Term 2 - Week 3  

Friendship & Learning  
Tuesday 13th May 2014

District Cross Country

What a fantastic effort from everyone at last week’s cross country! It was terrific to see so many children able to complete their 1km, 2km or 3 km track so well! Special congratulations to the following champions:

12 Year Girl: Runner Up: Ruby
12 Year Boy Runner Up: Elijah
11 Year Girl Champion: Gabriella
11 Year Girl Runner Up: Emily
8/9 Year Girl Champion: Eade
7 Year Girl Runner Up: Darcy
5/6 Year Girl Champion: Iris

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected for zone next Friday 23rd May:

Gabriella, Indigo, Cassandra, Paddy, Gus, Eade, Marlon, Emily and Ruby.

Sydney Opera House….here we come!

We received the exciting news that our Small Schools marimba Ensemble has been invited to perform at the Sydney Opera House on Thursday 8th August. The 11 children involved in this from Dunoon are VERY EXCITED! The children will be performing La Bamba. Families of these children will have a note tomorrow with some more information.

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School Strategic Plan

We have been working on our School’s Strategic Plan. Parents are invited to contribute to the development of this document. Copies of this draft are available at the office for your perusal. An emailed copy has also been sent to the P & C for distribution. Please contact the school if you are interested in attending a meeting on Wednesday 14th May to work on this plan. Thank you.
News from Mr Johnson’s Class

Once again we have had a busy start to what is going to be another term packed with learning experiences for the children. The children are practising their athletic skills in preparation for the athletics carnivals that are coming up in the next few weeks.

Most children have selected their topics for the Young Communicators Speech Competition. We have been discussing what information needs to be included in their speeches to make them successful and also the importance of the delivery of the speech.

In Mathematics the children are revising their tables, studying division, practising their counting skills and developing their ability to instantly recall number facts for addition and subtraction.

In story writing we will are concentrating on the editing of the children’s written work, making sure punctuation such as full stops and capital letters are used correctly and that their work is written in sentences.

The children are also beginning to practise their parts for the Performing Arts Concert later in the term.

This semester the Reading Recovery Program will once again be implemented in the school. It is a program aimed at improving the reading skills of children in Year 1. I would like to welcome Mrs Melinda Hill, Reading Recovery Teacher, to the school for the semester. Mrs Hill will be working on intensive reading lessons with children who are placed on the program. Mrs Hill will also be assisting at various times in literacy sessions in the classroom.

Regards Will Johnson

Small School Soccer Team

This year Dunoon PS has formed a soccer team to enter the Small School Knock Out competition. A trial was held that included anyone from grades 2-6. Fourteen children were selected. This competition is separate to the NSW Football Shield Knockout in which an all girls and an all boys team are picked from kids at Dunoon, Modanville and the Channon. Information about the NSWPSA competitions can be found at - http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/nswpssa/welcome.htm

The commitment from children selected (at this stage) is to a couple of training sessions after school over the next couple of weeks. Then we will have 2 games against other local teams (Blakebrook and Rous). The games will be played on Thursday 5 June at a venue in Lismore during school hours. Transport will be by private vehicle. If we win our first 2 games we will be through to another round. That round will be convened between us and the other winning schools with the venue and date to be decided at that time. If we are to win all of our rounds we will be eligible to go to Sydney to play in the grand final. If we get to that stage we will advise parents/carers at that time as to the arrangements.

Any questions please contact either Lisa or Eamon (eamonhynes@hotmail.com or Lisa (lisajacka@gmail.com)

Chess Club

The Dunoon School Chess Tournament commenced last week and the students were certainly excited about the competition. 14 players have entered and will play 5 rounds over 5 weeks on Fridays. This tournament will allow us to select teams for the Big Scrub tournament at Modanville on 13 June.

Playing chess under competition rules is a big learning curve for the students. They have to concentrate extra hard and use a range of strategies to overcome their opponent. They also need to resist the temptation to talk during their game or their friend’s game. Good luck to all chess players for this Friday’s games!

Thank you to Mr Henderson for his great work with organising this!

Brain Power!

Dunoon District Soccer Teams for Boys and Girls

As the children who participated in yesterday’s trials know, Mr Swift (Modanville) and Ms Burgess (The Channon) have selected teams for this separate competition. Further advice about this will be received shortly.
**Student Leadership**

On Friday the 9th May, Year 6 went to a GRIP Leadership conference with Mr Henderson in Tweed Heads. We learnt how to be a school yard super hero and to lead like a strawberry not a watermelon. We had an acrostic poem teaching us about what a school yard hero is:

**H**elper  
**E**ncourager  
**R**ole Model  
**O**rganiser

There were about 500 kids at this conference and we learnt so much about what leadership really is all about. Emily and Ruby

George: The program taught me to not give up and spring back. I’ve learned to sort out issues by going with the flow. To go against the crowd when you should stand up for something and have the strength of your belief.

Max: It was fun and I learnt a lot about leadership and how to express my ideas while being in a team.

Harry: Grip leadership has taught me how to put plans into action and to act how you say you should act.

Poppy: I learnt how to be a really great role model around the school and outside the school. I think it will come into great use to make our school even more sensible and creative.

Sonny: I really liked the GRIP leadership conference. It taught me a lot about helping, organisation and being a role model. I also learnt a lot about bouncing back which is about getting up from certain situations.

Holly: It was AWESOME! I learnt so much about being a leader!

David: I liked the conference because of all the fun learning. I also learnt to bounce back and go against the crowd. For example, if a popular person does something and everyone might follow them but you do your own thing that you believe is right. Also I learned that leaders are like Heroes!

