Welcome to Term 2!
I hope that everyone had a nice break.
It’s terrific to see the children keen for the term ahead!

Gardening
Gardening will be back on again on Thursdays from 8 am. This Thursday, we will be planting our ingredients for a tomato sauce so feel free to come along and be part of the process!

Cross Country
We’re looking forward to the Cross Country carnival to be held at Corndale next Thursday 30th April. It’s always a terrific day. Last year we had the best participation rate ever and it was wonderful seeing everyone putting in such a great effort.
The cross country will only be postponed if the weather is extreme. Some families will be meeting us at Corndale at 10.00am. If your child is catching the bus, we will be leaving from Dunoon at 9.30 am. If your child is returning to school, we should be back by approximately 2pm. Genevieve will supervise the children until they go home.
Genevieve will supervise children at school before this time. Please return note attached as soon as possible to the office so we know how many children will be requiring the bus. (Bus is limited to the first 51 students). If your child will not be attending, it is also important for us to know this. Thanks.

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K/1 Class News

We should be in for an exciting term of learning in the K/1 class! Today the children started on a collaborative task which will involve creating an outfit for a fashion parade at next Friday’s assembly. While this is not a competition, the teams will be judged on how well they worked together as a team to produce their creation. Seven students from the Year 2/3 class have been selected to act as their guides for this project.

This week the children will be involved in brainstorming discussions about ways to create the perfect classroom. We’ll let you know next week some of these ideas. In literacy, we will be reading and viewing ‘Charlotte’s Web,’ where we will investigate the themes of friendship and cooperation. We have lots of fun farm activities that we will be doing across all subjects and will be enjoying dance and drama inspired by our themes from Charlotte’s Web.

In Maths we will be following student questioning and learning to explore and solve problems. We will learn to use reasoning techniques and reflect on our learning. We will be exploring areas of number such as counting forwards and backwards, subtraction and ordinal numbers. We will have lots of fun in Measurement weighing and measuring a multitude of items, and learning about patterns and algebra. Our PE focus will be on long distance running, sprinting and throwing and jumping. As always our Visual, Creative and Performing Arts will have a major focus and be full of rich and engaging activities. Looking forward to another wonderful, productive and fun term!

News for 2/3

As it is the centenary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli peninsula, 2/3 will be investigating how the Great War affected Australian schools and local communities and the impact it had on families. We will explore stories of individuals and families from different cultural backgrounds who served Australia in the First World War.

After reflecting on students successes during the Project Based activity, we have planned to work with 4/5/6 on a unit called “Sourcing my Sauce.” In this unit, students will investigate a product, track where the ingredients were sourced and then analyse food miles and what this means to them. In the second half of term, students will then use locally sourced ingredients to create and market their own product.

Over the next few weeks, several students will also have the opportunity to develop the leadership skills they experience by working on a project in the K/1 classroom.
Dear parents and carers of our fabulous 4/5/6/ class,
I am really looking forward to this term! Focus areas include:

**Literacy** learning will be based around the novel *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen. Students will engage with the text through a series of activities that will form a portfolio of work including character studies, creative writing, analysis of language and grammar used, themes, and use of symbolism. The book has strong messages about the power of keeping positive and the importance of building resilience and self-reliance. I am sure we will be having some excellent discussions and ideas around these aspects!

In **numerracy** we will continue to work on mathematical problem-solving, number strategies, and 3D shapes. We will also be studying measurement (including time – so if your child has a watch, now’s a good time to encourage them to wear it!).

Once again, we will be collaborating with the 2/3 class using a Project-Based Learning (PBL) project. Our project will focus on the **Human Society in Its Environment** (HSIE) and **Science** Key Learning Areas. The project is titled “Sourcing my Sauce” and students will be looking at the origins (and health aspects) of ingredients of a variety of tomato sauces. Students will also explore marketing strategies used by companies to sell a product. They will then make and market their own tomato sauce from ingredients sourced locally (including our school garden). Using Minecraft.Edu, students will also be demonstrating their understandings of people and products in systems link to provide goods and services. A considerable degree of abstract conceptualisation and collaboration will be required to use the Minecraft.Edu virtual space to create this “food travel web”.

