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Dunoon District PSSA Field Carnival

For the past five years, the Dunoon District PSSA Field carnival has been held at our school. Children who qualify from Modanville, The Channon, Corndale, Whian Whian, Tuntable Creek and Dunoon compete in this carnival. It is a PSSA event (for 8 years and over) but we also include our 5-7 year olds.

On the day of the field carnival, Wednesday 5th August, students from our neighbouring schools who have not been selected remain at their schools for the day. This will also be happening at Dunoon. As such, children not participating on the day will have activities in the classroom. At various stages, these children may be outside cheering for their school mates. Dunoon children who may only be competing in one event will also be able to join in with classroom activities.

Pressure Cleaning Extraordinaire!

A huge thanks to Shane for the wonderful job he did with pressure cleaning our COLA at the end of last term. It’s so beautiful I wanted everyone to take off their shoes to walk on it!

We so appreciate it when parents can help with jobs like these as our General Assistant allocation of one day a week gets swallowed up quickly with mowing, whippersnipping, fixing furniture and general maintenance.

If any other parents are able and willing to do some pressure cleaning, we have a super machine at school. Alan is at school each Thursday and he would be able to give you a demo. Thanks!

Public Speaking

All of the students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be participating in our school’s Young Communicators program. During the last eight years that we have had this focus, we have noticed a huge improvement with the students’ public speaking competence and confidence.

Each child will present a short speech to their classmates this term. Teachers will be providing their class with the list of topics and class time will be utilised to work on speeches. Of course, it is completely fine for children to work on their speeches at home. Even with parental guidance with the writing of their speech, the children are the ones who actually stand and deliver it!

When each class holds their speech sessions, the teachers have the difficult task of selecting some children to present their speech to the school. These school finals will be held in late August.

As a result of these school finals, 2 children from Stage 2 (Years 3/4) and 2 children from Stage 3 (Years 5/6) will go on to compete at The Big Scrub Public Speaking Competition which will be held at Jiggi PS.
NAIDOC Celebrations

At our NAIDOC celebration, Years 2 – 6 discovered the significance of the Dorrabee Grass area to Aboriginal people. They also discovered the environmental significance of the area. A highlight of the day was listening to the fantastic and insightful questions our students asked the Ngulungah Land Council Ranger who also told stories of how the area was a meeting and hunting place. Thanks so much to Emma and the Dorrabee Trust people who were also there and gave lots of information about the ways they maintain the area. Thank you also to Jeremy who worked with the K-6 children on their weaving skills.

Grandparents’, Grandfriends’ and Elders Day.

We would like to thank all our wonderful Elders who attended our Grandfriends’ Day last term. Our students enjoyed performing and a big thank you to Year 2/3 who were the hosts for the day. Our school was filled with flowers, music and dancing and finished with a lovely afternoon tea.
K/1 Class News

We’re in for an exciting Term 3 and everyone in the K/1 class seems ready and eager for it! Below is a brief outline of events and activities for our class:

In **Literacy**, we will be studying and investigating:

Rainforests, The 26 Storey Tree House, The Egg and a range of multi-modal texts. The children will be writing narratives, Information reports, recounts and persuasive texts. We will, of course, be continuing activities such as spelling, handwriting, grammar and punctuation.

In library, the class will be focussing on Aboriginal stories and legends.

In talking and listening, we will be practising the art of public speaking. The children will present a speech to their classmates. Please see bottom of page.

In **Numeracy**, we will be learning about the following concepts: Numbers; recognising and continuing patterns; comparing mass; subtraction; money; time; addition; sharing collections (division); length; fractions (half); graphs.

In **Science**, the class will be exploring Rainforests.

In **Creative Arts**, K/1 will be learning more about rainforests through art, drama, dance and music.

In **Personal Development, Health and Physical Education**, K/1 will be training for carnivals and learning the skills of team games such as cricket, soccer and Danish Rounders.

In **HSIE**, the children will be continuing their Japanese lessons. They will be focussing on numbers (saying and writing numbers), time, and vocabulary for instructions such as sit, stand, walk, run, jump and hop. The class will also be investigating world geography.

