**Project Based Learning**

Wow! What a fantastic morning of presentations we had last Friday! We are all so proud of the children's collaborative efforts. A BIG thank you to all the parents who came to support the students and to our panel of judges, Mr Johnson, Lisa, Anita and Annette. The feedback they gave the students was so positive and highlighted how deep the learning through the project was, particularly in higher order thinking skills. We are so lucky to have such skilled members of our learning community who are willing to support the students by providing targeted feedback and feed forward. Great job, everyone!

**Cushions**

The K/1 class is hoping to have a collection of cushions made to make our reading area more cosy. If you would like to help, please contact Margeaux (Will’s mum) on 66895986. Thank you!

**Life Education Visit**

We have had our annual visit from Healthy Harold and the Life Education Van. Our children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and hopefully learnt a lot in the process. Thank you to Jess for making each session so engaging.

The K/1 children learnt about our bodies: our brain; heart; lungs and stomach. They learnt about keeping healthy. We talked about safety. We loved meeting Harold and feeding him a healthy carrot!

The children in 2/3 went on a virtual exploration of the inside of a body. Students were able to identify the effects on memory that occur when they have sugary products instead of a healthy lunch.

The 4/5/6 class discussed how substances can be harmful to the body. They also explored choices and consequences. Year 6 got to find out the BIG SECRET about Harold! Once again, the program was delivered in a child-appropriate and engaging manner.

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**BIRTHDAYS**

This week we send best wishes to Elijah!
Rural Fire Brigade visit

The children learnt a lot of important information during our recent visit from the Rural Fire Brigade. We were particularly impressed with how well the class groups listened during these sessions and responded sensibly to questions.

Children learnt about the importance of knowing their home address and practising fire drills just in case they are ever needed.
What’s happening around our school in Numeracy

The **K/1 class** has been learning about sharing collections of groups equally. They have been making equal groups and practising their counting skills. The children have also been creating and continuing patterns.

The **2/3 class** have been carrying out tasks within the classroom and the playground to discover the properties of area and capacity. These open ended tasks enable them to work at their own pace for discovery learning and give them the opportunity to explain their thinking.

The **4/5/6 class** can all share EQUALLY now!!! Because we have been studying fractions. They have also been continuing with multiplication and addition with trading. I love the way they are approaching problems with excellent mathematical thinking.

Performing Arts Festival (PAF)

The Performing Arts Festival is an event held in August each year. It involves over 1000 students from nearly 30 public schools in the Lismore area. It is run by teachers on a voluntary basis to provide our students with a high quality performance experience to further their studies in arts programs. It involves the children devising and rehearsing an item which is showcased at an evening performance at the Lismore Workers Club. The children also usually perform their item at a matinee performance.

I am interested in getting some feedback from families about this year’s involvement. One idea being considered is to participate in this event every second year. Please indicate your preference on the attached slip and return it to school as soon as possible. Alternatively you could send an email (dunoon-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au), advise in person or ring the school (66895208).

Thank you.

Enrichment Day

On Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} the Environment Ministers went to Tuntable Creek Public School. We learnt about frogs, eggs, water testing and traps. Overall, we had lots of fun! – *Jason, Gus, Xavier, Elijah and Emil*

School Chess

Last Friday Ben, Darius, Paddy and I went to Modanville for an afternoon of chess. We played about four games of chess and learnt about some of the different pieces. For example, we learnt about pawn structure and about three good moves you can do with your pawn. We all had fun and learnt a lot. *Gabriella*

Alstonville Fun Run

On Saturday Gabriella, Cassandra, Paddy, Darcy and Rue all participated in the Alstonville to Wollongbar Fun Run. Gabriella ran 5kms and came 3rd in her age group. Paddy and Cassandra ran the 1km in the under 12 age group and came in the top 6. Darcy won the 7 and under age group 1km run and Rue came third. It was great fun and a good practice for the cross country later in the year. Well done, everyone!
P&C News
You might know that Saturday 28th of March is NSW Election day. Dunoon P&C will be running a BBQ and cake stall at the school. Money raised by the P&C funds extra activities for Dunoon PS kids, like Japanese classes, Musica Viva and bus travel to swimming lessons.

We're looking for bakers and BBQ chefs to help out on the 28th. If you can help out by making something delicious to bring along, or spending a couple of hours at the school on the day, please email Trent Scanlan (trent.scanlan@gmail.com).

Support people's democratic right to a sausage and a scone! Come and help at the P&C stall on polling day.

I'll be in touch soon for any other details...

Many thanks,
Trent.
P&C Treasurer

School Uniforms
New stock of the latest shirts have arrived. Sizes 4-14. $20ea
All poly/cotton, cotton shirts and track pants are now being sold at reduced prices.

Poly/cotton shirts (sizes 4, 10 and 12 only) - $10
Cotton shirts (sizes 8 and 12 only) - $15
Bottle Green Track Pants - $15
The Channon Market is a great fund-raiser for the school. We are one of only a few charities who are given the opportunity to be “charity of the day” every year and we rely on the funds raised. The day runs smoothly if everyone volunteers at least one shift. There are approximately 45 families at Dunoon PS and approximately 45 shifts needed at the market. One hour or two hours per family will cover the day.

Please indicate on this note where and when you can contribute. Children under 12 aren’t allowed in the BBQ/Kitchen areas but are welcome to collect money on the gates (with an adult).

Name/s:______________________________________
Contact phone or email:_____________________________________
☐ Canteen (either serving or on the BBQ).
Please circle a time or times you can be available.
• 8.30-9.30 (Set up)
• 9.30 -10.30
• 10.30 – 11.30
• 11.30 – 12.30
• 12.30 – 1.30
• 1.30 – 2.30
2.30 (clean up)
☐ Gates
Please circle a time or times you can be available.
• 8.30-9.30
• 9.30 -10.30
• 10.30 – 11.30
• 11.30 – 12.30
• 12.30 – 1.30
• 1.30 – 2.30
☐ Home baking _______________________
☐ Other produce (eggs, bread etc) _______________________

Any questions contact Valerie Thompson (0413 944 745)
P&C President
$5000 Classroom Makeover

Yesterday was the last day to collect tokens from the newspaper and the last day to hand in the tokens to the school is next Monday the 23rd March. The final numbers have to be submitted on this day. Our final tally will be in next weeks bulletin. Thank you to Kristen & Shane from Dunoon Store who encouraged lots of people to come on board with token collecting. Thank you to everyone who collected for our school. Its appreciated

Community Notices

Enrichment, Education, Excitement - Become a Volunteer Host Family!
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, Italy, Belgium, the USA, and France are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.
"Wonderful - joyous - heartfelt. An absolutely wonderful idea and so beneficial for all involved, from family to school friends. We truly feel Enrico is another member of our family."
- Marie - host mother of Enrico (Italy)

Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
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Online: http://www.wep.org.au

Dunoon United Football Club
Training has started
Anyone welcome to come and try
THURSDAYS
5, 6 & 7 yr olds 5-6pm
8 yr olds 4-5pm
9 yr olds 4.30-5.30pm
10 yr olds 5-6pm
Girls JC 10-13yr olds 5-6pm

WEDNESDAYS
Junior Competitive teams (aged 11-17)
4.30-6pm
For more information contact either:
Rob Gatt (President) 0428884222
Matt Hill (Secretary) 0438509284
Junior Carnival Sunday March 29

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