



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

26 May	Under 8's Day
2 June	Fire Education
5 June	Dundula Sports Day
7 June	Queensland Ballet
8 June	Questacon science show
12 June	Sarina Landcare
19 June	Cluster Sports Day - field
21 June	Cluster Sports Day - track
22 June	Mackay Show Day
23 June	Last day Term 2
10 July	First day Term 3
13 July	Whitsunday Voices
2-9 July	NAIDOC Week
24 July	School photos
10 Aug	Visiting Author – Aleesah Darlinson
12-20 August	Science Week <i>Future Earth</i>
16 October	Pupil-free day
29 October	Grandparents Day

Homebake – 30 May – O'Brien; Mooney; Anderson (Harlan)

Homebake – 6 June – Satinie; Hawkins; Whitehead; Ayles

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hi!

As the term is nearing its end, the school calendar is becoming quite busy. I hope to be able to bring you up to speed with events occurring this term.

On **Monday 29 May**, the school will undergo a Workplace Health and Safety Audit as part of a systemic requirement. On **Tuesday 30 May** Jeff Poots, our guidance officer, will be working with some children in relation to their upcoming verifications.

On **Monday 5 June** we have our Dundula Sports Day. On **Wednesday 7 June**, we have the Queensland Ballet visiting our school to put on some shows for our students. Parents are welcome to attend. The session times are: 9 to 11 - Year 4/5/6 and 11:45 to 12:45 Years Prep/1/2/3. The Sandy Creek Sports Days are on **Monday 19 June** and **Wednesday 21 June**.

Bullying:

I want to be very clear about **bullying**. Bullying **will not** be tolerated in any shape or form at Dundula SS. Hitting, spitting, punching, tackling, in fact any form of physical and/or emotional hurt between children is not acceptable behaviour. I sincerely want Dundula School to reflect our mantra of being **'the best little country school in town.'** Unfortunately, there have been a couple of bullying incidents during the past couple of weeks. These incidents are being dealt with and I would like to ensure you that consequences will be given for the actions of the children involved, once investigations have been completed. Parents please reinforce these messages with your children, at home, to ensure that children understand that **bullying is not an acceptable behaviour, anywhere!**

Changes to drop off and pick up area:

In the best interests of safety for our school community, parents are no longer allowed to use the Jayco area, opposite the school grounds, to drop off and pick up children. **Please** refrain from driving through, parking, picking up and dropping off children in this area.

Our groundsman, Phil Hall is still busily painting our new **chook pen**. Construction of the pen will begin sometime soon. I don't know about you, but I can't wait for it to be built and to see our Dundula chooks moving around the yard and laying some eggs.

Attendance records at the school are continuing to improve each week. We now only have **5** children who are attending school less than 85% of the time. We now have **74.5%** of our children attending more than 95% of the time. ☺ Thank you to the families who are helping to ensure their children attend school on a regular basis. **Remember, every day counts!**

New Admin Building Update:

You will have noticed two shipping containers in the school grounds. These will be used to store files, books, resources and furniture from our existing Admin building whilst construction of our new admin building takes place.

Between now and the end of term, the main communication server will be moved to the library where a room will also be constructed to house this infrastructure. The existing admin building will be shelled by the end of Term 2 and Mrs Hodges and myself will relocate to a temporary office in the Conference Room at the end of the library nearer the end of term. During the school holiday period, the existing admin building will be demolished and removed. As the building contains asbestos, no one will be able to enter the school grounds whilst this work is taking place.

From Week One, Term 3, the front entrance will be blocked off to all staff, students, parents and community members for the duration of the construction of the new building. The only access, from the beginning of Term 3 will be through the small access gate on Cooks Lane. Signage will be erected to alert you of this change.

The new building will arrive, prefabricated, on a number of semi-trailers sometime during the first couple of weeks of Term 3. It will then take another couple of weeks for the finishing off to be done and for all electrical, plumbing and communications systems to be fitted and tested.

We hope to be in the new building during the latter half of Term 3. I apologise, in advance, for any inconvenience this may cause, however, I'm hoping the end product will be worth the small amount of inconvenience we may have to endure.

