

# NEWSLETTER

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**SCHOOL MAJOR FOCUS FOR 2015: -  
“READING, WRITING & NUMERACY”**

## *FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK*

### **ATTENDANCE**

At Dundula, we are very proud of our AMAZING improvement regarding our school's attendance rate! Our current attendance rate is **90.3%**. It is reassuring to know that the families at Dundula recognise the direct correlation between attendance and student achievement. Thank you for your efforts and commitment to your child's education! There is still some room to improve so let's work together to reach our target of **95% attendance rate**.

### **NAPLAN**

Congratulations to all the Year 3 and 5 students who completed the National Testing last week. The students coped very well and should be commended for their positive attitudes, resilience and overall good nature towards the testing. Thank you to the staff for your unrelenting commitment to every child's education – not just leading up to NAPLAN, but all year! The students also appreciated the brain snacks that were provided by Mrs Hodges and Mrs McCann.

### **LEADING BY EXAMPLE IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Respect for others is one of the most important lessons that we want to teach our students at Dundula State School. To learn respect children need to be able to see the adults in their lives show respect to each other. It is important that staff and parents/caregivers, show respect when dealing with each other. It is a way that we create a safe school environment for staff, volunteers, students, parents and others who enter the school grounds.

It is an offence under the Education Act for an adult to insult another adult at a school in the presence or hearing of a student. It is also an offence for a parent to approach and admonish or question the child of another family.

If a member of the school community has an issue or concern the appropriate protocol is to make an appointment with the staff member, outside of student learning times, to discuss the matter in a calm manner. If the matter cannot be resolved the matter should be referred to the principal in the first instance.

I remind all members of the school community to abide by these protocols so that our school can maintain a safe supportive environment for our students to learn.

## THINGS WE DO EVERY DAY

At Dundula, we are committed to reading, writing and numeracy every day of the week. The 4 shapes depicted below identify and expand on these things. In every classroom, every day, students are engaged in reading, writing and numeracy. We also recognise that parents, carers and the community play an important role in student improvement, hence the 4<sup>th</sup> shape (green). Let's continue to work together for the best educational outcomes for the children at Dundula.



As Lord Chesterfield states "If we do not plant knowledge when young, it will give us no shade when we are old"

## SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOPS

Our Prep /1/2 class spent the morning on Monday this week at Bunnings learning about **sustainability** and how to **look after their environment**. The students made their own worm out of materials and tape and contributed to creating a worm farm for our school. Year 3/4/5/6 students will attend the workshop next Monday. This workshop, although similar, will be geared to middle and upper level students. Bunnings will deliver the worm farm the students have created to the school sometime after this workshop.

## PINK STUMPS DAY

We held our Pink Stumps Day on Sunday from 9 to 11 at the school. Although the weather was a little unkind and the numbers of families who came was limited, the staff numbers helped us to make up the numbers for 2 cricket teams on the day. We had an amazing amount of fun and much laughter was shared amongst the group. Although we have still not reached our target of raising \$500 for the McGrath Foundation, we hope that by selling off some of the pink merchandise at school this week will help us to reach our goal. Please contact Trudy if you wish to purchase merchandise or send some money along with your child this week and they can purchase from the school.

## DANCE FACTOR

As part of our school's Arts Curriculum Program, we offer **dance** each year. Dianne Smedley from **Dance Factor** offers a unique program for our students to learn a variety of dance moves and techniques and always culminates the learning with a performance nearer the end of term. Thank you for supporting this program. Parents are most welcome to attend these sessions on a **Tuesday** of each week. **9am to 9.45am** (Prep/1/2 class) and **10am to 10.45am** (Year 3/4/5/6 class)

## SCHOOL CAMP

Thanks to those families who attended the camp meeting at school last Friday. The Year **3/4/5/6** class will be attending camp at **Action Challenge** from Wednesday to Friday this week. There are only 3 students not attending. These students will have set work to complete for the three days and will work in Mrs Bulger's classroom during that time. All camp forms must be signed and returned to school before students leave for camp on Wednesday. A student cannot attend the camp unless these forms have been signed. Parents are reminded that students need to be dropped off at Action Challenge campsite by 9am on Wednesday morning. Those families providing tents may wish to come to the campsite earlier to help set up camp. Those students travelling with staff members to and from camp need to be at the school by **7:30am** on Wednesday morning. Please remember to call Trudy on school mobile **0408820025** if there are any issues leading up to the departure for camp or if you have any last minute questions or concerns.

**Camp updates will be posted regularly on the Dundula SS Facebook Page, so if you haven't already found, liked and shared our page, make sure you do so you can see what we are up to on camp each day.**

## DUNDULA FACEBOOK PAGE

I encourage all families who have access to Facebook to search for the Dundula State School Facebook Page and **like and share** with your friends. We have started posting information on the Facebook page and it will become an **important** means of communication between the school and families. Thank you to those families who are already responding to the posts we have put on our page.

