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 2014.

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 - 2013 Champion School for both Cross Country and Athletics.
- 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
31 July 2013
BOOK PARADE and PICNIC - 29 AUGUST 2013 ~ 9.30am

Pre-schoolers and their families are invited to join Dungay students on Thursday 29 August 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 pre-schoolers and parents. Your child will need to bring a drink bottle and a hat.

Pre-schoolers 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 17 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 24 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 Burgess with morning tea provided for parents.

School Visit 3
Thursday 31 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, Reflex Maths 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 7 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 14 Nov - 9.30am – 2.00pm Children only in class with this year's Kindergarten class.

School Visit 6
Thursday 21 Nov - 9.30am – 2.00pm Children only in class with this year’s Kindergarten class.

School Visit 7
Thursday 28 Nov - 9.30am – 2.00pm Children only in class with this year’s Kindergarten class.

School Visit 8
Thursday 5 Dec - 9.30am – 2.00pm Children only in class with this year’s Kindergarten class.

School Visit 9
Thursday 12 Dec - Pre-schoolers 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.