Dear Parents and Caregivers

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the following students who represented Dungay at the North Coast athletics carnival last Tuesday:
Kaitlyn 2nd in relay
Thomas 2nd in relay
Luke 1st in 800m
Brody 2nd in relay, 4th in 800m
Kaelin 2nd in relay
Shiloh 4th in high jump
Kaitlyn, Thomas, Luke, Brody and Kaelin qualified for the State carnival, being held on Wednesday 15 October. Good luck!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come along for some pancakes and a Dungay Brew coffee next Wednesday 17 September to help us raise funds for our State sporting reps. See the attached note for more details.

CAKE STALL

Year 6 students are holding a cake stall this Thursday 11 September. They will have cakes and slices available to purchase during recess and lunch.

Have a great week.

Judi Ryan
Reliving Principal

SOCcer

On Thursday the Dungay soccer team travelled to Woodburn to play in the fourth round of the small schools soccer knock-out. We played against a very skilful and determined Wooli team and unfortunately were defeated. Every body in the team tried very hard and although we had opportunities, the ball just did not roll our way on the day. I was very proud of everyone and the way they played. It was so pleasing to see the development in soccer skills throughout this year in every player. Well done team! You can be proud of your effort.

Mr Simpson

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Student Awards

Term 3 ~ Week 8

K/1R
- Nate for becoming a fluent level 7 reader.
- Sam for taking his time to improve his work quality.

2/3/4S
- Chloe for good persistence in maths.
- Blake for being more confident in news.
- Wade for growing in confidence when swimming.

5/6B
- Thomas for always completing his homework.
- Lexi for always concentrating in class all the time.
- Grace for finishing off her canvas.

Writers of the Week

K/1R
- Taylah

THE MAGIC FLUTE

By Lexi

On Saturday 30 August Grace and I went to the Civic Centre to perform in “The Magic Flute”. In the play we went on stage six times. It went: no singing, sing, no singing, then there was a twenty five minute interval. Then the next three times we sang.

When we entered the first time we only had to smile and wave at Tamino and Papagano. The second time we sang “So now your quest’ and the third time we were on stage we did an animal scene where we got teddies. I got a lemur.

After the interval we sang “So once again”, then “Hold on, hold on” and after that we sang the finale. Throughout the play we had a few actions.

The stage was amazing, it was set in an Egyptian tomb so we got to wear a robe and fez. It was really fun.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Good luck to Shiloh, Matthew and Paige who are competing in the Far North Coast Public Speaking Final at Banora Point Primary this Thursday 11 September.

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

Last Friday children in K/1 participated in a pet education program. Through role play, singing and dancing they were taught how to approach and be safe around dogs. They also learned how to properly care for pets.
TRYSTARS - INTRODUCTION TO TRIATHLON
The Tweed Valley Triathlon club is running a four day TRYSTARS PROGRAM in the September school holidays, from 8-10am Monday 29 September to Thursday 2 October. TRYSTARS is an introduction into the sport of triathlon, focusing on fun and enjoyment, while encouraging kids to be with and make new friends. It enables kids to develop skill, ability and fitness in a non-competitive environment and provides support if they would like to compete in the upcoming Triathlon season. Each session will consist of swim games, ride games or run games. Kids are rewarded throughout the program with coloured TRYSTARS wristbands as they achieve skill milestones in the areas of swim, bike and run.

Cost is $70 and participants receive a TRYSTARS pack which includes a rash vest, water bottle and other goodies. This cost also includes membership to Triathlon NSW and the TVT club for the new season. Great value for money! Places are limited so to reserve your child's spot, call Brian on 0434127344 for children aged 10-12 years and Joan on 0403180663 for children aged 7-9 years.

M’BAH SHOW CANTEEN – Please lock in these dates as we will need everyone's help over the two days!
Once again we have been offered the canteen at the Murwillumbah Show. This is a fantastic opportunity for the P&C and we ask if everyone could volunteer over the 2 days. Volunteer notes will go out first week back Term 4; we just ask if you could please 'save the dates' 31 October & 1 November 2014.
It was fantastic to see the progress each child achieved over the two weeks of swim school. They gained confidence in the water, worked on floating and gliding, swim strokes and water survival skills.

This program is run annually with the only cost being pool entry and bus fare. It is a great opportunity for non-swimmers to learn water safety and have an introduction to swimming.
To celebrate the end of term and assist in sending our State sporting reps to Sydney we will be having pancakes for breakfast on Wednesday 17 September.

The cost will be $4 for 2 pancakes and a juice and $1 per extra serve.

Coffee for parents will be served at 9am so they can sample the “Dungay brew” and preview the Crabbes Fest movie.

If you’d like pancakes for breakfast on this morning please send your order and payment in to the office prior to the day.

Name _____________________________________________

I would like to order __________ serves of pancakes with juice for $4.

I would also like __________ extra serves at a cost of $1 each.

Total enclosed = _______________
Dear Parents

It gives me great pleasure to invite you and your child to Dungay Public School's Kindergarten Orientation Program for children commencing school in 2015.

Dungay Public School offers you the opportunity to be a partner in your child's education, to work and interact with your child's teachers and to ensure your child achieves their personal best in their learning through high quality teaching and learning programs.

