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Newsletter 1 – Thursday January 28th 2016

School Values

<p style="text-align: center;">ACHIEVEMENT</p> <p>Is striving to do the best we can through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Personal best - always aim high ❖ Team work – contributes positively as a member of my group ❖ Enthusiasm - celebrating my learning and achievements ❖ Confidence – believing in myself and challenging my abilities 	<p style="text-align: center;">COMMUNITY</p> <p>Is working together to achieve common goals or a common good through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Citizenship - being a valuable member and making meaningful contributions to the community ❖ Global - understanding other cultures and caring for the environment ❖ Responsibility – taking ownership and doing the right thing for myself and the community ❖ Belonging – feeling safe and part of the community
<p style="text-align: center;">RESILIENCE</p> <p>Is persevering to achieve my goals through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Determination - not giving up after the first go ❖ Risk taking - having a go ❖ Problem solving - using strategies to find solutions ❖ Optimism - approaching life with a positive attitude 	<p style="text-align: center;">RESPECT</p> <p>Is valuing self and treating everybody and everything with consideration and courtesy through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fairness - being fair in everything I do ❖ Understanding – considering the feelings of others ❖ Integrity - being honest and true to myself ❖ Tolerance – accepting the differences of others

Diary Dates

Term 1	2016
February	
1 st	First day for Term 1
8 th – 19 th	Swimming Program
8 th	Finance Meeting 3.30pm
15 th	Year 6 Cluster Derby Hill Excursion School Council 7pm
26 th	Senior Aquatic Day
March	
18 th	Cluster Cross Country
24 th	End of Term 1

Dear Parents

Welcome

Welcome back to all our families and a warm welcome to our new families. We are looking forward to having a very productive year.

We have a busy term ahead with lots of extra-curricular activities planned already planned:

- Assessment Meetings
- Swimming Program held over 7 days
- Cluster Aquatic Day for the senior students
- Year 6 students Cluster Derby Hill excursion
- Years 3 – 6 Cluster Cross Country
- Parent/Student/Teacher Goal setting interviews

Prep Attendance

As part of the transition process for preps, they are not required at school on **WEDNESDAYS** during February. Please note however that we are keen for them to attend swimming at the pool on the Wednesdays. Parents may bring their child to the pool for their lesson at 2pm on Wednesdays.

Swimming Program

Our seven day swimming program will start on **Monday, February 8th** and will be run over the following 2 weeks – weather permitting. The program will be run by Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre Austswim trained instructors.



This year the school is covering the costs of the tutors and school staff for the swimming program, parents are only required to pay for the entry fee for their child.

- ❖ \$20.00 per child.
- ❖ **to be paid by Friday February 5th**
- ❖ season pass holders are not required to pay the \$20.00 entry fee but must let Tracey know their child's pool pass number.

Students will walk to the pool each afternoon. Grades 1/2 will have their lesson between 12.30pm and 1.15pm., the Grade 3/4 will be between 1.15pm and 2pm and the Grades 5/6 and Prep/1 will have their lesson between 2pm and 2.45pm each day. Parents of Prep children may bring their child to the pool for their lesson on the Wednesdays.

All students will need a T Shirt to wear in the pool, a plastic bag and some sunscreen as well as their bathers and towel. Please ensure your child brings their gear everyday regardless of the weather in the morning before school.

Permission Forms

All students have been given permission forms which are required to be filled out at the start of each year. The forms are as follows:

- Local Excursion Consent
- Photo Permission
- Blog Photo/Video Permission
- Swimming Consent

We ask that you assist us in completing these forms and returning them to school straight away. The excursion and swimming consent forms are required before students can participate in the swimming program.

Mother Goose Program

- The program will run on Fridays again this year commencing on Friday February 5th
- 9.30am till 10.30am.
- Any parents who have children aged between 0 and 5, and who are not yet at school are most welcome to attend these sessions



Code Red Days

As you would be aware, a category called “Code Red” is now part of Victoria’s bushfire warning system. This decision was made following the tragic bushfires that devastated Victoria on Black Saturday in February 2009. All schools, kindergartens and childcare centres in high bushfire risk areas will be closed on days categorised as “Code Red”, **including our school.**

Our school **will not be open on “Code Red” days.** The school will be notified by 12pm the day before if a ‘Code Red’ day is declared. A letter will be sent home with your child informing you of any closures on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays. If a “Code Red” day is declared for a Monday, parents will be notified via a phone call on the Sunday afternoon. We will also post this information on our new Tiqbiz app.

I apologise for any inconvenience these decisions may create for our families. Let’s hope that this system does not need to be put in place throughout 2016.

A separate flyer with more information has been attached to today’s newsletter.

School Bus

Please remember that it is important for parents to notify the school of any changes to their child’s usual bus travel arrangements. Bus travel notification slips will be sent home with the eldest child in the family on Monday for parents to use – these may be sent with your child in the morning to hand into the office or parents can ring the office to let us know of any changes.

