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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

8 June	Questacon science show
9 June	Stomp out the gap
9 June	NO PARADE NO BREAKY CLUB
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
2-9 July	NAIDOC Week
10 July	First day Term 3
13 July	Whitsunday Voices
24 July	School photos
10 Aug	Visiting Author – Aleesah Darlinson
12-20 August	Science Week <i>Future Earth</i>
17 August	AVA Pet PEP
16 October	Pupil-free day
29 October	Grandparents Day

Homebake – 13 June – Kelly; Tanti; Day; Campbell-Anderson

Homebake – 20 June – Bulger; Hampton; Hinschen; Sabatino

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hi!

Term Two is drawing to a close and what a hectic term it has been. It just doesn't seem to be slowing down at all! Here is a **snapshot** of things to come over the next week or two.

On **Wednesday 7th June** the **Queensland Ballet** are performing at our school. **9 to 11 - Year 4/5/6; 11:45 to 12:45 - Year P/1/2/3** and parents are welcome to attend these sessions. There is no cost for this event. On **Wednesday 7th June** **drilling and soil testing** will begin for the new admin building.

On **Thursday 8th June** – **Questacon** is coming to Dundula from **9am to 10am**. **Students** are once again reminded to bring in their **\$5** payment and permission form for this. On **Friday 9th June 1st lunch** we will be holding our **Stomp out the Gap** gold coin trail. Students are reminded to bring along a gold coin donation for this event. I will also be off site in the afternoon attending a meeting at regional office. The Bakers Creek Memorial is on **Sunday 11th June** from **1.45pm to 5pm**; *A separate note will go home about this event.* On **Monday 12th June** our Year 3/4/5/6 students will be travelling to Sarina to attend the **Sarina Landcare School Support Program**. Ms Pratt, Ms Giulia, Mrs Hall and Chappy Nick will be traveling with the children to this event. There is no cost for this event. We will also be *celebrating NAIDOC Week* during the week of **2nd to 9th July**; *A separate note will go home about this event.*

It was great to see so many families at our sports day. Lots of fun was had by all and students really got into the team spirit for the events. Whilst Orchid House came out the overall winner, Wattle House can feel very proud that they were only a few points behind. Well done to both teams!

As part of our new admin building, we are purchasing a flat screen TV for the main entrance. We hope to have a rolling video about our school displaying in the waiting area. I am having a meeting with the Strategic Media Company this week to discuss plans for having a video professionally made of our school. This will involve filming of children and staff as well as the school surrounds. If

you do not wish your child to be in the video, please let Mrs Hodges know ASAP.

Every Day Matters!

As we are getting closer to the end of the term please remember that it is important that your child is at school every day. Students are completing assessment and any time missed means they are missing important opportunities to learn and to share their learning. You can get a discussion going with your children about school by asking the following questions:

- What are you learning?
- How are you doing?
- How do you know?
- How can you improve?
- Where do you go for help?

The **working bee** on Sunday saw an amazing group of families and staff move most of the existing office furniture to the shipping containers and the temporary office facility at the end of the library. Mr Hall also worked on continuing the painting of the chook pen. Please feel free to take any items from the **'give away'** section under A Block. We will be happy to see the items go to a good home. A huge thank you to all families and staff who attended. It was greatly appreciated.

Monies owed

It has come to my attention that some families still have outstanding payments from last year's school camp. As the 2017 school camp is already in discussion with staff, it is important that all debts from last year are settled quickly. Please see Mrs Hodges in the school office to finalise these amounts.

Please remember my door is always open to you, should you have any concerns or should you wish to discuss any other matter pertaining to the education and well-being of your children. *Hmmm, not sure I'll even have a door for long but I'm hoping you get the idea.*

*Cheers
Trudy*

PARADE AWARDS

The following students received awards at parade.

May 26

Student of the week	Terrance; Stanley; Owen; Zarnae; Matilda; Imogen; Brontie; Jesse
Good ones winner	Taj; Imogen; Nataya
Reading awards	Reef – 50; Zane A – 50; Jax – 50; Stanley – 50; Jake J – 75; Aimee – 50; Rahni – 50; Jayde – 100; James – 75; Jasmyn – 75; Sophie – 75; Lily – 50; Fallon – 50; Logan – 75; Montana – 100; Tamiya – 25; Kobe – 50

June 2

Student of the week	Johnathan; Nandee; Isabell; Nataya; Fallon; Kayce HV
Good ones winner	Stanley; Kaiden; Reef; Tiffeny
Reading awards	Owen – 50; Kaiden – 50; Tia – 25; Tahlear – 75; Zane K – 25; Zarnae – 50; Zayne D – 50; Ashton H – 50; Taj – 75; Imogen – 100; Ashley – 50; Ashton R – 100

GATE RAFFLE

Week 6, Term 2	1 st - \$25 – Leonie from South Mackay News 2 nd - \$15 – S Smith-Knight 3 rd - \$10 – K Chapman
Week 7, Term 2	1 st - \$25 – Kathy Q 2 nd - \$15 – J Camilleri 3 rd - \$10 – K Hoani-Vincent

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 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.

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.

2018 Scholarships available now



Year 6 students are invited to apply for one of eight (8) Scholarships provided by Mackay SHS P&C Assoc. Each scholarship provides the recipient with Free Tuition, \$500 towards School Resource Scheme, Uniforms and equipment as well as opportunity to engage in extension programs over 6 years. If you apply for the Academic Excellence Academy, you can refer to evidence and materials in your Scholarship application.

Applications for Academic, Sporting and/or Arts/Cultural Scholarships will be available to interested students and their families from May 2017 from the Mackay SHS website and your school's office. Students may apply for more than one scholarship type. Applications must be submitted to your State School Principal by **17th July 2017**. For further information speak to your child's Principal or Steve Paulger Principal, Mackay SHS on 07 49579179. Website details www.mackayshs.eq.edu.au

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. 😊

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.

Help your kids do well in life! Raise them to be more cooperative, independent and capable. **Triple P's Raising Confident, Competent Children** helps you understand more about developing kids' social and life skills, so they can be their best now and in the future.
Book your free space on 49531788.



A Facebook event poster for a parenting seminar. The top half features a photograph of a young boy with dark hair, looking down with a serious expression while holding a light-colored teddy bear. In the top left corner of the photo, there is a blue circular graphic with the text "FREE PARENTING SEMINAR" in white. Below the photo, the event title "Raising Confident, Competent Children" is displayed in a large, bold font. To the left of the title, the date "JUN 21" is shown. Below the title, it says "Public · Hosted by Mackay Regional Council Libraries". At the bottom of the event card, there are buttons for "Interested" (with a star icon) and "Going" (with a checkmark icon), a "Share" button with a right-pointing arrow, and a three-dot menu icon. Below these buttons, the event time is listed as "Wednesday, June 21 at 9:30 AM - 11 AM".

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.

Help your kids cope with life's ups and downs and give them the skills and strategies they need to manage their emotions and overcome challenges. **Triple P's Raising Resilient Children** seminar can really help. Book your free space on 49531788.



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

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P&C NEWS

Next meeting

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 14 June 2017** at 7.00pm. Please come along and support the best little country school in town.

INCREDIBLE TIP SHOP'S WAR ON WASTE

Last year we went on an excursion to the Incredible Tip Shop and learnt about recycling and waste. Read a story about one of our amazing parents, Tammie Lewis, who is determined to reduce waste and increase upcycling as published on page 16 of *The Daily Mercury* on Tuesday 6 June 2017.

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.

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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 to 8.30am.

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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