Success for the Dunoon Diggers!

Congratulations to the wonderful Dunoon Diggers who completed a successful submission to the NSW Environmental Trust for our ongoing Food Gardens project. Our school received a grant of $3500 for this program.

On Thursday we received a visit from the Minister for the Environment, Rob Stokes, and our local member, Thomas George.

Thank you to Suz who represented the parent body at this presentation.

Library Information

All library classes will now be on Thursdays. Returning and borrowing books will be on Thursdays. Students who have returned all books from 2014 will be able to borrow this Thursday. If overdue books can’t be located, please send a note with your child.

Please bring a library bag. Some bags with the school logo are on sale for $7 each but any clean bag can be used.

Happy reading!
Robin Sanderson (School Librarian)

Week 3

This Friday  Swimming Carnival Year 2-6
Please return permission notes & Monies ASAP
No Assembly this week

Week 4

Tuesday 17th Feb  Japanese students visit
Thursday 12th Feb  Scripture starts

District Swimming Carnival

The Dunoon PSSA District Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday 13th February at Alstonville Swimming Pool. This Carnival is for children from Year 2 to Year 6.

Thank you to those who have returned notes promptly. Please return payment and note tomorrow if you have not already done so.

Mrs Laverick and Mrs Currie will be attending the swimming carnival.

Children need to be at the pool at 9.45 am as the carnival will begin at 10 am.

♦ The bus will be departing from school at 9.10 am sharp.
♦ The carnival will finish at 2 pm and the bus will be returning to school by 3.10 pm.
♦ Children will need to: Wear school uniform. Bring swimmers, towel, dry underwear, a rash shirt and a hat.
♦ Bring recess, lunch and a drink as access to the pool canteen will be limited.

Thank you!

Happy swimming!

Birthdays!
This week we wish a very happy birthday to Madison, Paddy, Faith and Will W
K/1 Class News

The K/1 class is settling in so well! We are steadily getting used to some new routines and the Kinder children are adjusting beautifully! Thank you to all families who have been so diligent with labelling items and encouraging their children. They are very keen!

I am so grateful for the many offers of help in the classroom. Yesterday and today we have had parents helping in the room and it is made the world of difference! Thank you!

Please see below a brief overview of our week. This is subject to change but it will give you a bit of an idea about our routine.

I hope to have some Home Learning activities organised to send home this Friday. Please also feel free to use this as another means of communication. Cheers, Genevieve

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Parent helpers:

Thank you to all of our volunteers in the K/1 room. Please see the outline below and let me know if I have made a mistake, or if changes or additions need to be made. Thank you!

Judie: 3 or 4 times a week helping with pencil sharpening, etc. (Thanks, Judie, this has been brilliant so far!)

Kate: Playdough making

Monday: Maree   Tuesday: Yolanda   Wednesday: Julia; Libby   Thursday: Annette;   Friday: Ela.
Dear parents and carers,
I am really pleased to say that everyone is settling in really well into our new school year. I am extremely impressed with each student’s positive attitude to their learning! What a great group! There are just a couple of things I would like to raise with you.

Recently, some of our students in class have experienced loss of a significant person in their lives. This has come up in our class discussions and all the students have been extremely respectful of each other’s experiences. Your child may want to discuss this with you, so I thought I’d just bring this to your awareness.

On another matter, a couple of people have asked me about whether or not homework is required for children at this age. This is a very personal issue for some and, of course, there are different viewpoints. I am more than happy to provide children with home learning activities. Indeed, I am sending home a “Studyladder” information letter and student logon details so your child can work at home on our current maths concepts. There is also work attached to their Edmodo accounts. For those who like paper copies, I am sending this home with them.

Attached is an article that was recently sent to all DEC staff. It provides one view of the debate around homework. It is from an online site called “The Conversation” which publishes academic research articles. The link to the article is in the attachment.

Our Years 2—6 Project Based Learning is going very well! Below are some pictures of the students engaged in their Science and Technology projects.

Take care, Heather
PandC AGM

Date - Thursday 26th Feb at 6.30pm in the school library.

Welcome back to all returning families and a big welcome to new families. Most of you are aware that Dunoon PS has a PandC. Every year we have an AGM at which we decide on the executive positions. For more information about Dunoon PandC you can visit our website [http://www.dunoon-p.schoo...](http://www.dunoon-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/parents-and-citizens) and for information about PandCs in NSW including role descriptions you can visit the PandC federation website [http://pandc.org.au/](http://pandc.org.au/).

Our AGM will be on Thursday Feb 26 at 6.30pm. At the AGM all executive positions will be open for new nominations. These include President, Vice President (x 2), Secretary, and Treasurer. We will also potentially need a canteen coordinator and a fundraising coordinator. If you are interested in taking on a role you can state your nomination before the meeting by contacting the PandC secretary Valerie Thompson or leaving a note at the office with Sandra. You can also just attend the PandC AGM. There will be a brief general meeting after the AGM.

During the year the PandC meets approximately twice every term. The actual day and time will be decided by consensus of the members who become involved.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the PandC over the past 12 months. Thank you, in advance, to those who will be involved in 2015.

Lisa (2014 President)

Community Notices

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**Baseball 2015**

**JUNIOR Come & try day**

**Sunday 1st March**

**10am Albert Park**

**FREE**

Glove, Ball Bag & a Daily Bottle for all Athletes & Paid players under 10

**CLUB SIGN-ON DAYS**

**LISMORE WORKERS**

3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 March

Contact 0414 226 497

workersbaseball50@gmail.com

**MARIST BROTHERS**

3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 March

Contact 0438 417 344

maristbros.baseball@hotmail.com

**NORTHS BEARS**

4, 11, 18 & 25 March

Contact 0458 122 445

northsbaseball@gmail.com

**EASTS REDBIRDS**

5, 12, 19, 26 March

Contact 0431 021 085

redbirdsbaseballclub@gmail.com

6 – 19 years at

ALBERT PARK, LISMORE

4.00pm – 5.30pm

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**Dunoon United Football Club**

Come and play soccer at Dunoon this year

Registrations now open

go online and register at myfootballclub.com.au

or visit us at one of our information sessions

**Saturday Feb 7 10am-12**

**Wednesday Feb 11 4pm-6**

**Saturday Feb 14 10am-12**

all new and returning players welcome
girls, boys, seniors men and women
any child turning 5 this year can join

For more information contact

Rob Gatt (President) 0428884222

Matt Hill (Secretary) 0438509284

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**Car Pooling to Lismore**

A school parent is interested in starting a car pool to Lismore in the afternoon after school. Contact the school office if you’re interested.