Cross Country Carnival
What a day! Congratulations to the children who competed so well in their race. There were so many children who have told me how proud they were about their fitness. Well done!
A huge thank you to the many parents who really helped out at the carnival. It was fantastic to have so many people willing to help with organising the children.
Twelve students from Dunoon are eligible to compete in the Zone Cross Country on 22nd May.
Congratulations to these runners: Eade, Darcy, Hannah, Paddy, Sam H, Darius, Indigo, Cassandra, Ella, Marlon, Gus, and Gabriella.

Farewell
Goodbye and good luck to Olivia, Emily and family as they all begin a new life up the coast. It has been terrific having them as part of our school community and we wish them all the best for your future.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy)
The Year 3 and 5 children will be participating in NAPLAN next week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). We will be doing some preparation for this so that children are familiar with the format. This test is one small snapshot of a child's literacy and numeracy progress and is not something which should cause stress. As we have reminded children, the results of this test are only seen by their own parents and teachers. They can be helpful indicators for us to support our teaching. It is great to see some children really looking forward to the assessments!

Dunoon District PSSA Soccer Trials Yr4/5/6
Where: Dunoon Primary School
When: Tomorrow, Wednesday 6th May
Time: 1.30pm to 2.45pm.
Equipment: Students are asked to come with soccer boots, socks and shin-pads. If students do not bring shin-pads they will not be allowed to participate in any competitive drills or games.

GRIP Leadership Conference: Year 6
The Year 6 students at Dunoon will be participating in a dynamic and engaging conference at Tweed Heads on Friday this week. If you have not yet returned the payment and permission note (student assistance is available for this event), please do so tomorrow. Thank you

Notes to return: (Yr 6 only) GRIP note
This Week, Week 3
Friday 8th May K/1 Assembly
Yr 6 GRIP Leadership Conference

Week 4
Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th May
Yr 3/5 NAPLAN
No Assembly this week

Week 6
Friday 29th May K-6 Interest Day

Week 8
Monday 8th June Queen's Birthday holiday

School Contributions & Textbook Fees
Thank you to those families who have paid so far. The Voluntary General Contribution this year is $30 for one child and $50 per family and the Textbook fees are $30 per child.

Payments can be made at the office at any time. Life can be hectic, please ring the school if you’re not sure if you have paid. Thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS
Term 2 Week 2 Awards
Gold Award
Marlon, Olivia
Principal’s Banner
Olivia
Pride in Our School Uniform
It is wonderful to see the students wearing their full school uniform each day. As the weather is now starting to get cooler, families are asked to ensure that children wear a bottle green jumper, jacket or fleece. There are second hand items of these available at school or you can purchase bottle green tops from a number of shops in town (Big W, Kmart, etc). Thank you.
PS Please label these as children tend to take them off as they warm up!

K/1 Assembly
Our class will have another attempt at hosting an assembly this Friday. Sorry that last week’s assembly didn’t go ahead but we had quite a few children away. This one will go ahead regardless!

Dunoon School Plan
The draft School Plan has been put on our school website for all families to view at http://www.dunoon-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Our three strategic directions are:
- Successful and Engaged Learners;
- Innovative and Collaborative Teachers;
- Positive Relationships with the Learning Community

If you would like to provide some feedback on this, please feel free to contact the school on 66895208 or email Genevieve; genevieve.slocombe@det.nsw.edu.au
You may wish to be involved in provide feedback via email or to be involved in a planning meeting. Please let the school know how you would like to be involved. Thank you

Grandparents' Day
Grandparents’ Day will be held this year on Thursday, 25th June. We warmly welcome any Grandparents or Elders to the school to enjoy a morning with us so we can show the respect, value and importance of elders in our extended school community.
As part of Grandparents’ Day, we will be running a photographic exhibition with the theme of 'Elders'. Students are encouraged to take lots of photographs of someone who may be a grandparent or elder in the community. The winning entry will be framed and take pride of place in the school foyer.
All entries are to be given to Mrs Ward who will coordinate a gallery of photos to be displayed and viewed on Grandparents' Day. There are no size requirements, but we would encourage students to take a lot of photos and experiment with lighting, distance etc. and not to leave it until the last minute, as it’s sometimes hard to just capture that wonderful photograph that depicts something special about our elders.
So start taking those photographs now and we hope to have a wonderfully diverse range to display.
More details later about this day.

