

NEWSLETTER

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello Everyone,

Into week 6 already. Where has the term gone?

Assistant Regional Director Visits:

Mr Brendan Smith, our Assistant Regional Director will be visiting our school this week as part of his regular school visit program. He will be discussing with staff how our improvement agenda of reading, writing and numeracy is progressing. He will also be discussing our 2015 NAPLAN results and looking at how we are utilising this data to inform our teaching. Mr Smith will be at the school on Wednesday 19th August from 9am to 11:30am. Please make him welcome if you see him about the school.

WORKING BEE

There will be a **working bee** at the school on **Sunday 30th August** from 9am to 12pm. There are a lot of jobs that need doing around the school and I would really like your support with this. Hope you can come and help out. A note will go out closer to the time with more information but please keep this date and time free. Bring your friends, bring the kids, and bring your parents and other family members too. Hope to see you there. I'm sure we will throw a sausage or two on the Barbie at the completion of the working bee, too.

Advocacy Update:

As you know, the staff is committed to **growing the numbers** at our school. The new signage is now complete and fully installed. We have had a small set-back with our fence progress. Due to the cost involved in replacing the existing fence, EQ will be re-scoping the job in order to lower the cost involved. At this stage, we will be seeing a new fence on the front (Main St) and side of Cooks Lane of the boundary, with the other two boundaries to be completed at a later date. The fence will be approximately 5 foot tall and will be pool fencing, which aligns with EQ standards. Although this is a set-back from our original plans, it means that progress is still happening. We have to work within the constraints of regional budgeting and we have to accept that sometimes, changes to original plans will occur when fiscal decisions need to be made.

Book Week / Book Fair

This Friday, 21st August, at 8:50am, the normal parade will be followed by a special costume parade where students will be asked to come up on stage to show off their character costume. At 10:30, a special morning tea will be held for all family members who attend. This will be followed by a preview of the books on sale at the book fair the following week. Families who come this Friday, though, have an opportunity to purchase books (*from the Book Fair*) for their children / grandchildren etc. on this day. Yes! You will be the first to see the books on display. Please come along to the parade and also come along to the morning tea. It will be a fun day for all.

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.

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. Students are asked to ensure they wear full school uniform on this day, including white socks and black shoes (if possible). All senior students need to remember to wear their badges on this day, too.

Stripey Production:

All Dundula students will be attending an upcoming production at the MECC on **Tuesday, 25th August** entitled "Stripey—The EGGsellent Adventures of an Emu Chick!" The school has received funding through the BMC Pathways to Performance program for our bus costs and subsidised ticket costs. This means the total cost is \$7:50 per student. Please ensure notes and money are into the school office by Friday, **21st August**. The bus will leave approximately 9am and will return at approximately 12pm.

OPTI-MINDS:

Some students will be attending the Opti-minds program on **Sunday 23rd August** at the Northern Beaches High School: A team of 9 students have trained with Mrs Moira Dodsworth to partake in this 'gifted and talented' event. Only 7 students have been chosen to take part on the day. These students are: **Kristie Carlton, Jordan Plath, Summer Chapman, Kayce Hoani-Vincent, Addison Lewis-Weir and Ashley Saron**. I also congratulate Rebecca Homewood and Riley Jarvis

for their participation in the team so far. Although not competing, their hard work has not gone unnoticed. I'm sure they will both get their chance to shine in the 2016 Opti-minds Program. Students need to find their **own transport** to and from the event. Students need to be at the **Northern Beaches SHS** by **8:30am** this Sunday. Students need to be **dressed in black**, including **black socks** and **black shoes**. It is very important that the dress code is adhered to. It is vital that **ALL** students, listed, attend the event and arrive on time. No replacements can be given on the day, so if one member does not turn up the team cannot compete as planned. This is the first time our students have participated. They have trained hard and really deserve this opportunity. I wish them well at their first attempt at Opti-minds. I know they will do Dundula proud.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Dundula State School is considering opening an Outside School Hours Care service. The service would operate within the school grounds before school, after school and during school holiday periods, depending on interest levels. At this stage, all I am seeking is feedback from families about their interest such a service, proposed to be held here at Dundula State School.

Attached to this newsletter is a quick survey that I'd appreciate you taking the time to complete. Should you have any questions about this, please bring them to me.

PREP ENROLMENTS

If your child will be attending Prep at Dundula SS in 2016 and you have already collected an enrolment package, please return your completed forms as soon as possible to allow the input of the data into our system.

If you haven't yet collected your enrolment forms please do so, from our school office, as soon as possible.

SAFETY

Although school-age children are more aware of safety than younger children, they still forget safety rules occasionally. Please remind your child of the rules, and do what you can to keep them as safe as possible.

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

Fax No: (07) 49528300

SCHOOL MOBILE: 0408 820 025

FACEBOOK ADDRESS:

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Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

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.

