

NEWSLETTER

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello Everyone,

It seems I just blink and another week has flown by. The term is certainly moving quickly. We have some important events this term, so please watch out for notices about what events are happening at the school.

Assistant Regional Director Visits:

Mr Brendan Smith, our Assistant Regional Director visited our school two weeks ago and returned to see the finished product of your children's writing. He was very impressed with what he saw. We have put a great deal of effort into our writing program here at Dundula and I am pleased to say that all students in Year 3 and Year 5, who are enrolled at our school, all performed within the **national average** for **writing** on N APLAN in 2015! That is awesome news for us and clearly shows that the hard work by the staff and the students has paid off. Our writing program, using the **7 Steps to Writing Model** is gaining great results with the students. Our **Master Writing Class** each Wednesday for **all** Year 1 to Year 6 students will continue for the rest of the year.

Advocacy Update:

As you know, the Staff is committed to **growing the numbers** at our School. The new signage is almost complete and will be erected sometime in the next week or so. Our professional photos look terrific! We are in the process of getting some of these new images onto our newsletter template. The new brochure and new school prospectus have been completed and are awaiting the media company to put their final touches onto these publications. You will soon see one of the new images as the icon for our Facebook page. We have had great news re the school fence. The school will be getting a facelift with a new black 6' fence erected in the very near future. I thank Education Queensland for their prompt response to this matter. We have also had word that Education Queensland will be looking into the bus situation for us as well and that is greatly appreciated. I still haven't seen the newly promised blue Dundula State School main roads sign on the southern entrance to the school. Please let me know if you see it before I do.

We need your support to help grow the student numbers at our school. Please speak to your friends and neighbours and tell them what a lovely little school we have here at Dundula. Word of Mouth is often the best way to advertise. If you have any children who attend local day care centres, can you please come to the office and collect some brochures and drop them off at the Day Care Centre for us for prospective upcoming prep students for 2016. If you know of anyone living in the **Cuttersfield Estate** or Ooralea Waters area, please let them know about our school.

Head Lice:

Please remember, if a **RED** head lice alert is sent home, it means that everyone in the family needs to be **checked and treated** for head lice. Sheets, towels etc., need to be cleaned and changed if head lice are detected. A head lice comb needs to be used to remove the eggs. This needs to be done the day the red form comes out. This way we can put a stop to the head lice in a day. I know you all get this and I know it's a pain sometimes when that note comes home, however, I really urge all families to come on board with our policy to try and put a stop to them the day they arrive. When the **RED** head lice alert goes out, it is an expectations that the staff also check their hair and treat if necessary. Thanks again for your ongoing cooperation regarding head lice. It is really appreciated by the staff.

MSHS Visit:

Mr Steve Pulger (Principal of Mackay SHS) will be visiting this Thursday 6th August to talk with our current Year 6 students about high school. He will also be dropping off a package for one of our students, Kristie Carlton, who has been offered to apply for a place in the high school's **gifted program** for year 7 in 2016.

School Photos:

On Thursday 20th the official School Photos will be taken at our school site. Packages have already gone home with information about the school photos and prices etc. Please ensure the directions are followed in terms of selection of photos and payment. Could you please ensure that all students are in correct school uniform for this photo session.

Stripey Production:

We applied for funding for our Prep to Year 6 students to go and see a production at the MECC called Stripey. We are pleased to inform you that we have received **total funding** for the bus and a **discount of \$5 per ticket** per child for the entry fee. This means that the children will get to see this amazing production for a total cost of **\$7:50 per child**. Please watch out for a separate letter explaining this activity.

QASSP Conference:

I will be traveling to Cairns on Wednesday to attend the **State QASSP Conference** for principals. I will be away for Wednesday to Friday. Mrs Hall will replace me on Wednesday and Thursday and a supply teacher has been booked for Friday, as Mrs Hall works in the library on that day. I am looking forward to learning new things and being able to share some new and innovative ideas with staff on my return.

Communication:

It is vital that we keep the communication channels open between families and the school. If you haven't already found our Facebook Page, please do so if you can. Regular updates are uploaded to the page and lots of photos go up too. We communicate information through Facebook, newsletter, website, Stop Press messages and the large notice board at the front of the school. The school land line is **49 528 333**, alternatively, you can always contact me on the school mobile on **040 88 200 25** and leave a message and/or a text to communicate as well. My direct email is tlarg6@eq.edu.au
Stay safe and stay happy

*Cheers
Trudy*

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
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Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From **Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September**, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earn and learn.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK:

Presented on Parade on Friday 31st July 2015:

Prep/Yr1/Yr2:

Riley – for always being on the ball and ready to answer questions.
Tatrina – for her impressive effort during phonic work, throughout

Year 3/4/5/6:

Fallon – for always giving her best in the classroom
Julius – for the beautiful presentation of his verb and noun groups
Ashley – for always being helpful to other students
Jayde – for working hard on all tasks in the classroom
Kristie – for coming up with some awesome scientific ideas about light

MOIRA DODSWORTH – TUTOR:

*Numeracy and Literacy
Senior Maths and English
Assignment Preparation*

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SCHOOL COMING EVENTS:

TERM 3:

20/8/2015: **SCHOOL PHOTO'S**

21/8/2015 to
28/8/2015: **SCHOOL BOOK FAIR –**
Display set up in the
Resource Centre.

25/8/2015: Students to travel to the
MECC to see Strikey – Bus
departs school at 9.15am.

08/9/2015 TO
11/9/2015: **SWIMMING – Pat Wright**
Swim
Centre

TERM 4:

29/10/2015: **SCHOOL FUN RUN**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

HOY & MINI CENT SALE:

The next **Hoy & Mini Cent Sale** will be on
Saturday 22nd August, 2015 UNDER B
Block Teaching at the School starting at
1.30pm sharp.

DATES TO FOLLOW:

19th September
24th October
21st November
5th December

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