

NEWSLETTER

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back to Dundula and to a busy term ahead. This term will see us continuing to focus on teaching and learning as well as some additional extra-curricular activities. The Eisteddfod, Year 6 Graduation, Awards Night / Christmas Activities to name a few. I will keep you updated on all activities as they become closer in our school calendar.

I hope you all had an enjoyable 2 week break and that both students and their families are feeling refreshed and energised for the start of the final term for the year.

Staff Leave:

Both *Ronell Satini* will be taking leave this term. Ronell will be away from 19th to 30th October and will be replaced by Mrs Johanna Cameron.

Leanne Hall and I will be away 26/27 October to attend the final *7 Steps to Writing Success Program* in Rockhampton. A replacement teacher will be taking the class for these 2 days soon as it has been confirmed.

Chaplaincy Service:

Our recent Chaplain, **Chappy Riki**, has decided not to continue at Dundula this term, due to her finding doing two schools a little challenging than she first thought. We farewelled Chappy Riki with a morning tea in the last week of term. This means we will now be allocated a new chaplain. **Chappy Lucky** is going to do some volunteer work at the school in Week 2. Please make her welcome if you see her about the school. A final placement for our new Chaplain will be made early in Term 4 and I will let you know who this is as soon as it has been confirmed.

Friday Morning Breakfast Club with a Difference:

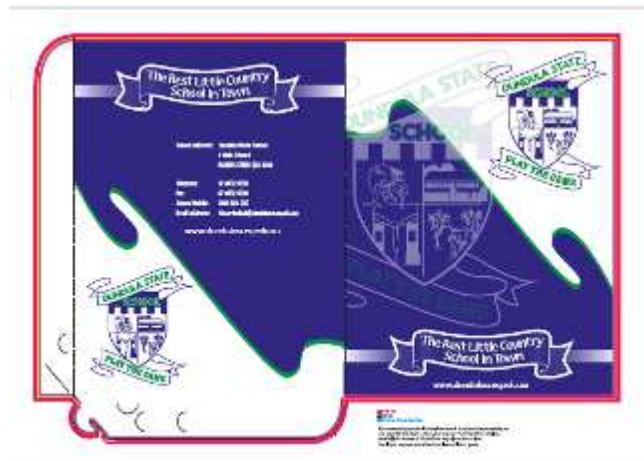
Mrs Hall is coordinating a *Breaky Club* on a Friday. This began in Term 3 as a trial. This will continue into Term 4, most Fridays.

Fence:

The latest information I have on the new school fence is that the northern side and eastern side will be completed throughout Term 4, during school time. The front and southern sides will be completed during the Christmas Vacation. This is going to be a welcome investment in both the school's appearance and security. Please be patient when work is being done, as it may cause some inconvenience during construction.

Our New Look Publications:

Our new brochures, prospectus and enrolment folders are almost at completion stage. All families will receive a copy of the brochure and prospectus when they are completed. Here is a sneak preview:



Dundula State School - School Essentials:

The P&C have purchased school bags, lunch cooler bags, homework spencils and pencil cases which all have the Dundula SS insignia printed on them. The school bags are all blue, however, the other items come in various colours. These items are not mandatory, however, parents may choose to purchase them for their children and I really hope as many families as possible, will come on board with this idea. It's all about getting our school's name out there in the community and for the kids to be proud of their school - proud to be seen with an item bearing the school's name and logo. A note will go out to families once the products arrive at the school. We expect this to be early Term 4. A price list will also be sent to families. The items will be available for purchase from the School Office.

Before and After School Care Survey:

Last term I sent home a survey about trying to gauge the level of interest in the school community for the use of a *before and after school care service*, based at our school. I firmly believe that if we can deliver such a program, we will find that our enrolments will increase. I really need your feedback. I would really appreciate it if you could send back the survey forms **ASAP**. If you have misplaced the form, it is okay, please just call into the Office to collect another one.

Advocacy:

Our school is on a mission to increase enrolments. We need to do this to keep our school banding and current funding. You can help by talking to anyone you know who lives in the Ooralea Waters / Cuttersfield Estate,

Bakers Creek areas and encourage them to send their children to our school. **Word of mouth is the best advertisement we can have.** In addition to this, we intend to place posters in many businesses in the local area. We will also be sending brochures to all kindergartens and child care centres, nearby. We also have placed a quarter page advertisement in the next three editions of Pac Mag. (October / November / December editions). This publication is a free magazine available at many outlets throughout the city and beyond. We have also set up a **Facebook push**, about our school, to all families living in the Ooralea Waters and Cuttersfield Estate areas. As you can see, the staff have been working tirelessly in preparing these publications and actions to ensure we get increased enrolments in 2016. Please do your bit to help us grow. Please tell your friends the great things about our school. **My heartfelt thanks** go to all of you who continue to **take pride in our beautiful school** and who continue to **talk it up** in the community. We need to stand, united, as a community and show the families out there what a wonderful little school we have here at Dundula.

Attendance:

Thank you to those families who are continually encouraging their children to attend school every day. It is so important that they do so that they don't miss out on any learning. Education Queensland is committed to ensuring all students attend school each and every day, unless of course, they are unwell. Our state-wide data base now keeps track of all student attendance records and official steps will be put in place if a child is continually absent without a good reason. I encourage you to keep up the great work and keep ensuring your children come to school every day. **Remember! Every day counts!**

School Veggie Garden:

Our veggie garden has been producing crops all last term and students have enjoyed taking home lettuce, tomatoes and strawberries. All of the produce has been eaten by the students (*probably often before*

it gets to home ☺) We now have some corn growing. Our capsicums aren't doing so well, though. Please feel free to take any produce from the garden when you visit the school. It is a school garden for all the school community to enjoy. Also if you have some seedlings we can plant, please bring them in. Our worm farm is providing us with good fertiliser too. I hope to gain some funding to enable us to increase the garden bed size so we can plant more crops.

Home Bake Roster:

Please ensure you are aware of when your family is rostered on for home bake. Mrs Hodges always puts a reminder in the newsletter about the home bake roster. Remember, it is preferable that the students bring items that have been made at home rather than purchased from a store. The money raised from home bake enables us to hire something fun for the kids to enjoy each A+ Day.

For the kids:

Hey kids... Go to this great website and you can create your own word-search! It is lots of fun and it helps you to learn.

<http://worksheets.theteacherscorner.net/make-your-own/word-search/>

Working Bee:

Our next Working Bee at the School will be on Saturday 31st October 2015 come along at 8.30am and stay for a few hours. We will put on a Free Sausage Sizzle to say thanks.

I look forward to catching up with you all throughout the term.

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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:

www.facebook.com/pages/dundula-state-school

SCHOOL COMING EVENTS:

TERM 4:

19/10/2015: PUPIL FREE DAY

29/10/2015: SCHOOL FUN RUN

31/10/2015: SCHOOL WORKING BEE:

19/11/2015: Year 6 Valedictory Celebrations

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

HOY & MINI CENT SALE:

The next **Hoy & Mini Cent Sale** will be on **Saturday 24th October , 2015 UNDER B Block Teaching at the School starting at 1.30pm sharp.**

DATES TO FOLLOW:

21st November

5 December

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

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

A+ Day at the End of Term 3:



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