**Speech topics K/1**

Each child will be asked to present a two minute speech to their classmates. I’d like to focus on making this a fun activity for the children and certainly not something for them to worry about. They will present their speech to the class in much the same way as they present their Show and Share to their classmates.

Children can choose one from these topics: Friends; My home; Recess should be longer; My favourite sport; Too much TV is bad for your health; My greatest strength; If I had one wish; The best thing about winter.

Children will be assessed on their clarity of speech (were they easy to understand?), their vocal variety (volume, pace and pause), eye contact, stance and gesture, depth of understanding and use of time.

Following these class presentations, a small group of K/1 children will be selected to present their speech at the school public speaking assembly.
2/3 Class News
We will be investigating little creatures this term and pondering the question as to whether buzzing, flying, crawling and creeping creatures are friends or foe. We will use our information to plan a planting cycle that will either attract or repel bugs depending on our class decision. This will give us lots of opportunities to get out into the garden and utilise the outdoor learning places.

4/5/6 Class News
Dear Parents and Carers of our super 4/5/6 Class! Welcome back to another Term – it’s going to be busy!

Sport
We have our Track and Field Carnival this term as well as some specialist track and field coaching. Mrs Currie will be taking the class on Tuesday afternoons for sport and I’m sure the students will really appreciate her knowledge in and enthusiasm for the subject.

Tournament of Minds (Applied Technology and Maths Engineering)
All students in our class will be challenging themselves through Tournament of Minds (TOM), a process which will go for the first 6 weeks of this term. The challenges are very tricky and I am excited to see what solutions the students come up with. Embedded in the TOM process are literacy, maths, science and the “21st Century Learning” skills of collaboration, problem solving, self-direction and team work. Some students have chosen to compete at the Regional level and others are undergoing the process without the competitive component (some of those who have not experienced TOM before are using this round as a “getting to know the process” and will have the opportunity to compete in future years).

Literacy
This term, we are focusing on grammar and spelling rules. Students will continue to create their “My Little Grammar Books” which use illustrations and top tips to remember the grammar rules. They will also be creating a “My Mini Spelling Rules” book to remind them of spelling conventions. I will be reading aloud “The Ranger’s Apprentice” and we will be completing activities around this novel. We will also have silent reading time each day. I have books the students can borrow for this time and, of course, they are more than welcome to bring in reading material.

Maths
We will continue with “Fast Maths” to support students in gaining fluency in maths mentals. We will also be studying multiplication and division strategies, budgeting and probability and data. If you could provide opportunities for your children to help create budgets for shopping etc. that would really help support their learning in class!

Creative Arts
Mrs Ward will be exploring and creating artworks inspired by wonderful artists showing different techniques and creating our very own masterpieces. The students will be using different mediums and I am looking forward to seeing the students’ beautiful artwork on the wall! Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions. Cheers, Heather

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P&C News

School Equipment Going Cheap!

The school is having a clean-out of old furniture and equipment no longer needed. If you’ve been looking for the perfect kid’s chair, school desk, office furniture, cabinet, lectern or even a barbeque, there could be just the thing for you available! Make sure to check out the items on display from next Monday to Friday.

The equipment available will be on display from Monday next week near the bike racks above the COLA. We’re requesting gold coin donations to the school for any item on display. Items can be picked up at the school on Sunday 26th July from 9am - first come first served!

Canteen News

Because of other events, there will be no canteen until further notice. This Friday the children will be in Lismore for ‘The 26 Storey Treehouse’. The following Friday we are hoping to have a BBQ with the help of parent volunteers. The Friday after that we will be at Riverview Park, Lismore for the track carnival.

Assembly News

There will be no whole school assemblies for the next three weeks.

Dunoon Diggers Kitchen Garden - the Next Big Leap:

The Diggers working group is having a hugely fun working bee on Sunday 26th July starting at 9am. We’ll be building two new garden beds ready for spring planting. Come along. mothers, fathers, kids, gardeners, builders, grandmothers, babies, handy people, pet budgies, all welcome.

Community Notices

FOUND

One model kit...found on Duncan Road, Dunoon.

Kit is in good condition.

Please contact office if this belongs to you.

Thanks