## SCHOOL SPORTS CARNIVALS

Dundula State School Sports carnivals will be held next week on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May** and **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**. Specific information about these events will be sent out in a separate Stop press closer to the event. I would like to thank our PE teacher, Mrs Gabby Bulger for the tireless work she has put in to the preparation of both these carnivals. I would also like to thank Mrs Hodges for her tireless work behind the scenes and Mrs Hill for making the name tags.

I encourage all families to attend these events if you can to show support for your children in their sporting endeavours. *Through your involvement with school and extra-curricular activities, you can do much to help your child believe in the value and importance of education!* All students Prep to Year 6 compete at these carnivals. The House Captains have been busy creating war cries and they have been busy at lunch times with their respective house students practising their chants. The students have also made pom poms and banners in support of their respective house teams. Students in Wattle House need to wear a yellow / gold shirt and students in Orchid House need to wear a purple shirt on these days. **There will be food for order for the Friday 29<sup>th</sup> event. Information about ordering food will be attached to this newsletter.**

The Sandy Creek sports carnivals will be held the following week. Students selected to attend these carnivals will be given notification and confirmation after our school carnivals.

## STEP UP 2 PREP

Our **Step Up 2 Prep** program is off to a great start. We encourage more families to attend so if you know of anyone who has little ones between the ages of 2 to 4, please let them know about our new program held every Friday from 9am to 11am. Fliers about the program are available at the office should you wish to share with someone you know. Thankyou in anticipation of your ongoing support with sharing this information with your friends.

## UNDER 8'S WEEK

Please see flyer attached to Newsletter.

## 2016 PREP ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are being taken now for Prep in 2016. Children born between 1st July, 2010 and 30th June, 2011 are eligible to enrol. If you know of anyone in our area with a child of this age please ask them to contact Dundula School on 49528333 for an information pack.

## SCHOOL WATCH:



The **School Watch Program** has been set up to allow the community to help look after the school. We always place the School Watch phone number on the school billboard each holiday period, however, School Watch is not just for school holiday periods. **School Watch is for all year round.** You can help protect our school and our facilities by keeping the School Watch number in your contacts list on your phone and by calling the number **13 17 88** if ever you see anyone loitering around the school, after hours, or if you see any damage to school property or surrounds.

## NEW ENROLMENTS

We have a new student who started on Monday this week in Prep year. We welcome Houston and his family to the Dundula School Community. We also have another student starting soon in year 4.

**Dundula State School** is a great school. Please don't let anyone tell you differently! Tell your friends about our beautiful little school and encourage your friends and family to send their children to our school. We are accepting enrolments from prep to year 6.

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*Trudy*

## FROM OUR SCHOOL CHAPLAIN:

Hello Everyone,

My name is Riki. I am your new Dundula State School, School Chaplain. I will be working at the school on Mondays and Fridays. My background is in Social Work, Education and Nursing. I look forward to providing social, emotional and spiritual support to the Dundula SS school community.

Breakfast Club will be on from 8 am to 8.40 am on Monday and Friday mornings, starting next Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of May. My friend Sheryl Cuttriss will be doing her trusty job of making toast and preparing drinks on Monday. I look forward to the students assisting me and I will need another helper to cook the toast next Friday. Special thanks to Brumby's Northern Beaches who are supplying fresh bread, scrolls and other savoury foods for the Club. Woolworths, Ooralea are giving us weekly vouchers with which to buy spreads, fruit, juice, milk, cups and so on. I work as a School Chaplain at Northview State School on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The Northview SS 'Camp Australia' Before and After School Care people have donated a box of long-life milk cartons, some Salada crackers and some strawberry jam to our Dundula SS Club. It's great to share what we have with others, isn't it? On Fridays at second break I will be making fruit smoothies for the children to enjoy. On Friday afternoons I will be selling icy cups for 60 cents each whilst doing bus duty.

Everyone is making me feel very welcome at the school. In my first week I have been assisting in the

classes and getting to know the children, Teachers and staff. Chappy Lyn from Slade Point SS has given me her Values Program resources. We will be looking at a value each week during Parade on Mondays.

Last year the Scripture Union (SU) school chaplains completed two extensive surveys on the nature of their work, their qualifications and so on. The results are presented in a colourful report called 'SU School Chaplaincy Snapshot' which you can view online at <http://sugld.org.au/snapshot/>

Please come along and introduce yourself to me.

Have a great week.

Riki Schroeder.

**School Chaplain.**

**Dundula State School.**

Ph: 0407 695 207.

*Photo of Chappy Riki*



## MULTI-PURPOSE COURT HIRE:

The Dundula State School Tennis Courts are available to the community to use.

## NEW HIRE ARRANGEMENTS & FEES:

\$30.00 per term

(\$20.00 Court Hire & \$10.00 key hire)

At the end of each term the keys are to be handed back and \$10.00 will be returned to the hirer.