Elijah: At the leadership conference I found out many things, including how you can make an educational comedic film and I also learnt about school yard super heroes.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

**WEEK 2 AWARDS**

**Student of the week**

K/1 - Katarina  
1/2 - Iris  
3/4 - Fynn  
5/6 - Gabriella

**Merit Awards**

K/1 Will W, Lara, Madison  
1/2 Paige, Tess, Lleyton  
3/4 Kassie, Cheron, Gus  
5/6 Jason, Elijah, Emily

**Aussie Of the Month**

K/1- William V  
1/2 - Eade  
3/4 - Blake  
5/6 - Tyree

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**A story from Mr Johnson’s Class**

**Canoeing**

Yesterday I went to my Grandma’s. We went canoeing. We bought some food. It was the first time I had been canoeing. My uncle showed me how. We found a little island for me. We called it Chloe’s Beach. We had lunch there. Then we got in our canoe and went home.

Chloe Year 2

**Musica Viva**

If your child is dressing up for the performance on Monday, the theme is: Simple colourful (Gypsies, Samba, Birds)
Vale Lucy Syme

‘Remember to laugh, smile, love, find joy in small things, and be grateful.’
- Lucy Syme 2012

Thank you to Lee Duncan, a former parent for this tribute to Lucy

Last month there were many past and present students, staff and parents from Dunoon School at the Corndale Hall ceremony to farewell Lucy Syme, who died on April 9, four and a half years after being diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Lucy and her husband Mark Dunphy of Firewheel Nursery, and their children Mia and Pascoe are well known to many of us for their long involvement with the school and community.

Lucy was a vivacious force; musician, artist, performer, teacher, gardener, cook, costume maker, party hostess, environmentalist, and a traveller with a gypsy heart. An enthusiast for all life had to offer - Lucy was generous with her talents and was great at encouraging others, especially young people. She put enormous energy into to her local community, the Big Scrub, Dunoon School, putting on shows at Dorrroughby Hall, performing with The Closet Cowgirls band, and more.

At Dunoon School, Lucy volunteered her time and talents to teach drama and art classes. She organised the hand-print mural and the rainforest mural (even teaching the kids to use the electric jigsaw). She put her passion for healthy fresh food into action when she took over the running of the school canteen. And she put her passion for the planet into action when she took a leading role in the design of new classrooms after the tornado, making sure that eco-friendly features were included.

Lucy was an enthusiastic member of the P and C, putting her hand up for the role of Secretary over a number of years, volunteering for the huge job of organising the school centenary celebrations with Bronwyn Henderson in 2009 and having a positive input into many school programs.

Lucy was also a global citizen, with a passion for human rights that she put into action, in recent years taking the family to Sumatra where she taught disadvantaged children in Aceh province.

A wonderful model for living life to the full, Lucy brought much love and colour to the world. She is greatly missed.
Dear Parents,

**Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2014**

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.


If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete the attached form and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.


Kind regards,
Genevieve Slocombe
Principal

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Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability – 2014

I/we _____________________________
Name of parent/carer

do not wish my child _____________________________ to be counted
Name of child

for the purposes of the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

Parent/Carer signature: _____________________________ Date: __________
**Colour your world with a fun filled family outing**

**Lismore's 24th Annual Gemfest**

**2 Full Days** Saturday 17th May, 9am—5pm
Sunday 18th May, 9am—3pm

**Venue** Lismore Showground

**Entry** $5 per adult, $1 per child (under 5 yrs free)

**Featuring** Gold, Sapphires, Jewellery, Opals
Gemstones, Rare Fossils,
Meteorites, Healing Crystals,
Raffles, Kids Activities, Food Stalls & Lucky Gate Prizes

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**Can Breakfast Make Kids Smarter?**

Last year the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing published findings from their research that says it does. The research found that children who regularly have breakfast on a near-daily basis had significantly higher full scale, verbal, and performance IQ test scores.

Why? After a whole night of fasting, breakfast serves as a means to supply “fuel” to the brain. Meanwhile, social interaction at breakfast time with others may promote brain development. Mealtime discussions may facilitate cognitive development by offering children the opportunity to expand their vocabulary, practice synthesizing and comprehending stories, and acquire general knowledge, noted the authors.

So the advice is eat breakfast – it may make you smarter. [http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/sia/Pages/Can-Breakfast-Make-Kids-Smarter.aspx](http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/sia/Pages/Can-Breakfast-Make-Kids-Smarter.aspx)

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**Storytime at Lismore & Goonellabah Libraries**

**What is Storytime?**

Storytime is a program for pre-schoolers with their parent/carer which introduces the basics of early literacy in a fun, stimulating environment. Children share their Storytime experience with others of their age and learn to interact in a group setting while developing a love of books and reading.

**When is it on?**

Lismore Library: Wednesday & Thursday
All sessions begin at 10.30am

**What happens at Storytime?**

Storytime involves lots of action songs, rhymes and games as well as stories and craft.

**What do you need to do?**

Storytime sessions are free and there is no need to book, so just come along!

For more information phone:
Lismore Library: 66212464
Goonellabah Library: 66251235

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**Baby Bounce at Lismore & Goonellabah Libraries**

**What is it?**

Baby Bounce is a 20-30 minute session designed to introduce your baby, and reintroduce you, to the joy of sharing the rhythm and rhyme of nursery rhymes, finger plays, poems and songs. Come along for singing, clapping, stories, rhymes and lots of fun with your baby.

**When is it?**

Lismore Library: Monday
Goonellabah Library: Friday

...in two age-specific sessions....

10am: 1-2 year olds
11am: 0-1 year olds

**What do you need to do?**

Sessions are free and there is no need to book so just come along with your little one. You will love joining in and reconnecting with your own childhood while watching your youngster explore, engage and interact.

**Want to know more?**

Give us a call or just come on down. We’d love to meet you!