Until next term!
I will be on leave until term 3 and I wish everyone the best for the remainder of the term. I am sure that everything will go smoothly! Mrs Lavrick will be relieving principal during my absence and the year 5/6 class will be taught by Mrs Patch. Mrs Sanderson will continue teaching the Yr 5/6 class as usual and Ms McEwen will be teaching on Fridays.

Any issues should be raised, as usual, by firstly having a discussion with the class teacher.

Thank you to all staff, students and parents for a great start to the term and I look forward to seeing everyone again next term! Cheers, Genevieve

Interest Day
The children should be in for a wonderful day this Friday! Schools from the Big Scrub Learning Community will be participating in an Interest Day. Dunoon children K-6 will be participating in learning activities and interacting socially with students from other school within the Big Scrub Community. It should be a fantastic day for everyone!

Zone Cross Country at Corndale
On Friday 23rd of May, Leyla, Gus, Eade, Paddy, Elijah, Gabriella, Emily, Cassandra, Indigo, Poppy, Marlon and I went to the Zone Cross Country at Corndale Public School. Everyone put in a fantastic effort and we had lots of fun. Well done to Indigo and Gabriella who came sixth and third in their events, they will be going to Kempsey to compete in the Regional Cross Country.

By Ruby

Thank You
Thank you to Bunnings for donating a bale of hay and seedlings to the school. Thank you to Jeremy for picking them up last weekend. They will be put to good use.
News from Mr Henderson

K-2 students will be travelling to Modanville for their Interest day on Friday, accompanied by Mr Henderson and Mrs McEwen. The focus for the day will be on PDHPE outcomes. Activities include dance/yoga, healthy music, healthy art, circus/gym, a gross motor session and bike safety. Students will participate in each of the 6 activities in small groups with students from the other schools. Please make sure students are wearing clothes and shoes suitable for getting active! There will be a canteen available if students wish to buy their lunch. Recess snacks can be purchased over the counter but lunch items need to be ordered on arrival with details on a paper bag and money enclosed. Please see Mr Henderson if you would like to look at the menu.

Stage 3 Interest Day at Dunoon PS,

This Friday Year 5 and 6 will join other Stage 3 students for Interest Day. Topic of Interest: Ethical Decision Making – Colonisation of Braxos

Over the day, students will work in small teams and whole groups to explore ethical issues and deal with decision-making challenges.

Teams will work with a make-believe scenario to lead a new human colony on a distant planet (“Braxos”). They must make difficult decisions in which there is 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. The scenario will provide a framework for how to approach ethical decision-making without telling teams what to think.

As they shape the future of the new society, students will learn how to recognise ethical issues and deal with challenging situations in their own lives. We will be working with interactive, online tools to facilitate this process.

At the end of the day, there will be a whole-stage plenary to discuss the different outcomes of each group.

I am really looking forward to the day! Heather

Visit from the Preschool!

Next Monday, children from Dunoon Preschool will be visiting our school for a play and a teddy bear’s picnic. Our Year 5 buddies for next year and Year 6 will be walking to the Preschool with Mrs Patch. They will then accompany the preschool children and staff back to our school. We are looking forward to a fun morning of parachute and ball games, preparing food, getting to know each other and showing the pre-schoolers around “Big School”. Please find attached a permission note for Year 5/6 students to

News from Mrs Laverick

A quick note to say that the due date for the Simple Machines Project is Friday June 6th. Students have been discussing their ideas and I’m looking forward to seeing their work!

News from Mrs Slocombe

The Year 5/6 class continues to shine! The children have been creating poems, raps, movies and speeches which have been terrific! During the remaining 5 weeks of this term, the class will be involved in:

* Chance and data challenges;
* Nutrition...including some kitchen sessions!
* Digital literacy (with this year’s Lucinda theme: ‘Amazing Myths and Local Legends.’)
* Mathletics
* Skateboarding
* Public Speaking

Happy Birthday to Mr Henderson who celebrates a Birthday this week.

News from Mr Johnson

This Friday Years3/4 will be going to The Channon Public school to take part in the Big Scrub Interest day. The topic for the day is “Our Sustainable Life”.

The children will be divided into groups ad will be taking part in the following activities:
1. Water Wise project with Matt from Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre.
2. Green Thumb Project—planting of vegetable gardens.
3. Science Surprise Box—testing light, energy, power to help us save on our electricity bill.
4. Design, Make, Appraise—Can we work together to solve some of the world’s greatest problems?

I will be accompanying the children on the day.

Children are to bring their own recess, lunch and water bottle. Children must wear school uniform and their school hat.