## CONTACT DETAILS:

**Reminder to parents to keep the school office up to date with changes to address and phone contact numbers. Thank you.**

## PLEASE NOTE:

**NEW SCHOOL & PREPARATORY FACILITY**

**PHONE/FAX NUMBERS:**

**SCHOOL:** Phone No: (07) 49528333  
Fax No: (07) 49528300

**SCHOOL MOBILE:** 0477757821



## MONDAY - HOT DOG DAY PRICE LIST

Hot Dog with Sauce:	\$2.50
Hot Dog with Sauce & Cheese:	\$2.70
Zing Tubes:	\$1.50
Bread Roll (Buttered Only)	\$1.50
Frankfurt (On its own)	\$1.70
Flavoured Milk:	\$2.20
LOL's:	\$2.40
Poppers:	\$1.80

**Please ensure orders are on brown paper bag with the students name/grade and correct money if possible.**  
**Lunch bags are available from the Tuckshop for 5 cents.**

## SCHOOL COMING EVENTS:

### TERM 2:

25/5/2015:	Sustainability Workshop at Paget. 9.00am – 10.30am for all students Year 3/4/5/6
28/5/2015:	DUNDULA STATE SCHOOL SPORTS – FIELD EVENTS FOR HALF A DAY:
29/5/2015:	DUNDULA STATE SCHOOL SPORTS – TRACK – ALL DAY
2/6/2015:	SANDY CREEK SPORTS – HOMEBUSH STATE SCHOOL – FIELD EVENTS FOR HALF A DAY
4/6/2015:	SANDY CREEK SPORTS – HOMEBUSH STATE SCHOOL – TRACK – ALL DAY.
7/6/2015:	BAKERS CREEK MEMORIAL – BAKERS CREEN COMMUNITY HALL
27/8/2015:	JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
29/10/2015:	SCHOOL FUN RUN

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK:

Presented on Parade on Monday 11th May 2015.

#### Prep/Yr1/Yr2:

##### Parade 11/5/2015:

Jesse	For showing great enthusiasm and interest in his Classwork.
Katie	For being a responsible student who is, always ready and excited to learn.

#### Parade: 18/5/2015:

#### Yr3/Yr4/Yr5/Yr6:

##### Parade: 11/5/2015:

Jayde	For completing all set tasks to a high standard. Well Done Jayde!
Rebecca	For being a positive member of the class and always giving things a go. Well Done Rebecca!
Kayce	For always working hard and completing work with a positive attitude. Well Done Kayce!

#### Parade 18/5/2015:

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

### HOY & MINI CENT SALE:

The next Hoy & Mini Cent Sale will be on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 UNDER B Block Teaching at the School starting at 1.30pm sharp.**

### DATES TO FOLLOW:

30 <sup>th</sup> May	19 <sup>th</sup> September
27 <sup>th</sup> June	24 <sup>th</sup> October
25 <sup>th</sup> July	21 <sup>st</sup> November
22 <sup>nd</sup> August	5 <sup>th</sup> December

For more information please call Coral Deakin 49521984 or Justine on 0487369322.

### **MOIRA DODSWORTH – TUTOR:**

*Numeracy and Literacy  
Senior Maths and English  
Assignment Preparation*

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### **GATE RAFFLE RESULTS:**

#### Week 1:

1 <sup>st</sup> :	G Anderson	Ticket 8
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	G Bulger	Ticket 16
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Bob & Viv	Ticket 50

#### Week 2:

1 <sup>st</sup> :	Lorelle	Ticket 18
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Teegan Geesu	Ticket 15
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Mike T	Ticket 33

#### Week 3:

1 <sup>st</sup> :	Bob & Viv	Ticket 50
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	V Mooney	Ticket 5
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	K Tanti	Ticket 49

#### Week 4:

1 <sup>st</sup> :	Tammie	Ticket 46
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	G Bulger	Ticket 16
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	K Tanti	Ticket 49



**FOOD:**

Chicken Chilli Wrap (Cheese & Mayo)	\$3.70
Plain Chicken Wrap (Cheese & Mayo)	\$3.70
Chicken Chilli Tenders (On its own)	\$1.70
Chicken Crackles (6)	\$2.90
Mini Sausage Rolls	\$0.60 each
Party Pies	\$0.70 each
Mini Quiche Lorraines	\$0.60 each
Hash Browns (Triangle)	\$0.20 each
Hash Brown (Oval)	\$1.10 each
Cup of Cheerios (Five (5) in a Cup with Tomato Sauce)	\$2.00

**DRINKS:**

Chocolate Milk	\$2.20
Strawberry Milk	\$2.20
Poppers	\$1.70

**ICE BLOCKS:**

Frozen Yoghurt	\$1.80
Paddle Pops	\$1.80

**Please ensure orders are on brown paper bag with the students name/grade and correct money if possible.**

**Lunch bags are available from the Tuckshop for 5 cents.**

**COMMUNITY NEWS:**

**HONEY FOR SALE:**

*Please see Judy McCann (Cleaner at Dundula State School) or phone Mark McCann on 0419763906. Please leave a message if no answer.*

*Prices:*

500g	-	\$ 7.50
1kg	-	\$11.00
2kg	-	\$21.00

*Bulk order - \$6.00/15-28kg = 20Ltr Bucket.*