The staff will be busy selecting and purchasing new furniture and appliances for the new building over the coming weeks. It is

an exciting time for us and I hope the school community is just as excited as we are about this new building.

Free furniture and other items:

A number of furniture items and other bits and pieces will be placed under A Block over the coming weeks for parents to take (free of charge).

Guidelines for who gets what:

- Only take one item per family per day
- First in, best dressed
- No holding name cards may be placed on any item
- All items must be taken home on the day you receive it

Note:

Items will include filing cabinets, assorted furniture and assorted other items.

TAG You're It!:

All children in year 3 to year 6 will be going to a presentation at school on **Thursday 25**

May at 9am. The school will be totally funding this presentation. Information about the presentation is contained in the newsletter for your perusal.

Report Cards

Due to us losing almost a week of school due to Cyclone Debbie, we will be sending school report cards home **at the end of Week One, Term 3**. This will enable us to ensure all assessments for the term are completed and that teachers have the time to mark, grade and report, accordingly.

Tanya Wilson will commence volunteer work at our school in the Year 2/3 classroom each Tuesday and on some Fridays. We welcome Tanya and thank you for choosing Dundula SS for your volunteer work.

*Cheers
Trudy*

PARADE AWARDS

The following students received awards at parade.

April 12

Student of the week	No Parade
Good ones winner	
Reading awards	

May 19

Student of the week	No Parade
Good ones winner	
Reading awards	

GATE RAFFLE

Week 4, Term 2	1 st - \$25 – Mick (Jayco) 2 nd - \$15 – Carol Finn 3 rd - \$10 – Leonie (South Mackay News)
Week 5, Term 2	1 st - \$25 – A Saron 2 nd - \$15 – Leonie (South Mackay News) 3 rd - \$10 – M Newman

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 2nd 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 0408 820 025.

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

INFORMATION CHANGES AND UPDATES

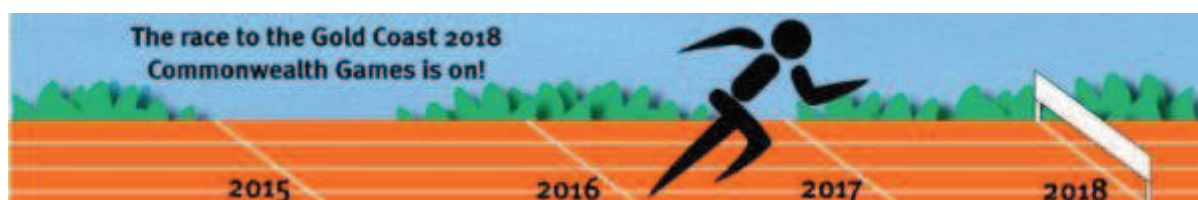
It is vital that the school is kept informed of any changes in contact details for parents/carers; such as a change in address, home phone, work phone or mobile and any alterations to your nominated emergency contacts. This is a vital part of our Emergency Management Plan at Dundula.

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.

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. 😊



HEAD LICE

When a **red** head lice alert comes home, parents/carers are expected to react immediately to help eradicate the spread of head lice. The form must be sent back the following day.

If lice are found, students need to be treated immediately and towels, clothing and bedding need to be washed. This will ensure no further infestations occur. Please help us to stop the cycle of lice within the school and your families.



TAG You're It! - A small idea that is proving to be a huge catalyst for change amongst young Australians

Launched 4 years ago, it has grabbed the attention of not only thousands of young people, teachers and parents, but also others of great influence including state politicians and some of Australia's biggest sporting celebrities, such as the Australian Wallabies.

With over 50,000 students impacted by the TAG You're It! message already, there is no doubt that young people are catching the vision and using small ideas to bring about big change through their Timely Acts of Generosity.

How does it work?

Students within your school community are invited to become part of the World's Largest game of TAG You're It! through a highly interactive 45 minute presentation which will take your students on a journey to understand how fortunate they are to live in a place like Australia and also how much opportunity they have to make a difference in the lives of others if they apply two simple ideas to their lives on a daily basis.

