

NEWSLETTER

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**SCHOOL MAJOR FOCUS FOR 2014: -
“READING, WRITING & NUMERACY”**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hi,

On Monday, October 13th, Dundula State School will undergo both a Teaching and Learning Audit, and a Discipline Audit, as part of Education Queensland's commitment to ensuring that every student in state schooling is learning and achieving within a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment.

Experienced School Principal Ms Gayle Allesio will conduct these audits, and will gather a range of data from the school as well as interviewing staff, students and P&C representatives.

Upon completion of her work she will convene a staff meeting to convey his finding to the staff, and will supply a written report for broader distribution of findings to Education Queensland and the wider school community.

All schools undergo these audits, along with financial and compliance audits, on a rolling 2 – 3 year basis. The audits are designed to provide school leaders with an opportunity to engage in conversation about the strengths of their schools, and where there are opportunities for improvement.

COMING EVENTS:

SCHOOL CAMP UPDATE

Our school camp will be here before we know it. Early in term 4 from **19th to 21st November**. At this stage we have our campsite booked, our instructors booked and a program in place for the three days. The camp is an adventure based program geared towards assisting our students to work in teams to discover their true potential. It's fresh and challenging for the children and the activities planned are exciting and will be led by trained instructors with the support of the school staff attending, myself, Mrs hall, Mr Bromiley and Chappy Jeff. A copy of the program will be given to parents early in term 4. As already communicated in previous newsletters, the cost for the camp (all inclusive) is \$185:00.

We are really hoping that **all** year 3 to Year 7 students will attend the camp. I appreciate that some of you may be worried, if this is the first time your child has been away from the family, for any length of time. Just to reassure you, little ones can phone home at any time, if they are worried or homesick and we will encourage **all** kids to make contact with home if they feel they need to or want to.

I also appreciate that for some families, especially those with more than one child in years 3 to 7, may find it difficult to find the money needed to send their children on camp. Please know that we are okay about you setting up a payment plan, even if this means the camp is not paid off until the end of the year. As long as there is a payment plan in place (you set this up by talking with Joy in the office), I am okay with that.

School camps are such fun for kids and we always see a different side to the kids, away from the classroom and that is special for us, as teachers, too. We will take good care of your children whilst they are on camp and will treat them, as we would, our own kids. At this point in time, I need some confirmation of those children who are going on camp.

Please fill out the form, attached to this newsletter, and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Dance Factor:

Dance Factor, as part of our Arts Program, starts on Tuesday 14th October for 6 weeks every Tuesday. The last day will be 11th November, 2014.

Each session will run for 45 minutes. The cost per student is \$22:00.

Once again, if you are experiencing difficulty with payment for the Dance Factor, please see Joy in the office and she will help you to make a payment plan for this activity. The dance component is a vital part of The Arts curriculum and enables our students to be taught by an experienced dance teacher. There is always a concert at the end of the 6 week period where families can come along and see what the children have been working on throughout the program.

Staff Changes:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Mrs Maree Whitfield**, for stepping in, at short notice, for **Mrs Norman** whilst she was in Townsville, caring for her father. Mrs Whitfield is a member of our staff who comes in each Thursday to support us with the Greater School Guarantee Program. We all wish Mrs Norman's dad a speedy recovery from his illness.

I would also like to welcome **Mrs Donna Madam** to our team. Donna is replacing **Mrs Judy McCann**, taking over the cleaning duties of the school. **Judy** will be away for some time into Term 4 at this stage. We all wish Judy a speedy recovery from her illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with Judy and her family as she recovers.

Mrs Hall and **myself** will be away from lunch time on Monday, 8th September to 10am Thursday, 11th September. As part of the Explicit Instruction professional development, we are visiting 2 Explicit Instruction *Lighthouse schools* in the tablelands. Mr Bromiley has visited schools in the Gladstone area and Mrs Norman has visited schools in Melbourne as part of our Explicit Instruction Professional development Program. We hope to bring back some new ideas around teaching explicitly and what this looks like in other schools will help us to fine-tune what we are already doing here at Dundula. The Prep /6/7 class will be covered by a relief teacher for the half day Monday and Tuesday and will be

covered by Mrs Maree Whitfield on Wednesday. Maree will also be the back-up teacher, should our flights be delayed in any way on Thursday morning.

