



# DUNDULA STATE SCHOOL Est 1922

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*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

30 March	Cross Country
31 March	A+ Day
18 April	First Day Term 2
25 April	Anzac Day
26 April	P&C meeting
13 - 14 July	Whitsunday Voices
10 Aug	Visiting Author – Aleesah Darlinson
12-20 August	Science Week <i>Future Earth</i>
16 October	Pupil-free day

Homebake – 28 March – Kelly/Taylor; Shields; Tanti; Whitehead

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hi

Wow! What an exciting couple of weeks we have planned at Dundula SS.

Yesterday was **Harmony Day** and **World Down Syndrome Awareness Day**. I loved seeing the students and staff dressed in orange and wearing their funky socks. The children made kites to fly to match the theme of Harmony Day which is "*We all share the same sky*" We tasted food from a number of different countries, showed off our funky socks and watched a video about Down Syndrome Awareness Day. Make sure you check out the photos in this newsletter.

Next Thursday 30 March is the **Sandy Creek Cluster Cross Country** event to be held at Oakenden SS. Children need private transport to and from this event. They need to arrive at Oakenden SS no later than 8:30am on the day. All students are expected to attend. There will be no staff at school as all staff will be at Oakenden SS helping out with the Cross Country event. Parents are asked to start working out transport arrangements for this day and if you are unable to transport your child please see Mrs Hodges in the office and she will help to arrange transport for your child/children. Similarly, if you can help transport additional children, please see Mrs Hodges and let her know. The event should conclude around 12pm. A separate note has gone out about this event.

**A+ Day** is coming up on the last day of term (31<sup>st</sup> March) We will also be having our annual **Easter Bonnet Parade** on the last day of term as well as presenting the attendance awards for those students who have attended school this term for 95% of the time or above. Separate notes will be sent out about these special events. On that note, please don't forget to support our school P&C Easter Raffle and please start making those amazing Easter Bonnets in readiness for the parade.

Our classrooms are buzzing with writing knowledge! We remain committed to improving writing across the school. Throughout the term our students have been writing stories packed with 'Sizzling Starts', 'Dynamic Dialogue' and the 'Tension is Tight'. If you get the chance when you are in

the school, look through your child's books and see the exciting stories that they have been producing. Mrs Hall runs a **Master Writing Class**, with the help of teachers and teacher aides each Tuesday for Year 2 to Year 6. Ms Pratt recently attended a workshop on *The Seven Steps to Writing Success* which is the writing program our school has adopted.

Ms Pratt and Ms Giulia recently attended a workshop on **digital technologies**. They have shared their new knowledge with the staff and this will help us greatly with the introduction of the new Australian Curriculum Digital Technologies curriculum.

We have a new adopted cop now that Constable Craig has moved on to be Officer-In-Charge at Eton Police Station. Our new adopted cop is **Constable Gerard Knox**. Some of the children were lucky enough to meet Constable Gerard last week when he popped in to say hello. Please make him welcome if you see him about the school.

The grant money for the purchase of our new chook pen has now been made available to us. We will look at purchasing the pen so that we can make a start on this project early in Term 2.

Our Special Needs Teacher, **Mr Dennis Bailey** is very unwell. We wish Dennis well in his recovery and hope to see him back at school real soon. Mr Bailey will be replaced by **Mrs Jan Ward** whilst he is on sick leave.

**Mrs Whitfield** finishes up with us on the last day of term. Maree will be taking maternity leave as she and her husband (Matt) and son (Kai) await the arrival of their new baby. I would like to take this opportunity to publically thank Maree for her dedication and commitment to the children and staff at Dundula SS. I'm sure the Prep/One students will miss her dearly as will all the staff. Mrs Whitfield's replacement will be announced soon. We look forward to the news of the arrival of the newest Whitfield family member.

*Cheers  
Trudy*

## PARADE AWARDS

The following students received awards at parade.

### March 10

Student of the week	Terrence; Isabella; Tajou; Addison; Harlan; Nandee; Ashley; Kacey H; Jake J; Jayde; Kobe
Good ones winner	Harlan; Ashley; Riley; Zarnae; Jax; Jake H; Jake J; Tajou; Nandee



### March 17

Student of the week	James; Callum; Jax; Zayne D; Sophie; Kobe; Tia
Good ones winner	Tiffeny; Lily
Reading awards	Sophie – 25; Jake J – 25; Aimee – 25; Logan – 25; Ashton R – 25; Ashton R – 50; Tahlear – 25; Fallon – 25; Montana – 25; Ewan – 25; Kobe – 25; Jasmyne – 25; Owen – 25; Reef – 25; Stanley – 25; Zane A – 25; Isabell – 25; Jax – 25; Ashton H – 25; James – 25; Lily – 25; Rahni – 25; Nataya – 25; Terrence – 25; Tajou – 25; Imogen – 25; Matilda – 25

## GATE RAFFLE

Week 8	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$25 – Joy Saron-Nicol 2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$15 – Boof and Nancy Plath 3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$10 – Coral Deakin
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## 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.

