



# DUNDULA STATE SCHOOL Est 1922

Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2021 – Issue 7

*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.*

## Important Dates

<b>MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY TO THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	NAPLAN On-line
<b>MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY TO FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	Chappy Week
<b>WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE TO FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	State QASSP Conference in Mackay – Trudy off site
<b>TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	Prep Vision Screening Program
<b>WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	PETPEP Visit

The way we speak to our child matters, for the words travel beyond the ears, settling into the creases of their hearts and the crevices of their self worth.

Renee Jain

Big Life Journal

## Home Bake

<b>13<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	<b>LEANNE</b>	<i>SAGAR</i>	<i>SINGLE</i>	<i>SMITH</i>
<b>20<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	<b>TRUDY</b>	<i>STERLING</i>	<i>STOTT</i>	<i>STRATFORD</i>
<b>27<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	<b>RONELL</b>	<i>STURDY</i>	<i>STURGEON</i>	<i>THORNTON</i>

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Week 4 next week. The term is moving ever so quickly.

### Current Covid-19 restrictions still in place:

We continue to welcome all parents onto the school grounds each morning for drop-off. Please continue to follow social distancing at all times whilst on the school grounds. Afternoon pick-ups remain the same, with parents collecting their children from one of the three school gates. Parents are also invited to attend our weekly parade on a Friday afternoon at 2:30pm. Once again strict social distancing must be adhered to.

### Reading Club / Numeracy Club:

Changes have been made to the regular Reading and Numeracy Club days with Reading Club only occurring Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The additional Numeracy work will now be timetabled into the regular school day.

Note: All staff attend a staff meeting/curriculum meeting each Wednesday morning from 8am. Please ensure your drop-off time on a Wednesday morning is 8:45am.

### Home Bake:

Our weekly Homebake occurs on Thursday at 2nd Break so please remember to check the Homebake roster each week. Each week a staff member and three families are rostered to bring in some Homebake (slice, patty cakes, biscuits etc) which are sold to the children. The money raised goes towards the last day of term (A+ Day) activities. A new Term 2 Homebake roster will be sent out this week. The Homebake roster for next week and the week after is shown below:

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### New Digital School Sign:

The new LED school sign has not been without some teething problems. We are continually working hard to get things sorted. There's a technical problem where the sign is turning itself off. A lot of information will be able to be communicated to parents via the new school sign so please check it daily as you do the drop-off and pick-up.

### Cross-Country:

So proud of these four girls - RHANI RICHFORD, IMOGEN JOHNS, NANDEE PEDRO and KIARRA-LEE THORNTON. They all ran well at the Sarina meet. Imogen will now go onto compete at the Mackay District Cross Country trials.

### What else is coming up?:

- ❖ Monday 10th May to Thursday 13th May – NAPLAN On-line for Year 3 and Year 5
- ❖ Monday 24th to Friday 28th May – Chappy Week
- ❖ Tuesday, 8th June – Prep Vision Screening Program

### P&C Meeting:

Our next P&C meeting will be held next Wednesday evening, 12<sup>th</sup> May. I would love to see more families attend the P&C meetings. This is your chance to have a voice as to how funds are raised to support teaching and learning at the school. It also gives families an opportunity to meet outside of school hours. The meeting starts at 7pm and usually concludes around 9pm or earlier. We currently have just under 100 students attending our school which is made up of 63 different families. At the moment we only have one P&C member who has a child attending the school. The other members are either grandparents of children attending the school, parents of past students or staff. There is so much more that the P&C could achieve in terms of fund raising and providing valuable teaching and learning resources for your children if we had more families involved. The commitment is to attend a meeting around 10 times per year, held at the school usually on a Wednesday evening. Please give some thought as to whether you could help out. Please consider making the commitment to be involved. I hope to see some new faces on Wednesday evening.

Stay Safe and Happy,

Trudy





FROM THE READING ROOM

### Talking Counts!

You can increase your child's vocabulary and background knowledge, two important pieces of the reading puzzle, just by having conversations with them.

**Talk about what you see around you and what you are doing.**

Use the correct names for tools and items. Talk about how things work (a cane harvester), or where things come from (the sugar).