Thank you
Students on Friday lending a helping hand to the Dunoon Diggers Club

Mindfulness

“Last Wednesday, Bobbi Allan & Shakti Burke from Mindfulness in Education spent another day at the school, giving lessons in each classroom, working with the teachers, and giving a workshop for parents.

Students, teachers and parents all learned about three key players in our brains. Bobbi & Shakti used puppets to represent the relationship between the amygdala (barking dog), the Pre-Frontal Cortex (Wise Owl) and the hippocampus (memory elephant).

Our amygdala (the brain’s ‘fight, flight, freeze’ centre) is like a guard puppy. Our guard puppy barks to keep us safe when we are in real danger, such as having to run away from a tree when a branch falls, or staying very still when we see a snake.

Sometimes our Guard Dog Puppy doesn’t know when to stop barking. It barks and barks when there’s really nothing much to be scared of, nothing much to worry about, nothing much to be angry about. Sometimes it barks because it gets way too excited. That’s why the Guard Dog Puppy needs the help of Wise Owl.

We can soothe our guard dog puppies by taking a few mindful breaths. When we do that, we wake up the Wise Owl, right in the front of our brains. The wise own who helps us stay calm, pay attention and make good decisions. When we take a mindful breath, Wise Owl breaths out her long ‘Whoooooo, Whoooooo’ sound. She spreads her soft wings and strokes our Guard Dog Puppy and settles it down.

Our memory elephant is a part of our brain located between the wise owl and the guard puppy. The memory elephant is like a scrapbook in your brain. It helps you save everything important you want to remember, from the names of all the people in your family, and in your class, to your numbers and your ABCs. When something happens to make you smile, it will save that as a happy memory. The trouble is, when the Guard Dog Puppy barks too much, the memory elephant’s listening and remembering ears hurt, and they don’t work very well. The elephant really like it when you take a mindful breath to wake up Wise Owl so she can breath “whoooo… whooooo” and stops the Puppy from barking. Then it’s easy for the memory elephant to use her listening and remembering ears again.

The children also learned a song about these parts of their brains, did brain puzzles, and played ‘Simon Says’, with brain parts included. A fun and very instructive day.

Bobbi & Shakti are coming back to the school again on Wednesday 11th June, and once again will be working with students and teachers and giving another workshop for parents. The focus will be on developing mindfulness about our bodies and the senses — all very important parts of mindfulness.”

Dunoon Diggers News

Last week we attended to the garden near the canteen and as you can see from the pictures, made real progress. A huge thank you to Chris, Adam, Jeremy and Nick for helping with the clearance and chipping.

Thank you also to the Stage 2 and 3 classes for clearing out lots of rubbish.

All is now in readiness for a working bee this Friday after school to get the garden ready for planting. If you have time, please head down to lend a hand. BYO tools!

We would love to plant out this garden ASAP!
P&C News

Next Meeting - Monday 2 June at 6.30pm. Any agenda items to be forwarded to the Secretary - Valerie Thompson (valthomo@hotmail.com)

Bunnings BBQ—P&C plea for assistance

So far we have had quite a low response to the request within last week’s newsletter to support the roster for the Dunoon Public School Bunnings BBQ on Sunday the 8th of June. We are aiming to have 4 people attending the BBQ / stall throughout the day. This will be our last out-of-school fundraiser for the year.

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If you can help to share this load please contact Emma on 66895472 or 0429693111 or emstone74@yahoo.com.au

If you are unable to help on the day due to other commitment you could support the activity through shopping or slicing onions in the day/s prior.

Kind Regards,
Emma

Community Notices

HAVE YOU SEEN...
A ROOF MADE FROM PIZZA?

Repentance Creek Hall Wood Fired Pizza nights are funding a new roof
AND
We are half way there!!!
So come along, see the work so far, buy a pizza and support your local hall.
Pizza, drinks cake and a kids’ movie

Saturday 31st May from 4pm – Repentance Creek Hall
Paul & Kristy Bloomfield will be doing the school photos again this year. All proceeds will be going to the School. Photos are provided on CD (no prints) as this enables parents to print the exact number & size of photos they want.

CD’s will be $20 per child or $35 per family & will include: individual portrait, class photo, school photo, family photo (if applicable), SRC photo (if applicable), buddy photo (if applicable) – or what ever else we have time for on the day.

Additional duplicate CD’s can be added for $8 each.

Dunoon Public School 2014 School Photos
Order Form

Family Name:__________________________

Child’s Name:__________________________ Year________________

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☐ Individual child CD $20

or

☐ Family CD $35

Plus:

☐ Extra CD $8ea X ____ (copies) = ____ Total $_____

Please return this form with payment in an envelope to the school by Fri 30/5/12

Please make cheques out to Dunoon Public School P&C