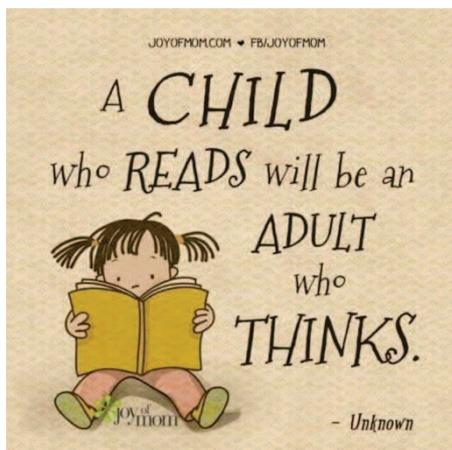




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Dundula State School acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples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



Important Dates	
17th to 24th August	Book Week (Our Book Fair may be at a later date. I will keep you advised re date)
27th August	School Colour Fun Run
15th September	Harvest Fair (4:00pm – 8:00pm)
15th to 19th October	School Swimming
30th October	Pet Pep Visit

Home Bake 14th August	Mrs Buldger	Aldridge	Anderson (Emily)	Anderson (Harlan)
Home Bake 21th August	Mrs Obrien	Ayles	Baluran	Barratt

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello and welcome to our newest families who have just joined the Dundula School Community 😊

Term 3 continues to be busy just like the last two terms. School photos were completed today. You might see a snapshot of the staff somewhere around the school.

Harvest Fair

Please keep the date in your calendar for the Harvest Fair on Saturday 15th September.

Please also remember to keep sending in items for the Cent Sale. We also welcome new buckets to help with packaging of our cent sale items. Thank you to those families who have already donated items for our cent sale. It is greatly appreciated.

Staff changes for 2018:

[Mrs Rachel Ezekiela](#) will be commencing her normal timetable this week. Rachel will be working Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

[Miss Mary](#) will continue to fill in for teacher-aide staff when they are absent.

We welcome back [Mrs Satinie](#) who has been away helping to look after her beautiful grandbubby.

[Terri Lethlean](#) will continue as special teacher-aide until the end of term to support Reef in the Year 1/2/3 class. Terri's appointment is fully funded by the region and not the school.

[Mrs Hall's](#) leave will continue as she supports her youngest daughter, Christine, who is quite ill at the moment. Christine needs a number of surgeries to aid her recovery and these surgeries need to be done in Brisbane. Leanne may be able to work a few days in between trips to Brisbane but at this stage, she is on leave indefinitely until Christine's health has improved. [Mrs Whitmore](#) and [Mrs Bulger](#) are filling in for Leanne during her absence.

Mackay District Sports Day

Congratulations to [Kayce Hoani-Vincent](#), [Tiffeny Ryan](#) and [Tahlear Yasserie](#) who represented our school as part of the Sarina District Athletics Team at the Mackay District Sports Day last week. Kayced will now go to the next level as part of the Mackay District team to compete at the Capricornia Trials.

Growing Enrolments

We have **two** new enrolments starting on 20th August. A new student in both Prep Year and Year One. This will take our enrolments up to 70. 😊 Only 8 short of an additional teacher at this point in time. Please continue to advocate for our beautiful little school by encouraging your friends and family to enrol their children here and don't forget our goal is to have **100 kids by our 100th year.** 😊

Some **dates** for your calendars

- 📅 **27th August** Mrs Satinie away / Miss Mary is the replacement
- 📅 **7th August** Mrs Large at Mackay West SS for morning session
- 📅 **8th August** Mrs Large attending Southside Cluster meeting after school 3pm
- 📅 **13th August** Day One PBL Training (*positive behaviour for learning*) Mrs Hall, Mrs Satine, Mrs Cedar will be attending
- 📅 **14th August** Most staff at *physical restraint* training at Vick Park SS 3 to 5pm

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- ✚ 17th to 24th August Book Week (*Our Book Fair may be at a later date. I will keep you advised re date*)
- ✚ 19th to 24th August Mrs Ezekiela is participating in the 'Take the Lead' program. No replacement
- ✚ 22nd August Miss Bianca at PD all day. No replacement
- ✚ 27th August Mrs Satine away / Miss Mary is the replacement
- ✚ 27th August Colour Fun Run (Prep to Year 6)
- ✚ 30th August Pet Pep Visit (Prep to Year 6)
- ✚ 4th September Planning for Learning and Assessment PD – Mrs Cedar and Mrs Ezekiela attending
- ✚ 12th September Day Two (*positive behaviour for learning*) Mrs Hall, Mrs Satine, Mrs Cedar attending
- ✚ 13th September Mrs Large attending Panel Effectiveness Training
- ✚ 15th to 19th October School Swimming
- ✚ 22nd October All Teacher-Aides attending PD at Vic Park SS

☺ *Trudy*

Hungry Hippo Challenge

Age-appropriate pedagogies is shaping teaching and learning in the early years of school, now and into the future. This teaching approach supports teachers to apply a range and balance of teaching approaches and characteristics of quality teaching in their classroom practice. Children learn best when they are actively engaged in purposeful learning experiences.

