Friendship & Learning  
Tuesday 4th November 2014

**Kindergarten Transition 2015**
This Thursday is our last Kindergarten 2015 transition day. We have absolutely loved having our new Kinders visiting and really look forward to having them at Dunoon next year.

**Student Assistance**
We are keen to finalise financial assistance to those families who will require support in the upcoming weeks. Families seeking this support to help cover costs are asked to contact the office for a Student Assistance form by this Friday 7th November, please.

**Intensive Swimming**
During our swimming weeks, our usual school routine is a little different. There is no scripture, no library and no assembly.

Classes operate for the first two hours as usual, followed by recess. The children often eat a little of their lunch as well during this time to have sufficient energy for their swimming. The children put their sunscreen on and catch the bus with the teachers to Alstonville for their lesson. After their lesson, they get changed out of their swimmers and catch the bus back to school. We have the rest of our lunch when we get back to school.

**Swimming Goals**
Children will be encouraged to set their own goals to aim for when swimming and hopefully everyone will be able to participate enthusiastically and enjoy the lessons.

**Week 5**
- Wed 5th Nov Japanese students visit
- Thurs 6th Nov Kindergarten Transition  
  **No Assembly on Friday**

**Week 6**
- Monday 10th Nov P&C Meeting 6.30pm
- Friday 14th Nov Big Scrub Chess Tournament at Dunoon PS  
  **Canteen is on! No Assembly on Friday**

**Week 7 and 8**
Swimming Weeks  
**No Assembly, No Scripture, No Library**

**Reminders**
- Year 3/4 Excursion permission notes (a few students still need to return these).
- Year 5/6 Excursion: Medical and Consent form (to be completed online at: dsr.nsw.gov.au/schoolcampmedicalform by 17/11/14. These forms must be completed online by families. If you need to use our school computers to do this, please come up to the school at any time. (Booking number & date on note handed out last week)
- Payments for 5/6 and 3/4 Excursions
- Note & Payments for Intensive Swimming Scheme (note attached)

THANK YOU!
News from Mrs Patch’s class
Late last Wednesday afternoon the frame for our insect hotel arrived! Big thanks to Jeremy for building it, Emma for her vision and Luke for his help with moving it. Currently there are no rooms in our hotel so donations of wood, bamboo, pipe etc. would be greatly appreciated so we can create spaces for the insects to live. Competition time :)
We need a name for our insect hotel. All students are eligible to enter. Please come up with a name for our insect hotel, design the sign and give entries to Mrs Patch by the end of week 6.

Students enjoying sport sessions!

Year 5/6 volleyball skills at work!

Year 5/6 designing, creating and playing their board games
Greetings all,

I hope the costume planning is going well. Thank you to those who have already brought their outfits in. What a great start! Please remember to send these to school in a recognisable pillow case and ensure items are labelled for ease of return. I am very impressed by the students who have already learnt play lines. Please remember to read these with your children, as I only see them for a short time each week. Teachers in class will also be practising the plays with the children.

I have an incredibly busy term, and would like a Year 5/6 parent helper who can sew, to assist me with the fox tails. This will not be a difficult task if we can find an afternoon to work together on them, as I have already purchased the materials. (My number is 66895 288). Please let me know if you need help ASAP!

Miss Jodie
PS Here are some of the students in their costumes!

OTHER COSTUMING IDEAS

Some costumes and props will be created in school time and, after being used in this concert, will be stored in the school’s dress-up container. This container is only just starting but it will come in handy at times. If your child requires an item such as a bird mask, you may prefer it if your child makes this at school and then adds it to the school collection.
CONGRATULATIONS
Term 4 Week 4 Awards

Students of the Week
K/1 Rue
1/2 Ben
3/4 Ella
5/6 Holly

Merit Awards
K/1 Will V, Freya, Evie
1/2 Tess, Iris, Jack
3/4 Cassandra, Kyle, Jack
5/6 George, Tyree, Gabriella

Aussie of the Month
Madison, Jemma, Gus, Ruby

Gold Award
Cassandra x 2

Principal's Banner
Cassandra

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Kyle, Leyla & Marlon!

HEAD LICE ARE BACK VISITING OUR SCHOOL...LET’S MAKE IT A TEMPORARY THING!

Please check your child’s hair and treat if necessary before sending back to school.

Tips for tackling head lice...
Use hair conditioner and a fine head lice comb.

Apply conditioner to the hair and comb through with a wide-toothed comb to remove the tangles. Then use a fine metal lice comb to remove the lice and pull the nits and lice off the hair. The conditioner helps slow down the louse and makes it easier to comb out.

For more information go to the “Nit busters” website www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice

Canteen
Next Friday – 14th November
Helpers for 20-30min with cleaning up at 2pm would be wonderful

Recess menu:
(also available at lunch)
Home cooking $0.50 – 1.00
Quelch Ice Block $0.50
Flavoured milk / Juice
Small (150ml – approx) $0.70
Large (250ml – approx) $1.00

Lunch menu:
$3.50ea
Hot Dog
Or
Chicken & Gravy roll
Or
Salad Roll

Due to the second stage of the canteen renovations having started, this may be the only canteen for this term
Dear Parent / Carer,

Variation of Routine / Excursion

Your child is invited to participate in the following activity: Whole School Swimming Program 2014

Destination: Alstonville Pool  
Students involved: K-6

Date: Wk 1- Mon 17th Nov – Fri 21st Nov  Wk 2- Mon 24th Nov – Fri 28th Nov

Departure time: 10.30am  
Return time: 1.15pm approx

Cost: Pool entry is $3.00 per child per day which is a total of $30.00 for the two weeks.

Dress requirements: School hats are still essential, swimmers, towel, rash/swim shirt. Bag for wet clothing. Goggles optional. Dry underwear if wearing swimmers to school. Please make sure all items of clothing are labelled with your child’s name. Children may wear sandals/crocs to school.

Please complete and sign the consent form below and return with monies in an envelope to the school office.

DUNOON PUBLIC SCHOOL – Variation of Routine/Excursion consent

I give my permission for my child /ren ____________________________ to participate in the whole school Swimming Scheme at Alstonville Pool. Starting Monday 17th November and continuing each school day for two weeks up to and including Friday 28th November.

☐ I have included $30 per child to cover the cost of pool entry.

I understand transport will be by bus which has been kindly paid for by Dunoon P&C Association and Dunoon Public School.

Signed ____________________________ Parent/Carer  
Date________________________