District Cross Country
The children have been practising well for the district small schools Cross Country event which will be held at Corndale Public School this Thursday 8th May. The carnival goes ahead even if there are showers. It only gets postponed if there is heavy rain or storms. The back up date is next Monday 12th May. Please read the order of events (attached) course distances for each of the age groups and cross country rules and procedures. Corndale P & C will cater for lunches, drinks and snacks. A menu and program for the day are attached.

The day is usually a great day for families and for children. It is handy if people can bring picnic rugs to sit on as we like to have all of the Dunoon children together-sitting, chatting and cheering on their school mates. A permission note for the day was sent home last week. Please return note with payment (if catching the bus) if you have not already done so, by tomorrow morning.

Study Leave
I was really fortunate to be awarded a Scholarship to investigate creative approaches to support students. The focus of my project is to nurture resilience, optimism and engagement. I’m really excited about this amazing opportunity!

I will be on leave from week 5 until the end of the term. While I am away Mrs Laverick will be relieving as principal (and teaching Year 3/4 as usual). Mrs Patch will be teaching the Year 5/6 class.

I would ask people to manage any matters that may arise by dealing firstly, as usual, with the classroom teachers. Mrs Laverick will be on hand to capably handle anything!

Book Club
Book Club was sent home last week. Please return by next Wednesday 14th May. Thank you

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NAPLAN
(National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy)
The Year 3 and 5 children will be participating in NAPLAN next week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

We will be doing some preparation for this so that children are familiar with the format. This test is one small snapshot of a child's literacy and numeracy progress and is not something which should cause stress for children or their parents! Some children even look forward to these tests!

As I have reminded children, the results of these tests are only seen by their own parents and teachers. They can be helpful indicators for us to support our teaching in these areas.
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How to get ready for school
By Katie
Things You Need:
- Uniform
- School bag
- Breakfast
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush, toothpaste
- Lunchbox
Steps:
- Hop out of bed and get dressed
- Eat your breakfast
- Brush your teeth
- Pack your lunchbox
- Pack your schoolbag
- Hop in the car

How to make a salad
By Darcy
Things you need:
- Bowl
- Knife
- Carrot
- Lettuce
- Cucumber
- Olives
Steps:
- Wash food
- Chop the food
- Put it in a bowl
- Mix it
- Eat it!

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News from Mrs Laverick
Dear Parents and Carers of our SENSATIONAL Year 3 /4 class,
Welcome back to another term! I hope you all had a great term break! Over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on the following:
• Exploring simple machines (levers, gears, pulleys, wheels and Axles, wedges and screws). Next week I will be setting students a home study task which will involve choosing a simple machine to study and undertaking a project to demonstrate their understanding of how their chosen machine works. Some students have already started doing their own investigations which I’m very impressed with!
• NAPLAN is next week and all of the students have had an opportunity in class to practice tests from previous years. Remember, if you need to discuss any issues or concerns regarding your child’s progress or well-being you can pop in and catch me before class starts or arrange a time that suits.
• In maths we will be continue to explore 3D Shapes and then move on to the topic Position (Maps and Coordinates) – it would be great if you could play a few games of battleships to help your child with understanding coordinates (if you don’t have the game, drawing a 10 x 10 grid on paper and drawing some ships on the paper is just as good!)
• As part of PDHPE and HSIE, we are looking at ethical decision-making. To do this, we are working with an on-line game called Quandary. The game (designed for children aged 8 and up) gets teams of players to shape the future of a new society while learning how to recognise ethical issues and deal with challenging situations in their own lives.
Players lead a new human colony on a distant planet. They must make difficult decisions in which there are no clear right or wrong answers but important consequences – to themselves, to others in the colony and to the planet Braxos. Players develop skills such as critical thinking, perspective-taking and decision-making. Quandary provides a framework for how to approach ethical decision-making without telling players what to think.
• Slippers/Socks. Just a reminder that, as it gets cooler, you may like to send some spare fluffy socks or slippers to school for your child to wear in the classroom.
Thanks for supporting you children in reading and other learning at home – the positive impact it is having in the classroom is noticeable. I feel blessed to be working with such a lovely and enthusiastic bunch of children!
Heather
**Kitchen/Garden program**

The kitchen/garden working group met on Monday this week – thanks to all who came along. Plans are well underway to:

- Put in for a $3500 grant through Environment NSW to fund purchasing materials for the building and irrigation of 3 substantial garden beds.
- Establish a composting system.
- Remove the bushy weed garden near the canteen and put in a herb garden.

We’re putting a call out to anyone to help remove the bushy weed garden. Ideally, borrowing a woodchipper for an hour would make it light work – please let us know if you can lend us your or your friend’s/neighbor’s woodchipper. If not, any volunteers with trailers to help us transport the plants would be great. It will be on a weekend, date to be advised in the next newsletter.

