<i>Boiled Egg</i>	<i>Honey Soy Chicken</i> \$4.00
<i>Paddle Pop</i>	\$2.20	\$1.00	<i>Spaghetti &amp; Meat Balls</i> \$4.00

## Friday is Hot Dog Day!

Buttered bread roll	\$1.50
Flavoured milk	\$2.20
Frankfurt (no roll)	\$1.70
Hot dog with sauce	\$2.60
Hot dog with sauce and cheese	\$2.80
Zing tube	\$1.60

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is on **Monday** and **Friday** mornings from 8am.

## Icy Cup Friday

Every **Friday** after school, 60c will buy a refreshing icy cup for the arduous trek home.

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