Mrs Michelle Crompton is away doing her last practicum of her teaching degree at Mackay West SS. **Mrs Irene O'Brien** is replacing Michelle in her absence. Irene has been a volunteer at the school for some time and often replaces our teacher-aides when they are away from school. We continue to wish Michelle well with her studies and we look forward to celebrating with her when she graduates as a teacher in the very near future.

Mrs Tracey Matsen is currently completing her teacher-Aide Course through TAFE and is visiting our school to do her one day a week practicum as part of her studies. Tracey has also been able to help us by filling in for some teacher-aide absences. We continue to wish Tracey well with her studies.

I have to attend a Principal's Day next Thursday 18th September. Mrs Hall will replace me on that day in the Prep/6/7 Classroom.

Head Lice:

As we continue to fight to eradicate head lice, it is important that all families take heed when the head Lice note comes home. A note is only sent out when we have been made aware that a child at the school has head lice. The reason for the note is sent home is to encourage all families at the school, the evening they receive the note, to wash their children's hair thoroughly and to comb out any eggs. It is also important that all family members do this as well. Please see me if you need any support or information about head lice or how to treat it.

The Library:

You will notice some changes in the library when next you visit. As part of our Financial and Facilities and Resources Audit earlier in the year, we were directed to cull some of our aging library books which are in dire need of repair or simply have become stained and damaged and are not presentable for a School Library. Some of these culled books have been given to your children to take home for their home libraries. We hope they are enjoying the books. We have budgeted to buy new books each term to keep our library updated and our students interested in reading. Please encourage your child / children to

visit the library, regularly, and to please continue to instil in them the love of reading. Reading continues to be one of our improvement agendas for 2014.

A huge thankyou to Mrs Hall for her unwavering commitment to making the library a place kids want to visit. Her enthusiasm and dedication in relation to setting up and running the book fair was instrumental in the school receiving new library books to the value of over \$500.

School Grounds:

In preparation for our upcoming school audit, we are conscious that the school grounds and surrounds is one domain that we are being assessed on. If any of you have some spare time between now and Monday, October 13th, please feel free to come to the school and help out with tidying our gardens, watering, weeding, raking etc. Also if any of you have a gurney and would like to help out by cleaning some of our concrete areas that were not able to be cleaned or completed at the last working bee that would be great too and much appreciated by staff.

School Spirit:

Ever since I came to Dundula, I have worked hard at trying to build up a sense of community spirit for our school. You can help out by always talking positively about the school when out in the community or on social media (*for example, Facebook*). It only takes one negative comment on social media to ruin a school's reputation. Please be mindful of this. You can also help by encouraging other families to come to our school and enrol their students here. If every family could just bring one new family to the school, we could have our fourth and fifth teacher in no time. **Note:** We will commence 2015 with three teachers, as for 2014.

Sending your children to school in uniform each day, encouraging them to take part in school activities, inside and outside the classroom and school surrounds and coming to school events are all ways you can support us growing the school's community spirit. I thank you for your continued support with this and look forward to growing the school together, with you.

Holidays will be here before we know it.

Take care and stay happy.



Trudy

PREP in 2015: We are taking enrolments for PREP for next year. Do you know anyone who wants to enrol a child in PREP? The school needs to enrol as many children as we can because school allocations are linked to our enrolment numbers.

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: 0477757821

P & C FATHERS DAY RAFFLE DRAW:

Drawn on Friday 5th September: Congratulations to the winner and also to all students who sold their raffle tickets.

Winner:

Chelsea Sheet 6 Ticket 21



**HOT DOG DAY:
EVERY WEDNESDAY:
PRICE LIST**

Hot Dog with Sauce:	\$2.50
Hot Dog with Sauce & Cheese:	\$2.70
Zing Tubes:	\$1.50
Bread Roll (Buttered Only)	\$1.50
Frankfurt (On its own)	\$1.70
Flavoured Milk:	\$2.20
LOL's:	\$2.40

Please ensure orders are on brown paper bag with the students name/grade and correct money if possible.

Lunch bags are available from the Tuckshop for 5 cents.

SCHOOL COMING EVENTS:

TERM 3:

08/09/2014 to 11/09/2014

School Swimming at Pat Wrights Swim Centre

19/09/2014:

Friday 19th September is Term 3 Ends.

TERM 4:

7/10/2014:

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

8/10/2014:

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR TERM 4

16/10/2014:

SCHOOL FUN RUN –
Held at the School

19/11/2014 – 21/11/2014

YEARS 3/4/5/6&7 SCHOOL CAMP – ACTION CHALLENGE – 2 Nights and 3 Days.