Our next working group meeting is Monday at 3.30pm on 26 May. All welcome. Nick

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**Small School Soccer Trials**

This year Dunoon PS are putting together a soccer team to enter the Small School Knock Out competition. Tomorrow (Wednesday 7 May) we will be holding trials for kids wishing to participate in this team from 1.45pm. The Small School Knock Out competition is slightly different to the soccer competition that we have been involved in previously. We need to put together a team that is mixed gender (boys and girls) and just from Dunoon PS, to play at least one game against Blakebrook. If we are successful we may end up playing 4 games and if we are really successful we may end up playing in the final in Sydney on September 18. At this stage we do not know the location of the knock out games. It is anticipated that all of the games will be played during school hours. We would also like to have some training sessions that may occur after school. Once we have a team selected we will negotiate with the families about what works best. Eamon Hynes (who many of you know from Dunoon United Football Club) will be coaching the team and I (Lisa Jacka) will assist him. **Anyone wishing to try out needs to bring their boots, shin pads and long socks to school tomorrow.** Any child in years 2 - 6 may try out. They do not need to be currently playing club soccer. Any questions please contact either Eamon (eamonhynes@hotmail.com) or Lisa (lisajacka@gmail.com)
Dunoon District PSSA
Cross Country Carnival
CORNDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL
Thursday 8th May 2014

PROGRAM OF EVENTS (approximate times only!!)

10.15   Arrive and assemble
10.30   Walk the course
11.15   7 year races  1000m
11.35   5/6 year races  1000m
11.55   10 year races  2000m
12.15   8/9 year races  2000m
12.35   11 year races  3000m
12.55   12/13 year races  3000m
1.00    Presentation of Medallions, Plaques & Champion Shield

Recorders       Modanville & The Channon
Judges          Corndale
Starter/Marshall Modanville

COURSE OFFICIALS: Schools will be allocated “stations” around the course. It is envisaged that each school will organise available teachers and parents to man these stations. The more people the less time anyone has to be on duty. This will overcome the problem of calling for volunteers on the day and those who assist being out on the course all day.

SCHOOL        STATION
Whian Whian    8
Corndale       2
Tuntable Creek 7
The Channon    3
Modanville     1 & 5
Dunoon         4 & 6

These stations are clearly marked on the course map.

FIRST AID: Each school will be responsible for their own students First Aid requirements. St Johns will not be attending on the day. Please ensure your school brings a First Aid kit and ensure that all Asthmatic students carry medication with them on the day. Ice packs will be available on site from Corndale Public School.

LUNCH: No set time has been set for lunch. The Corndale P & C Association will cater for lunch, snacks and refreshments. It would be greatly appreciated if you could advertise this fact. A price list will be faxed before the day.

CROSS COUNTRY RULES:
Shoes are to be worn by all competitors but NO spikes are permitted
No pushing, tripping or interference with other competitors is permitted
No competitor is allowed to receive assistance or refreshment from any person during the race unless they are injured or distressed
All competitors should compete in school uniform.

The ‘Sandy Hunter Cross Country Shield will be presented to the champion school based on total points divided by school enrolment. Points will be allocated down to 20th position in each race.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY: The first 4 placegetters qualify for the zone cross country carnival to be held on Friday 23rd May 2014 at Corndale Public School.
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Sauces – Tomato, BBQ, Sweet Chilli or Mustard

Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Slices .50 - $2.00

*Corndale Public School P&C*
INFORMATION TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS
Musica Viva has been inspiring students throughout Australia for thirty years. Over thirty groups from all genres of music tour to over 1000 schools each year. This year there will be a performance for our school by GYPSY TOBER.

Gypsy Tober is comprised of three of Queensland's finest professional singers who present a program of collected and original songs that express the joy of singing. This brand new concert features music influenced by each singer's individual practice: Anje's immersion in Brazilian music, Leah's love of the folk tradition and Barbara's swinging jazz style. Enjoyment is at the core of all learning, and with an inspiring balance between the drive of the clave, the fun of the hand-jive, and the sweet soulfulness of the African-American spiritual, Gypsy Tober represents the best that vocal music has to offer. This performance is part of your school's learning program and builds on preparatory work done in the classroom utilising the Gypsy Tober resource kit and Miss Jodie’s whacky collection of resources. The kit’s teaching resources are linked directly to the music curriculum as well as other curriculum areas.

There are 4 main pieces of music that the students have been focusing on. Themes include: Gypsies, Brazilian Samba, Birds and Kitchen Music. To make a special event of this musical visit I am encouraging students to wear a costume relevant to these themes. I do not expect elaborate, time consuming or expensive costumes, it can be as simple as Gypsy scarves, Bird masks, feather boas, a chef hat, or samba style headdress.

We would be delighted if you could come to the performance. There is no charge for parents/guardians and community members.

For more information on Musica Viva concerts and related activities around Australia and internationally, visit musicaviva.com.au/education

Date Monday 19th May  Time 11.15am start  Place Dunoon Hall James Street.
Costume: Simple colourful (Gypsies, Samba, Birds, Kitchen)

I give permission for my child/ren ________________________________

To attend the Musica Viva In Schools Concert at Dunoon Hall on Monday 19th May. I am aware that students will be walking to & from the event with Teacher Supervision. There is no cost to our students at Dunoon as P&C has kindly paid for the event.

Signed............................................ Date......................................