Features of Dungay School include:

- Small school with big benefits. Teachers and students know each other well which encourages personal growth.
- Delightful young students who take ownership and pride in their school and who enthusiastically embrace and engage in their learning.
- A welcoming inclusive culture that sees new students and their families being warmly welcomed to the Dungay school community.
- Caring, dedicated and academically qualified teachers who inspire a love of learning.
- Outstanding sporting results - 2014 Champion School for both Cross Country and Athletics Division A, Senior & Sub Junior.
- Specialist teachers and aides providing assistance to students with difficulties in learning.
- Enrichment and extension programs and effective technology programs with interactive whiteboards, computers and iPads in every classroom.
- Air conditioned classrooms, well-resourced library, creative arts and music room and a welcoming, stimulating and professionally-organised playgroup.
- Opportunities to develop social, sporting and cultural talents - band, instrumental program, choir, art, debating, film-making, public speaking, Japanese and interschool sport programs.
- Extensive grounds for children to play, explore, interact and learn.
- Strong parent and community partnerships, a motivated and active Parents and Citizens Association.
- Promotion of positive growth through the development of confidence and self-esteem and the teaching of leadership and citizenship skills through the teaching of explicit programs including values education, buddy training, senior leadership group and the 'You Can Do It' social and emotional learning skills program.
At Dungay Public School, we understand the importance of a smooth transition to Kindergarten and we have a playgroup and an orientation program to assist with this. You can help your child prepare for Kindergarten by using the resources on the NSW Public Schools website.


Over the next few months we will be running our Kindergarten Orientation Program. This exciting and interactive program will provide you and your child with:

- opportunities to increase your knowledge and awareness of our school and the diversity of programs we offer;
- an understanding of teaching and learning in kindergarten.

opportunities to share with us information that will support your child's learning, so that as a team we can work together to ensure that school will be a rich and rewarding experience for your child and their school days will be happy ones.

Please find following information and dates regarding our Kindergarten Orientation Program.

We encourage you and your child to be actively involved and we ask that you telephone the school on 6672 2174 and book in for the activities detailed below.

We look forward to meeting you and your child and welcoming your family to Dungay Public School.

Please contact the school on 6672 2174 to book you and your child's place in our Kindergarten Orientation Program.

Kind regards

Marg Burgess

Principal
13 August 2014
Pre-schoolers and their families are invited to join Dungay students on Thursday 13 November for a Book Parade and Picnic commencing at 9.30am in the school COLA (Covered outdoor learning area) and concluding with a picnic recess at 10.45am. Recess will be provided for preschooler’s and parents. Your child will need to bring a drink bottle and a hat.

Preschoolers will attend introductory Kindergarten classes in the Kindergarten room on the below dates and times.

Whilst your child will be enjoying their time with our teachers, four information workshops will be run concurrently for you, the parents and interested family members. These workshops will provide you with valuable information regarding our school, the curriculum and how you as parents can support and assist your child with their learning. It will be also a great time for you to meet other parents and get to know our school staff. For these sessions children are asked to wear a hat and bring a drink bottle and piece of fruit and/or vegetable and lunch on the longer session days.
SCHOOL VISITS AND PARENT WORKSHOPS

Please note all parent workshops commence at 9.30am in the CAPA room.

School Visit 1
Thursday 16 October 9.30 am - 11.30am
Parent Workshop: Welcome and introduction to Dungay Public School. Accessing and navigating ‘The School Website’.
Presented by Mrs Burgess with morning tea provided for parents.

School Visit 2
Thursday 23 October 9.30 am - 11.30am
Parent Workshop: Office procedures and Numeracy—An outline of school procedures. Strategies and ways to support development of numeracy at home and at school. Areas covered include the Early Stage 1 Mathematics curriculum and the Best Start Numeracy Program.
Presented by Mrs Ryan with morning tea provided for parents.

School Visit 3
Thursday 30 October 9.30am - 11.30am
Parent Workshop: Technology and Literacy - This workshop will be a "hands on" experience and will be held in Mrs Burgess’ classroom. Parents will have an opportunity to use Early Stage 1 software and gain an understanding of how technology is taught in our school. Parents will be introduced to the online programs, Maths Online and Reading Eggs. Many other websites that will interest your children will be shown. Strategies and ways to support development of literacy at home and at school. Areas covered include reading the 'Jolly Phonics' Program and Writing.
Presented by Mrs Ryan (Kindergarten teacher) with morning tea provided for parents.

School Visit 4
Thursday 6 November 9.30am - 11.30am
Parent Workshop: Welfare, Playgroup and P&C – This workshop will outline the award system at Dungay school. A brief introduction to the ‘You can do it’ program. Kim Baker will share some of her great ideas for keeping your children occupied and how she structures our weekly playgroup. Members of the P&C will talk about some of their activities and services they provide in our school.
Presented by Mrs Burgess, Kim Baker and P&C representatives with morning tea provided for parents.

School Visit 5
Thursday 13 Nov 9.30am – 2.00pm Children only in class with this year’s Kindergarten class.
Book Week Parade 10 – 11am
Rosella Preschool visit.

School Visit 6
Thursday 20 Nov  - 9.30am – 2.00pm Children only in class with this year’s Kindergarten class.

School Visit 7
Thursday 27 Nov  - 9.30am – 2.00pm Children only in class with this year’s Kindergarten class.

School Visit 8
Thursday 4 Dec  - 9.30am – 2.00pm Children only in class with this year’s Kindergarten class.

School Visit 9
Thursday 11 Dec - Preschoolers and their families are invited to join the Dungay School community to celebrate our annual ‘Presentation Evening’ from 5.30 to 8.30. This night is when we acknowledge the hard work and achievements of the students at our school. Following the presentation you are invited to join with us for a special Christmas dinner organised by the P&C.