**Join in with imaginative play.**

Extend on your child's ideas. Extend their ideas by asking questions that begin with, "I wonder what...?" "I wonder how...?" "I wonder if...?"

**Plan your next outing together,** even if it is just going for the groceries.

What will we take? Where do we go? How long will it take us? What might make us late?

**At the end of each day, talk about what happened that day.** Ask questions for more details. Have the whole family join in.

**A rich language environment creates better readers!**

Happy reading, *Mrs Morris*

## WE ARE NO LONGER LOOKING FOR TUCKSHOP HELPERS FOR 2021 SEMESTER 1

### *Notification of Appreciation to all Dundula State School Families*

We at Dundula State School have received an outstanding number of applicants for Tuckshop Volunteering and would like to make our appreciation known. Please be advised that we will be taking applications for Semester 2 when the specified time comes.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM SAVINGS CLUB:

School Uniform Savings Club

- 1. Contact us today to set up your account.**
- 2. Make regular payments into your account.**
- 3. Your money is there for you to use when you need it!**

**Phone:** 4951 3549  
**Email:** [sales@uniformsolutionsmackay.com.au](mailto:sales@uniformsolutionsmackay.com.au)  
**Website:** [www.uniformsolutionsmackay.com.au](http://www.uniformsolutionsmackay.com.au)

**Conditions: Credit to be used within 12 months**

## STARTING TIME

Lessons start at **9am** sharp with a reminder bell ringing at 8.50am. On Mondays, Tuesdays 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 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch break.

### **Please remember:**

*Our 2021, school improvement agenda will focus upon the following areas:*

- numeracy
- reading
- attendance
- community engagement
- Quality teaching and Learning
- Wellbeing

## STEP UP 2 PREP **Wednesdays**

**from 9:00am to 11:00am**

Every Wednesday, 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
- familiarises children with our campus
- nurtures their curiosity boosts pre-math and literacy skills
- develops motor skills
- promotes social and emotional development

**Come and have some fun in the Arts Room!!**

## Homework

**Homework is a priority.** It helps your child develop a sense of responsibility, pride in a job well done, and a work ethic that will benefit them well beyond the classroom.

## 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.

## 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, Tuesday 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.

## 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.

## 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, Tuesday 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.

## 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 during these 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.

## 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

## CYBERBULLYING

Give children the knowledge to stay cyber safe with the Meet the Creeps website and quiz! The website guides you and your children through online scams, social media pitfalls and cyberbullying. See [www.creepquiz.eq.edu.au](http://www.creepquiz.eq.edu.au).

## 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. Please respond to any MSM messages you receive regarding your child's absence.

### Icy Cup Friday

Every Friday, after School, 60c will buy a refreshing Icy Cup for the arduous trek home.

### Dundula SS Tuckshop

Wednesdays only, children are able to buy. A fulfilling tuckshop lunch taking the hassle out of lunch making.



### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is on Monday and Friday Mornings from 8 am.

### Hot Dog Friday

Every Friday, students are able to indulge in the Hot Dog meal along with a flavoured milk of their choosing.

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		<b>Breakfast Club</b> with Chappie Nick	PE Lessons HOC Visiting with Dean Malone	<b>Tuckshop</b>	<b>HomeBake</b>
8:30	Numeracy	Reading Club	8am Staff Meeting	Reading Club	
8:50	Numeracy	Numeracy		Numeracy	
9:00	Spelling 2 - 6	Spelling 2 - 6	Spelling 2 - 6	Spelling 2 - 6	
11:45	Spelling Prep & 1	Spelling Prep & 1	Spelling Prep & 1	Spelling Prep & 1	
2:30					<b>Parade / Icy cups</b> (after school)

## P&C – Come Help & Support!

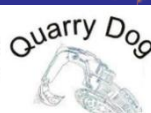
Please help support our little school

### Upcoming Events

**Next P & C Meeting** - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 commencing at 7.00 pm in the conference room of the School Library

<b>President</b> Mrs Michelle Ross	<b>Vice President</b> Mrs Cheryl Ross	<b>Secretary</b> Mrs Joy Hodges	<b>Treasurer</b> Ms Michelle Anderson
<b>Tuckshop Convenor</b> Mrs Cheryl Ross		<b>Working Bee co-Ordinator</b> Mrs Trudy Large	

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