Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our families for a productive and happy year. Staff are very excited about 2016 and look forward to strengthening our partnership in the education of our children.

We would especially like to welcome our new families and we hope you will be very happy at Dungay Public School.

Introduction to 2016 Evening
Staff would like to invite all parents to a 2016 Introduction Evening Wednesday, 10 February week 3 from 6pm to 7.30pm. At this time staff will be explaining about the new and varied initiatives for this year. We will have a combined meeting and supper from 6 till 7pm and then each class teacher will be outlining plans for 2016. A light supper will be provided and your attendance would be very much appreciated.

Weekly Assemblies
Weekly assemblies will now be held weekly on Mondays at 11.20am in the 4/5/6B room. Parents are always welcome to sit in and enjoy the children’s achievements with all of us.

Class Information Overview
Each class teacher will be sending home an information sheet each term outlining units, expectations and any special information. These will go out next week at the parent information evening and will also be available online at www.dungay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au (or just google Dungay and the school website comes up first). The overviews will list resources and items needed for the smooth operation of each class.

Playgroup
Playground will recommence next Thursday 4 February from 9.30am. All welcome ~ tell your friends!

School Resource Kits
The cost of the pack this year is $65 per child. This pack includes:

♦ Class Toolkit (Organisation) - pens, pencils, sharpener, eraser, ruler, etc in a plastic case to start the children off for the year—additional stationary is available for sale at the office as the children require it.
♦ Exercise books for all subjects—covers both plastic and coloured
♦ Online Subscriptions to Reading Eggs, Mathletics and Skwirk (across the curriculum resource all children will be using)
♦ School Student Injury Insurance

Maths and Spelling Text
The Maths Plus text book fee is $18.50ea as per last year. The children will this year be using the Soundwaves Spelling Text $17.50ea. This text was already being used by the children but we were having to photocopy and bind each text for each child which worked out very expensive. This is a more cost effective choice.

Total Cost for Resource Kit + 2xText Books
= $100.00 per child

These fees are payable now or as soon as possible to the office. As soon as a payment is made toward the total your child will be issued with the Kit and texts. Please do not allow your child to fall behind by not having the correct tools to start the year. The facility to pay off these fees is available. Please contact the office for more information.

You may like to pay as direct deposit to the school details below.

Account Name: Dungay Public School
Bank: Westpac
BSB Number: 032-001
Account Number: 150832
Reference: Student’s Name & Item e.g. School fees, Camp Payment, etc.
**Small Schools Swimming Carnival**
The Murwillumbah Small Schools selection carnival is to be held at Murwillumbah Pool on Tuesday 2nd February from 9.30am SHARP till 12.30pm.

If your child did not receive a permission note and you believe they are a capable swimmer (ie. Can swim comfortably 50m without stopping) and is 8 years of age and above please see the office to pick up a permission note for your child.

Kind regards

Rod Hollis
(Sports Organiser)

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**Dungay School Swimming Carnival**

- **Wednesday 3 February**

This carnival is a whole school event with the emphasis on fun and participation. This is a great way for all our children new and old to come together and meet, chat, swim and just have a great social day.

All children are expected to attend and catch the bus to this event. Parents are most welcome to attend and we would love you to meet us at the pool at Kingscliff around 9.30-10.00am.

A permission note is attached to this newsletter. Please have notes and money back to school by Tuesday 2nd February.

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**Travel Costing for School Excursions**

To keep the cost of excursions as low and as equitable as possible when we need the use of a bus the cost is equally divided between the number of students attending the excursion. This is the fairest way for all.

If a bus is organised for an excursion your child is expected to be part of the whole excursion experience and catch the bus with their peers.

Most times parents are most welcome to be part of the excursion but it is best for all if the child accompanies the other children and staff on the bus and meets you at the event if you wish to attend.

Your child is covered by the school insurance when participating on excursions.

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**Dropping Off and Picking Up Children**

Parents please be aware that from 8.00am till 9.30am and from 2.00pm till 4.00pm the front of the school is a school zone on both sides of the road and NO parking is permitted unless you are dropping off in the 5min zone or for longer stays there is parking past the Bus Zone north along Tomewin Rd.

**Please do not park in the staff car park, drop your child off or allow your child to walk through the carpark or driveway.**

Various staff and trades are coming in and out at different times and it becomes a very unsafe area for your child to be in.

Please use the front gate or the gate near the bus shelter so your child can safely walk around the perimeter of the carpark and out to the classrooms and play area.

*Your child’s safety is VERY IMPORTANT to us.*