FROM OUR SCHOOL CHAPLAIN:

Hello Everyone,

Hope you are all enjoying the lovely weather that we have been having – not too many cold days. I have been continuing to run Breakfast Club on Monday and Friday mornings. Special thanks to Brumby's, Northern Beaches for donating the bread on Sundays and Thursdays, and Woolworths, Ooralea for the generous donation of vouchers with which to purchase the food and drinks for everyone to enjoy. If any older students would like to help me with the Club, that would be really great. Donations of honey, fruit or savoury home-bake would also be appreciated by the children. We also provide fruit and other flavoured smoothies on Fridays at second break. Thanks to the older girls that have been helping me with this. I also sell icy cups on Friday afternoons which cost sixty cents each.

On Monday's at Parade, I have been talking to the children about a positive 'Value' each week. Today we considered the value of 'Cooperation' and last week we talked about 'Generosity.'

Mrs Large has purchased some excellent board games for the children to enjoy. These are available to be played in the library during first break. The children love to draw pictures and play games like UNO in the art room with me. Other lunchtime activities that I have been running are skipping with long ropes. Many of the children love this. I have been assisting a number of children and small groups with their learning outcomes, and endeavour to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to students, parents and staff at Dundula State School. Come and have a chat to me, and have a great week. Chappy Riki.

School Chaplain.

Dundula State School.

Ph: 0407 695 207.



Conveyance Allowance Assistance:

Conveyance Allowance is an assistance provided by the Department Transport and Main Roads to eligible parents/guardians who drive their students to school or to the route of a school bus.

There are several types of Conveyance Allowance available. These are determined by the type of school attended, distance driven to school or bus route and the type of school bus service (if any) provided in your area.

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the TransLink Division of the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Nelson Street Mackay or by telephoning 49518673

STUDENT OF THE WEEK:

Presented on Parade on the 14th August 2015:

Prep/Year 2:

Tatrina – for her impressive effort during phonics work throughout the week.
Evelyn – for bringing a more positive attitude to school each morning.
Emily – for her improved focus and pace during Mathematics.
Jesse – for blocking out distractions and continually working hard.
Imogen – for her brilliant work with patterns!

Year 3 to Year 6:

Jasmyn – for awesome Science work.
Summer – for always working hard in class and for supporting school activities.
Jordan – for getting involved in school activities and trying hard at all school tasks.

GATE RAFFLE RESULTS: - TERM 3:

Week 1:

1 st :	E Murray	Ticket 45
2 nd :	C Camilleri	Ticket 19
3 rd :	T Johns	Ticket 21

Week 2:

1 st :	V Mooney	Ticket 5
2 nd :	Kathy Q	Ticket 1
3 rd :	G Kelly	Ticket 22

Week 3:

1 st :	Kathy Q	Ticket 1
2 nd :	T Albert	Ticket 3
3 rd :	Dennis	Ticket 48

Week 4:

1 st :	C Deakin	Ticket 20
2 nd :	J Saron	Ticket 10
3 rd :	A & N Plath	Ticket 24

Week 5:

1 st :	Bob & Viv	Ticket 50
2 nd :	N Cedar	Ticket 9
3 rd :	K Tanti	Ticket 49

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.
23/8/2015:	OPTI-MINDS – Northern Beaches State High School

25/8/2015:	Students to travel to the MECC to see Stripey – Bus departs school at 9.15am.
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08/9/2015 TO 11/9/2015:	SWIMMING – Pat Wright Swim Centre
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TERM 4: 05/10/2015:	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
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06/10/2015:	Tuesday – School Resumes for Term 4.
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29/10/2015:	SCHOOL FUN RUN
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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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS:



School Bus Assistance for Lower Income Families:

The Safety Net Scheme was developed by the State Government to assist students who do not receive other forms of School Transport Assistance and are members of lower income families.

Who May Be Eligible?

To be eligible for assistance under the Safety Net Scheme, students must be in one of the following categories:

- Students of families eligible for a Health Care Card;
- Students eligible for a Health Care Card;
- Students of families eligible for a Pensioner Concession card;
- Students of families receiving Veterans Affairs Pension; or
- Students placed under a Care and Protection Order.

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the TransLink Division of the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Nelson Street, Mackay or by telephoning 49518673.



MOIRA DODSWORTH – TUTOR:

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Senior Maths and English
Assignment Preparation*

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Look at what is happening across the road at 8 MainStreet. JAYCO CARAVANS NEW PREMISES: - OPENING SOON:



SCHOOL PHOTOS:

LOOK AT US: A FRESH AND COLOURFUL APPROACH FOR THE SCHOOL:



STUDENT OF THE WEEK: Presented on Parade on Friday 14th August 2015.



Back Row: Left to Right: Summer, Jordan
Front Row: Left to Right: Jasmyn, Evelyn, Emily, Jesse, Imogen, Tatrina

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