Thankfulness & Generosity

At the end of the presentation students are encouraged to perform a Timely Act of Generosity or as they are more commonly called a "TAG"

These TAG's are often outworked immediately in the playground after the students have seen the program with many young students eager to find a way to help out a school friend or teacher. The idea of participating in the "World's Largest Game of TAG You're It!" resonates with primary aged students and ignites a passion within them to make a difference in their own school and even at home with mum and dad. The way they inspire their friends or family member to play the game of TAG is by passing on a unique silicon armband to the recipient of an outworked TAG and then encouraging the recipient to wear the band until they find someone they can TAG.

Over the last few years the TAG You're It! project has seen thousands of stories shared as primary aged students embrace the idea that even though they are young they can truly make a positive impact on their world.



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.

Under 8's morning

This week is Under 8's week and to celebrate how great it is to be under 8yrs old, all children from our Step Up To Prep group as well as the Prep and Year 1 students are invited to join us for a fun morning.

There will be lots of activities based around this year's theme "Country to Coast" as well as morning tea.

Feel free to dress up and even bring along your stick horse and cowboy hat!

P&C NEWS

Next meeting

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 24 May 2017** at 7.00pm. Please come along and support the best little country school in town.

At this meeting we will be discussing the tuckshop for our school sports day and our fundraising ideas for this year. This will include preliminary discussions on our awesome 2nd Harvest Fair. Please come along and contribute your ideas. The meeting is 7pm for a 7.15pm start. That way we can all enjoy a cuppa and chat to begin.

Dundula State School presents...

UNDER 8'S DAY **2017**



Country to Coast theme

Friday, 26th May 2017 9:00 – 11:00am



Find us on Facebook and keep up to date with our events! **Dundula State School**

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

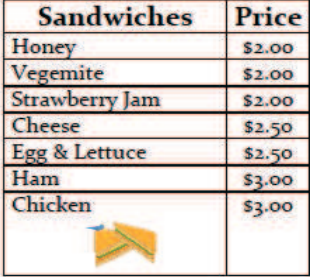
TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	HPE Tuckshop Breakfast Club Chappie Nick	Homebake			Music Hot dogs Icy cups Breakfast Club Chappie Nick
8.30am	Reading Club	Staff meeting	Reading Club	Reading Club	
8.50am	Numeracy		Numeracy Smart Moves	Numeracy Smart Moves	
10.30am				P-1 Library	
11.45am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

TUCKSHOP NEWS

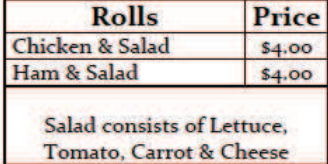
The Tuckshop is open on **Mondays** and the menu is set out below. Please continue to support the Tuckshop by ordering lunch on a Monday or volunteering to help out.

DUNDULA SCHOOL TUCKSHOP MENU

MONDAYS ONLY





Sandwiches	Price
Honey	\$2.00
Vegemite	\$2.00
Strawberry Jam	\$2.00
Cheese	\$2.50
Egg & Lettuce	\$2.50
Ham	\$3.00
Chicken	\$3.00



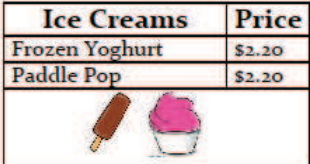
Rolls	Price
Chicken & Salad	\$4.00
Ham & Salad	\$4.00

Salad consists of Lettuce,
Tomato, Carrot & Cheese







Hot Food	Price
Chicken Crackles	\$3.00
Chicken Nuggets	\$3.00
Party Pies	\$1.00
Sausage Rolls	\$2.00
Lasagne	\$4.00
Honey Soy Chicken	\$4.00
Spaghetti & Meatballs	\$4.00



Ice Creams	Price
Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.20
Paddle Pop	\$2.20



Drinks	Price
Chocolate Milk	\$2.20
Strawberry Milk	\$2.20



Extras	Price
Boiled Egg	\$1.00

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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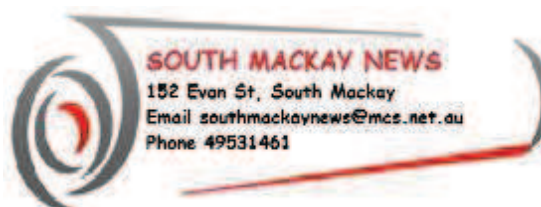


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