## 2018 PREP - ENROL NOW!



Enrolments are being taken for 2018. Children born between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013 are eligible to enrol. If you know of anyone in our area with a child of this age ask them to contact Dundula School for an information pack as soon as possible

## 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.

## CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Cross Country training starts at **8am** for all children wishing to participate in readiness for the Sandy Creek Cross Country Event next week. Mrs Lloyd will take the training on Monday (next week) and Mrs Large will take the training on Wednesday (this week and next week) and Thursday and Friday (this week only) If students are not able to participate in the before school training , they are expected to train *at home* for the upcoming event. Training will take place on the school oval. Students participating in the before school training event will need to wear an old shirt for training and have a school shirt in their bag to change into after training. Children are also asked to bring a small hand towel, to wear a hat and to bring an additional water bottle on the training days.

## 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.

## SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Kayce H-V (year 5) for reaching the Central Queensland level for Squash. We are looking forward to hearing how Kayce goes at the next level of competition. Watch this space!

## WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE SCHOOL TEACHER?

Star 101.9 is searching for Mackay and the Whitsunday's favourite primary school teacher, as voted by the community. The promotion celebrates the teachers making our region's schools great and offers over \$6,000 in Apple products, among other great prizes.

**Voting opened Friday 17 March and closes Thursday 30 March** at 5:00pm for those teachers who have already been nominated. Mackay and the Whitsundays' Favourite Teacher will be announced in the Star 101.9 Breakfast Show on Friday 31st March before 9am, with a surprise Star 101.9 Team visit to the winning school. All voting is done online via the Star 101.9 website. Voting is unlimited. So please vote lots over and over again so that our school can win these fabulous prizes.



The Star 101.9 website for voting is [www.star1019.com.au](http://www.star1019.com.au). Click "Win" then "Apple for Teacher" for competition webpage. Full Terms and Conditions available on the website. PLEASE GET VOTING!!!

## 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. 😊



## CYBERBULLYING

Give children the knowledge to stay cyber safe with the *Meet the Creeps* website and quiz! The website guides you and your children through online scams, social media pitfalls and cyberbullying. See [www.creepquiz.eq.edu.au](http://www.creepquiz.eq.edu.au).

## HARMONY DAY and DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

We had a wonderful morning. Making kites, flying them, singing Harmony songs, eating fantastic food originating from many different cultures and learning more about Down syndrome.



## 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

### Executive Members Meeting

An Executive Members Meeting is scheduled for **Friday 24 March 2017** at 3.15pm. Only P&C Executives are asked to attend this meeting.

### 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.



**MACKAY GYMNASTICS**

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN DAYS

**INSIDE FUN, OUT OF THE SUN**

**2 - 4 YEAR OLDS**  
for younger boys & girls  
9.30am - 10.15am  
**COST \$11.00**

**5 - 12 YEAR OLDS**  
primary school aged  
boys and girls  
9.30am - 11.00am  
**COST \$16.50**

**WHERE:** At our facilities  
5 Snow Wright Court,  
(Off Beaconsfield Road)

**WHEN:** Wed 5th April 2017  
Friday 7th April 2017  
Wed 12th April 2017

**COME AND HAVE FUN IN THE GYM**

**Bookings Required**  
Phone: 49420032  
or email: [admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au](mailto:admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au)

The poster features a central sun icon and four small photographs at the bottom showing children participating in gymnastics activities: a girl on a ball, a child on a pommel horse, a child on a beam, and a group on uneven bars.

# Easter Holidays Tennis Coaching Clinics

Pioneer Tennis Inc , Leisure Street (off Bridge Road) South Mackay

**Prizes - Give-A-Ways - Games**  
**Clinic 1 - April 3, 4, 5, 6.**  
**Clinic 2 - April 10, 11, 12, 13.**

	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS
8:30AM -10:30AM	Ground Drills & Skills	Ground Drills & Skills	Ground Drills & Skills	Ground Drills & Skills
10:30AM	Morning Tea Break	Morning Tea Break	Morning Tea Break	Morning Tea Break
11:00AM-12:30PM	Serves & Volley work	Learn By Games	Serves & Volley work	Learn By Games
12:30PM	Lunch & Movie	Lunch & Movie	Lunch & Movie	Lunch & Movie
1:30PM- 3:00PM	Mod Games / Skills	Serve & Return	Mod Games / Skills	Serve & Return
3:00PM	Afternoon Tea Break	Afternoon Tea Break	Afternoon Tea Break	Afternoon Tea Break
3:30PM - 4:30PM	Mini Comp	Mini Comp/ Presentation	Mini Comp	Mini Comp/ Presentation

These daily camps are designed for Hot Shot Beginners through to juniors 15 years of age. The juniors will be involved in a both games and skill based coaching stations. There will be emphasis on FUN, PLAY and LEARN through modified games.

You don't even need a racquet. We have plenty at the club.

Costs Per Participant ??

\$40 a day / \$25 a half day (half day classified 8:30am - 1:30 pm or 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm) . Book into 4 days receive 10% off total price.

What the Player Needs?? Drink Bottle, Hat & Sunscreen, Packed lunch and Morning/Afternoon Tea. Juniors can play across clinics for flexibility  
 Each Day is limited to 40 vacancies to ensure quality and safety.

## BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

- CALL or TEXT Juniors Name and camp dates either

Alan Harris - 0403 290 444  
 Jane Shepherd - 0400 342 161  
 Lefty Wright - 0409 201 789  
 Steven Merker - 0429 837 414

Bookings Are Limited  
 to that of 40 a Day.  
 Text a Coach to  
 Book.



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

## 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.

## OUR SPONSORS

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