Peer Reading
Peer reading is on again! A big thanks to Ms Collins who put the program together and trained all the tutors. Today, the children had a fantastic start to this wonderful peer tutoring program.

Cross Country By Gabriella (Year 6)
Last Thursday was cross country. It was rainy and wet which made it difficult to run but we all had heaps of fun anyway.
Congratulations to everybody who participated. There were heaps of people who improved from last year.
Congratulations to the following children who came in the top four of their race: Cassandra, Indigo, Ella, Paddy, Hannah, Sam H, Darius, Marlon, Gus, Eade, Darcy, Rue, Iris, Freya, Toby, Katie and Gabriella. Those in the 8 Years and up age groups will all go through to zone. Go, Dunoon!
P&C News

P&C meeting wrap-up: Monday 4 May

Yesterday evening Dunoon P&C met and discussed the year’s budget. The P&C will continue to fund the school’s Japanese lessons in 2015, along with other popular initiatives including the end of year awards for students and a farewell to Year 6. Additionally, the Dunoon Sports and Recreation Club have kindly offered to majority fund the bus to swimming lessons this year, with a small additional contribution from the P&C.

In 2015 it will be important to consolidate P&C finances as we have lost a number of our traditional funding sources, and we had an overall loss of $923 in 2014. Later this year there are more fundraisers planned, to make sure we can maintain a healthy balance for next year’s committee.

And on the topic of fundraisers, one final big thank you to the parents and kids who helped out at our Channon Markets appearance this year. We raised a record amount (for Dunoon PS) of over $1,900 from the combined cake stall, BBQ and gate takings – what a generous community!

At last night’s P&C meeting we also discussed some great ideas for new collaborations between the school and the parent community – look out for new initiatives to be launched soon.

The next P&C meeting will be on Monday 15 June at 6:30pm – we would love to see you there!

Our Sandpit Improvements!

After a lot of discussion with the students and help from them in setting this up, we have almost got our new sandplay area organised. The old sand has been moved to our long jump pits. Our brand new beach sand has arrived for our small sand pit and the cover for this should arrive shortly. Our new sand for the larger pit arrives this Thursday! Perhaps this may even mean that your children arrive home looking almost clean after a lunchtime in the sandpit!
Love those Legumes!!

What are legumes?
Apart from nutritious AND delicious! They are:
   - Dried or canned peas, beans and lentils.
   - High in protein and fibre, and low in fat and cholesterol.
   - Best for the land as they produce a higher yield of many nutrients than foods of animal origin.
   - Cheap and very flexible in recipes.
   - Good for freezing before and after cooking, and when made up into recipes.
   - Are great meat extenders in any stew or mince dishes, as well as adding texture and mild flavour.

Buying and storing legumes
Legumes are quite hardy and will store for a year in well-sealed containers.
Look for uniform size, strong colour and a plump smooth appearance.
There are many varieties available in cans, which means they require only minimal preparation.

Mexican Enrollada
(Serves 6)
- 1 tabsp oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 med red capsicum, chopped
- 35 g packet salt reduced taco seasoning mix
- 810 gr can crushed tomatoes
- 750 gr can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained.
- 1 packet pita bread, halved
1. Saute onion and capsicum in oil until soft
2. add taco mix and cook 1 minute
3. stir through tomatoes, beans and heat through
4. Roll bean mixture into halved pita breads with chopped fresh tomato and grated cheese.