27/11/2014:

Year 6 & Year 7 Valedictory Dinner at Souths commencing at 6.30pm SHARP

02/12/2014:

Year 6 and Year 7 Students to visit George Williams Farm with Chappy Jeff – Tentative at Present

STUDENT OF THE WEEK:

Congratulations to Students of the Week – presented on Parade on the 5th September, 2014:

Prep/6/7:

Parade:

Jake- for speedy recall of Number Facts
Tara – for helpful assistance in Library
Riley – for reading a Level 1 Reader independently
Addison – for reading a Level 2 book independently
Isabellah – for reading a Level 3 book independently
Maci – for reading a Level 1 book independently

Years 3/4/5:

Parade:

Aimee – producing high quality questions on her Q Chart

GOOD ONES:

Congratulations to Students who received Good One Prizes – presented on Parade on the 15th August 2014:

Parade: 15/8/2014:

Hayden

SCHOOL GATE RAFFLE RESULTS:

Week 6:

1 st :	C Cortis	Ticket 38
2 nd :	K Tanti	Ticket 8
3 rd :	K Andersen	Ticket 34

Week 7:

1 st :	Bob & Viv	Ticket 50
2 nd :	J McCann	Ticket 43
3 rd :	P O'Donoghue	Ticket 32

Week 8:

1 st :	P O'Donoghue	Ticket 32
2 nd :	T Johns	Ticket 21
3 rd :	J Hodges	Ticket 13

DUNDULA STATE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP MENU – SUMMER MENU



FOOD:

Chicken Chilli Wrap (Cheese & Mayo)	\$3.70
Plain Chicken Wrap (Cheese & Mayo)	\$3.70
Chicken Chilli Tenders (On its own)	\$1.70
Chicken Crackles (6)	\$2.90
Mini Sausage Rolls	\$0.60 each
Party Pies	\$0.60 each
Mini Quiche Lorraines	\$0.60 each
Hash Browns (Triangle)	\$1.10 each
Sushi (Teriyaki Chicken)	\$2.20 each
Beef Croquettes	\$1.00 each
DRINKS:	
Chocolate Milk	\$2.20
Strawberry Milk	\$2.20
Poppers	\$1.70
ICE BLOCKS:	
Frozen Yoghurt	\$1.80
Paddle Pops	\$1.80

Please ensure orders are on brown paper bag with the students name/grade and correct money if possible.

Lunch bags are available from the Tuckshop for 5 cents.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

HOY & MINI CENT SALE:

Ladies, Dates for your Diary:

The next **Hoy & Mini Cent Sale** will be on **Saturday 20th September, 2014 UNDER Block Teaching at the School starting at 1.30pm sharp.**

DATES TO FOLLOW:

25th October
15th November
6th December.

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

HONEY FOR SALE:

Please see Judy McCann (Cleaner at Dundula State School) or phone Mark McCann on 0419763906. Please leave a message if no answer.

Prices:

500g	-	\$ 8.00
1kg	-	\$15.00
2kg	-	\$23.00
Bulk order - \$6.00/15-28kg = 20Ltr Bucket.		

NIT FREE FOR ME:

Nit Free For Me is a daily lice prevention spray, made from ALL NATURAL ingredients. Nit Free For Me is safe and effective, with no hidden ingredients, such as alcohol, palm oil, insecticides or nasty chemical compounds. When we say ALL NATURAL – we mean it!

Nit Free For Me is made from the purest, most expensive essential oils on the market today. We have a girls spray (lavender scent) and a boys spray (mint scent). Our Motto is, If you can't pronounce the ingredients, then it shouldn't be used on your child! Best of all, Nit Free For Me is Australian-made and owned. Be head lice free this school year!.

Now on Facebook Nit Free For Me – Mackay Surrounding Areas Email – nitfreeforme@mackay@outlook.com

MOIRA DODSWORTH – TUTOR:

*Numeracy and Literacy
Senior Maths and English
Assignment Preparation*

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SCHOOL PHOTOS:

HOY/MINI CENT SALE: What a great support from the Community at the last Hoy/Mini Cent Sale – Saturday 23rd August 2014.



DUNDULA P & C FATHERS DAY RAFFLE:

Winner: Chelsea Sheet 6 Ticket 21



STUDENT OF THE WEEK: Presented on Parade on Friday 5th September 2014:



Left to Right: Jake, Tara, Aimee, Isabellah, Riley and Addison