For **Visual Arts**, Mrs Ward will be working with the students to explore visual features of everyday labeling and work with students to create their own tomato sauce labels. Mrs Ward will also be exploring different cultures through **drama and dance**.

Leading up to ANZAC Day, we will be adopting an inquiry approach to learning about the contribution of Indigenous Australians at war. The aim is not to provide historical information and conclusions to students, but to engage them in a learning journey to construct their own understandings about the contributions and experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women.

Friday afternoons this term will be focused on consolidating **21st Century learning skills**. As part of our Computer Science studies and an extension of our “Arcade Games” project, students will be learning about basic coding and computer science and be producing their own computer games using an online coding program. I am very excited about this project in that it will nurture skills in creativity, problem solving, collaboration and logic. We will be using the school PCs and iPads for this project. I am looking to trial Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) for students to use their own iPads/iPods if they wish on a Friday afternoon for the coding project. Devices would be stored with the other iPads in the locked storeroom for the day until the lesson occurs. If you are happy for your child to bring their device to school, please let me know (email or call the school) and I can factor that in to the planning.

**School Parliament** will continue. Early in the term, Entertainment Ministers will be organising a school disco, so any support (provision of disco lights etc.) for this will be greatly appreciated!

Please feel free to contact me by phone or email (Heather.Laverick@det.nsw.edu.au) or pop by for a chat if you have any questions or ideas. Cheers, Heather

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**Creative Arts Program for Term 2**

For our Creative and Performing Arts Program this term (CAPA), we will engage in wonderful and exciting activities sure to please and engage every student! Students will have the opportunity to be immersed in a diverse range of Drama, Dance, Visual Art and Music activities.

Students will choreograph dances reflecting work done in class to convey a story and evoke our emotions through movement. It should be thought provoking, creative and high energy! Drama activities have been carefully crafted in a program that covers articulation, movement skills, dramatic skills, improvisations, crazy and fun Drama games and above all lots of fun! It will engender confidence and creativity. All students are given the chance to participate and be involved in the great activities.

Other activities will be a mix of shadow theatres, cooking adventures to other countries, music (and perhaps some operetta...so stay tuned), with a great blend of craft and artistic pursuits to make sure every student has a smile when they are engaged in CAPA activities. Really looking forward to my new role as CAPA teacher. Mrs Ward
Dunoon District War Memorial

The Great War

1914-1919

Recently Dunoon Community Hall Committee received a NSW Community Government Grant, to commemorate the Centenary of Anzac.

Restoration and repair, with the inclusion of a flag pole has begun and will soon be completed.

The Dunoon Community Hall Committee will be hosting a Rededication Ceremony, Saturday 23 May 2015 at the Memorial site 114 James Street Dunoon at 11am.

The Hall Committee would like to extend an invitation to all families and friends to attend on the day as this will mark a significant date in the history of The Dunoon District War Memorial.

The Rededication Ceremony will be supported by The City of Lismore RSL Sub branch.

Following the ceremony, Dunoon Men’s Shed are providing a sausage sizzle, also light refreshments will be served.

Tyree, Year six student will be a speaker at the Rededication Ceremony.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask descendants with any background information of names listed on the memorial to contact Pauline as we plan to have an up to date register available to the local community in the future.

For further information please contact Pauline Maczkowiack. Ph; 66895463

Community Notices

The Northern NSW Local Health District would like to remind parents and carers that the Child Oral Health Service offers FREE dental care to ALL children under 18

Oral health is essential for health and wellbeing.

• It is recommended that children have regular dental checkups starting at 1 year of age.
• Regular dental checkups can prevent minor problems becoming major ones and prevent unnecessary pain and distress.
• Dental visits can be fun for kids, treat these visits as normal, routine events so as not to develop fear.

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