Also a reminder to all parents of bus travellers that it is far safer and much preferred that you stand on the same side of the road that the bus stops on, rather than sit in your parked car on the opposite side of the road and wave/call out to your child across the road. A bus creates an enormous blind spot of vision for kids standing at the rear as it pulls away so they can’t see oncoming vehicles which may be travelling at 100km per hour. Also it is very difficult for your child to hear you above the engine at the rear of the bus as it pulls away.

2016 Term Dates

The Term Dates for 2015 are as follows:

- Term 1** – January 27th – March 24th
- Term 2** – April 11th – June 24th
- Term 3** – July 11th – September 16th
- Term 4** – October 3rd – December 20th

School Times

School starts at 8:50am every morning. All students are expected to be at school **ready for the first bell.** **Students who are late to school must sign the late book which is located in the school’s office.** At the end of the day students travelling on the school bus leave at 3:10pm and all other students are dismissed at 3:15pm.

Students Absent from School

Arrangements for children absent from school,

- Please either ring or use our new tiqbiz app to inform the school before 9.00am advising that your child will be absent.
- Parents of children absent without notification will be either rung or contacted by our new tiqbiz app, to verify their child’s absence from school for that day.

If parents know in advance of a child’s absence from school on a particular day/s then a note prior to the absence will do.

School Uniform

The wearing of our school uniform is compulsory. All students must wear the school uniform every day. The school uniform consists of the following:

- Navy/Gold school t/shirt with logo (only available from the school)
- Navy pants, shorts or skirts
- Navy windcheater or zip up jumper
- Navy and White check gingham dress
- Shoes – runners, leather school shoes or sandals that cover the toe and heel.

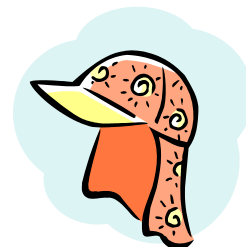
The first uniform order for this year will be sent home with next week’s newsletter.

Sunsmart - Hats

We are a “Sunsmart” school and it is school policy that hats are worn when outside during Terms 1 and 4. This includes recess, lunchtime, PE and swimming.

All students and staff are expected to comply with this policy of wearing either a broad brimmed hat or legionnaire’s style cap outside. Children not wearing appropriate hats will be confined indoors at lunchtime and recess.

Please encourage your child and support this worthwhile policy – skin cancer is a serious health issue for all Australians and children’s skin is particularly tender and sensitive. School hats are available from the office at \$6.00 each. Please name them clearly.



School Council Meetings

The first meeting for school Council will be held at 7pm on Monday February 15th. The Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday February 8th at 3.30pm.

Grade 6 Derby Hill Transition Day

The Dunolly Cluster Schools have organized a Transition Day Excursion for all Grade 6 students in our cluster.

- Monday February 15th.
- Maldon Blue Light Camp ground located close to the center of Maldon.
- There is no cost to parents for this excursion.
- The students will participate in rock wall, archery and interactive games during the day.

The aim of this excursion is to bring together the Grade 6 students from the 6 different cluster schools and help them to develop teamwork and co-operation.

A separate notice and permission form will be sent home with the students next week.

Library News

All students will have their library lesson on Thursdays this year. Book borrowing will commence after the swimming program has finished. Children must have a library bag before they can borrow books. Library bags are available from the office for \$6.00 (or can be supplied from home).



Student Medication

On occasions it is necessary for children to take medications while they are at school. In line with Department Guidelines we keep a Medications Book in the office. Only prescribed medications can be administered at school. All parent requests for the school to administer prescribed medications to their child must be in writing on the form provided by the office and must be supported by specific written instruction from the medical practitioner or pharmacist including the name of student, dosage and time to be administered. If your child needs to be given medication during the day we ask that you leave the medication at the office and complete the form. For safety reasons it is not advisable for medication to be sent along with your child or left in school bags. This does not apply to children who have Asthma puffers and are able to self-medicate.

- Students in Grades 3 – 6
- Maryborough Outdoor Pool.
- A permission form and notice will be sent home soon.

We require some parent helpers for the afternoon (you **will not** be required to get in the pool). If you are able to help out for the afternoon with groups of students please call the school's office and let Tracey know that you are available.

Dunolly Primary School tiqbiz App

Thank you to all the parents who downloaded the **free** tiqbiz app last year.

If you have not yet download the app and are unsure what to do please call into the school and ask for help.



We received lots of favourable comments from parents who were using the app last year, it is a great way to keep informed about what is happening in the school.

You will still get a copy of all notices, newsletters, permission forms etc sent home.

This app can be used on smartphones or PC's.

Cluster Senior Aquatic Day

- Friday, February 26th

