



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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back to an exciting new year at Dundula. I trust that everyone had a relaxing and refreshing holiday and are ready to get back into routine.

This week we have welcomed some new student faces to our school. The 2017 Preps: Tyler, Isabell, Reef, Jax, Stanley and Meralda. We are still waiting for twins, Barney and Charley to arrive. The Prep students all started with excitement and enthusiasm. We also welcomed some other new families to Dundula: Kaiden (yr 1), Tiffeny (yr 3), Tamiya (yr 3), Isabella (yr 3), Ashton (yr 5), and Sara-Jayne (yr 6).

As always the first weeks of term one are very busy. Classes have started their new units of work based on the Australian Curriculum in all learning areas. The next few weeks will also include a range of diagnostic tests that will assist teachers in planning lessons targeted at the specific needs of all students. Regular routines are also being established in classes over the next few weeks to ensure **every student** is **learning every day**. These routines help a class run smoothly and maximise learning time.

If you have any questions, concerns, great ideas for our school or you just want to say hello, please come and see me. I look forward to working with you and walking along side you, as part of your child's educational journey.

We have a busy term ahead. I thank you for your continued support of our beautiful little school.

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IMPORTANT DATES

10 Feb Cowboys visit

21 Feb P&C Annual meeting

9 Mar *Take the Lead* visitors

21 Mar Harmony Day



Homebake – starts on Tuesday in week 4 – roster out soon

PARADE AWARDS

The following students received awards at parade.

January 27

Student of the week	Jasmyn, Ashton H, Ashton R, Johnathan, Zane K
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February 3

Student of the week	Ashley, Tahlear, Emily O
Good ones winner	Nandee, Zane A, Meralda

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 on certain days, at certain 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.

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.

GATE RAFFLE

As part of our fundraising for our school, we run a Gate Raffle. Mrs Large coordinates this.

How does it work? You choose a lucky number between one and 50 and pay \$20 for the whole term. Each week, a draw is done and first wins \$25, second wins \$15 and third wins \$10. **We need your support to continue with the Gate Raffle.** Please see Mrs Large to purchase your winning lucky number.

The results for weeks 1, 2 and 3 will be announced at parade on Friday at 2.30pm.

A huge thank you to those who have already purchased their lucky numbers ☺.

BUDDY CHAIR

The *Iona West Men's Shed* have built a Buddy Chair for Dundula.

The Shed is a place for men to meet, to socialise, use their skills and to work together. Men's Sheds are concerned for the health and well-being of men in a practical way and happily donate their time to build things. Their internet page has details of the products they build. It is wonderful that they have taken the time to build us our own chair.



Check out *Iona West Men's Shed* on FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/Iona-West-Mens-Shed-102316953180172/?fref=ts> and at <http://www.ionawestmensshed.org.au/>.

RUGBY LEAGUE SIGN ON

Sarina Junior Rugby League Club are seeking players and volunteers.

Play the greatest game of all for fun, fitness and friendship.

For further information contact Kym Brownsey on 0488531219.

MUSIC TUITION

Music helps in the development of pathways in the brain allowing children to become creative thinkers as well developing empathy and social skills. Our instrumental music program (currently we offer guitar, ukulele, keyboard) is designed to develop skills that are not only of benefit to students in their musical endeavours but also enhances the skill required in other subjects such as maths and language.

Our program allows students to participate in instrumental music within a school environment. We cater for children with learning difficulties as well as gifted students.

All lessons contain elements that help to improve hand eye coordination, music theory, rhythm, ensemble work, discipline, problem solving and multitasking. Students are encouraged to work out things for themselves and how to play the music scores they have received. Because students develop at different rates, there are no time limitations set to learn the different skills. Student are encouraged to work at their own pace and to seek assistance from their parents.

For further enquiries please contact **Funkey Beat Music Tuition** on 0498742268 or email admin@funkeybeat.com

NEWSLETTERS

A hard copy of the newsletter will be sent home each fortnight with the youngest student in the family. Newsletters will continue to be emailed and be available on our internet page.

PARKING SAFETY REMINDERS

There is to be **NO** pick up or drop off in school grounds as this is not a safe area for students to enter if cars are reversing. Also remember to avoid the school bus zone when parking.

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.

UNIFORMS

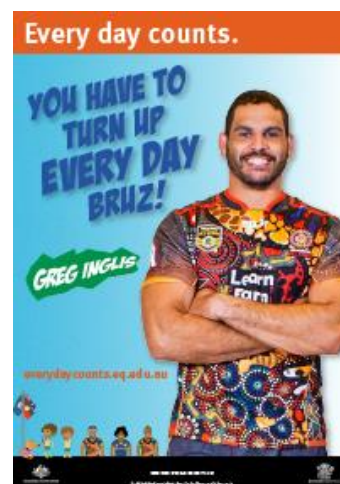
We are desperately in need of second-hand uniforms. If you have any uniforms at home in reasonable condition, please consider donating them to the school.

PARADE

Weekly parade will now be held at 2:30pm each Friday.

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.

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. ☺

SCHOOL ROUTINE

TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30am	Reading Club	Staff meeting	Reading Club	Reading Club	
8.50am	Numeracy		Numeracy Smart Moves	Numeracy Smart Moves	
10.30am			2-3 Library	P-1 Library	
11.45am					4-5-6 Library
1.45pm	Spelling		Spelling	Spelling	
2.30pm					Parade

	HPE Tuckshop Chappy Nick	Breakfast Club Homebake		Breakfast Club	Music Hot dogs Icy cups Chappy Nick
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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!

P&C NEWS

Next meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be on 21 February 2017 at 7.00pm. Please come along and support the school. New members, and returning members, are very welcome.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

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

Temporary Tuckshop Menu

Sandwiches

Honey, Vegemite, Straw Jam, Cheese. Egg.	\$2.50
Ham or Chicken	\$3.00
Extra filling	.50c

Any Sandwich can be toasted.

Rolls

Chicken & Salad	\$4.00
Ham & Salad	\$4.00

"Salad is Lettuce, Tomato, cheese, Carrot."

Milks

Strawberry or Chocolate	\$2.20
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Frozen Food

Chicken Crackles	\$3.00
Party Pies	\$1.00
Sausage Rolls	\$2.00

Boiled Egg.	\$1.00
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Ice-creams

Frozen Yoghurts	\$2.20
Paddle Pops	\$2.00



Friday is Hot Dog Day!

Buttered bread roll	\$1.50
Flavoured milk	\$2.20
Frankfurt (no roll)	\$1.70
Hot dog with sauce	\$2.50
Hot dog with sauce and cheese	\$2.70
Zing tube	\$1.50

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** mornings from 8am.

Icy Cup Friday

Every **Friday** after school, 60c will buy a refreshing icy cup for the arduous trek home.

OUR SPONSORS

Please support the local businesses who support us ☺

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