At the end of Term 2, Mrs Bulger set a challenge to all classes to come up with a way to use the game Human Hungry Hippos to help them take more ownership in one of their lessons. All of the ideas were very creative and it was fantastic to see all students actively engaging in the lesson content.

Lots of fun was had by all and the winning class who came up with the most interesting idea was Mrs Cedar and the Yr 1/2/3 class. They decided to work on using their positional language and improve their communication skills by blindfolding their partner and giving directions to collect as many balls as they could. They won a Hungry Dinos board game for their classroom. Well done to all who participated!



Gate Raffle

Week 1:

First: Ticket 30 Shields Family

Second: Ticket 34 Peter Jewell

Third: Ticket 11 Barry – Jayco

Week 2:

First: Ticket 8 Grant Anderson

Second: Ticket 13 Joy Hodges

Third: Ticket 43 Sara Jones

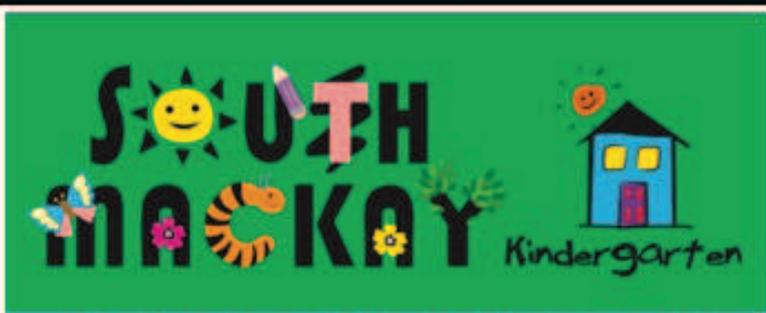
Week 3:

First: Ticket 33 Mick – Jayco

Second: Ticket 1 Kathy Q

Third: Ticket 45 Naomi

Community News



South Mackay Kindergarten
Enrolments for 2019 - 2020

South Mackay Kindergarten is currently seeking "Expressions of Interest" from families who are wanting their child to participate in a Kindergarten Program from 2019 – 2020.

South Mackay Kindergarten is proud to be affiliated with Lady Gowrie Community Kindergartens. Lady Gowrie is a community based not for profit organisation with a proud and substantial history of providing quality education for young children.

South Mackay Kindergarten prides itself on its partnerships with families and works towards promoting curiosity, resilience and lifelong learning within a play based environment.

South Mackay Kindergarten provides a high quality, affordable Kindergarten program based on the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guidelines.

**For further information, please contact
Tanya Davies – Administration Officer
Phone: 4957 8928
Email: sthmkykindy@bigpond.com**

STARTING TIME

Lessons start at **9am** sharp with a reminder bell ringing at 8.50am. On Mondays, Tuesdays 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.

Please remember:

Our 2018, school improvement agenda is as follows:

Major Focus Areas:

- ✚ Community Engagement and Partnerships
 - *Rigorous discussion amongst staff – a learning cycle approach to this*
 - *Creating a Community Engagement and Partnership Framework*
 - *Creating a Wellbeing Framework*
 - *Documenting above*
 - *Implementing above*
- ✚ Developing a teaching and learning culture
 - *Coaching and feedback*
 - *Australian Curriculum Implementation*
 - *data literacy*
 - *goal setting for students*
 - *Personal development Plans for staff*

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

Come and have some fun in the Arts Room!!

Homework

Homework is a priority. It helps your child develop a sense of responsibility, pride in a job well done, and a work ethic that will benefit them well beyond the classroom

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

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, Tuesday 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.

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.

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, Tuesday 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.

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.

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

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.

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. Please respond to any MSM messages you receive regarding your child's absence.

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.



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.

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	HPE Lessons // Breakfast Club / Chappie Nick	Home Bake / Mrs Ward (Special Needs Teacher)	Tuckshop		Music Lessons / Library Lessons Hot Dogs / Breakfast Club / Mrs Ward (Special Needs Teacher) Chappie Nick
8:30	Reading Club	Reading Club	8am Staff Meeting	Reading Club	
8:50	Numeracy	Numeracy / Smart Moves		Numeracy / Smart Moves	
11:45	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	
2:30					Parade / Icy cups (after school)

Music News

Phantom of the Opera (PG-13) is an award-winning rock opera, performed in Mackay with local cast and imported Queensland professional singers, including Michael Cormick who has performed the role of the Phantom internationally. This is the only PG-rated musical in Mackay this year.

7:30pm Thursday 16 August, 2018 – Saturday 18 August, 2018 MECC Auditorium & 2pm Saturday. \$45 Adult/ \$38 Concession/ \$25 Student. Tickets available from the MECC Box Office or website.

P&C NEWS

P & C Meeting are held every second Wednesday of the month. Please help support our little school and come to the next meeting.

OUR SPONSORS Please support the local businesses who support us ☺

