



Newsletter

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Value of the fortnight Respect



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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we learn and play, the Dja Dja Wurrung People. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations peoples. We are grateful to learn on this land and commit to caring for Country, learning from its rich history and culture, and working together towards a shared future.

Dates to Remember

August

21st	Assembly
	Bullying No Way - Wear a touch of purple
	Smile Squad
24th-25th	Smile Squad
27th	Book Week Dress Up Parade @ 9:00am
September	
3rd	SSG Meetings
4th	Assembly

Child Safe Standards

We have zero tolerance of any abuse of children

Principal's Report

Trivia Night

IA huge thank you to our wonderful PFA for the incredible amount of time, effort and dedication they put into organising and running our Trivia Night. From all the planning and preparation to making sure everything ran smoothly on the night, your hard work and commitment to our school community is very much appreciated.

A big thank you also goes to all of the families, friends and community members who came along and supported the event. It was fantastic to see so many people enjoying themselves, catching up, having a laugh and getting into the competitive trivia spirit!

The night was a great deal of fun and a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together outside of the school day. Events like this don't happen without the support of our amazing community, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed, attended and helped make the night such a success.

Thank you again to our PFA and to everyone who supported the Trivia Night. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful and supportive school community!

Maryborough & District Athletics

On Friday 14th August, we had 10 students proudly represent Dunolly Primary School at the Track and Field events. Our students participated in a range of different track and field events, giving everything a go and representing our school with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

Regardless of the outcome of each event, every student should be incredibly proud of the effort they put in throughout the day. It was wonderful to see them encouraging one another, supporting their teammates and giving each event their best. A big thank you to our families for supporting the day with transport and for being such a fantastic cheer squad. Your encouragement and support make these opportunities so special for our students.

A very special thank you to Leanne for the extra time, effort and dedication you have put into preparing our students and helping to ensure the event ran so smoothly. The time you gave the students to practise and prepare before the day was greatly appreciated.

Well done to all 10 students — you represented Dunolly Primary School wonderfully!

Book Week



Next week is Book Week. We will be holding our parade on Thursday morning, beginning with the talented staff! The kindergarten students will also be joining us. Look forward to seeing you all there. More information about the book stall will be put out onto Compass.

NOTICEBOARD

School Council Dates

School Council Meeting
Monday 24th August at 7:00pm

PFA - Volunteers needed

- Looking for helpers to run the Father's Day/Special Person stall on the 2nd of Sep from 9am-11am. Please see any of our PFA members or the office if you can spare some time. We need help with wrapping presents, help the kids pick gifts and with the cash.
- We are planning to run a Bunnings bbq as a fundraiser on the 13th of September. We would love lots of helpers. Shifts start from 8am and finish at 5pm. There will be cooking, money, serving plus setting up and packing up to help with. Let any of the PFA members or the office know if you can help and what times you prefer. Even an hour helps!



Students of the Week

Prep/1

Grade 1/2

Grade 3/4

Grade 5/6

Myra

Matilda

Willow R

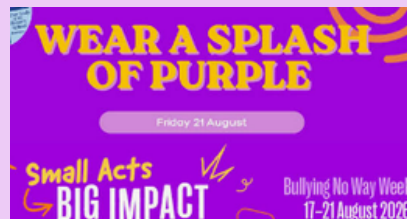
Addison



Last week's 'Student of the Week'



Thank you for demonstrating
the school value of
'Community'



This week, our school will recognise Bullying No Way Week, a national week of action that encourages students, schools and communities to stand together against bullying.

At Dunolly Primary School, we believe that every student has the right to feel safe, respected, included and supported at school. Bullying is never okay, and we all have a role to play in creating a positive and inclusive school environment.

Students participated in activities and conversations that help them understand what bullying is, how to recognise it, and what they can do if they experience or see bullying.

We encourage our students to:

- Be kind, respectful and inclusive of others.
- Speak up when something doesn't feel right.
- Tell a trusted adult if they are worried about themselves or someone else.
- Look out for others and help make sure everyone feels included.
- Remember that asking for help is a sign of strength.

Bullying No Way is not just about one week. It is about continuing to build a school community where everyone feels that they belong and where students know they will be listened to and supported. We encourage families to talk with their children about friendship, inclusion, respectful behaviour and what they can do if they are concerned about bullying.

Together, we can make Dunolly Primary School a place where everyone feels safe, valued and included.

 **national science week 2026**
15 - 23 August

Seeds of Science
Nurturing knowledge for all

This week we are celebrating Science Week! Students will have the opportunity to explore, investigate and ask questions as they take part in a range of hands-on science activities.

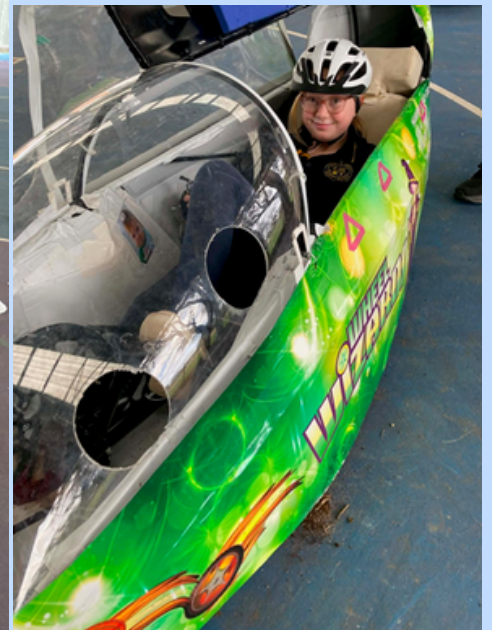
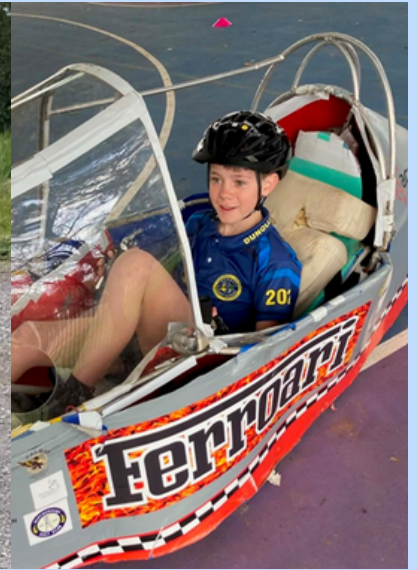
Science Week is a great opportunity for students to be curious, think creatively, test their ideas and discover how science connects to the world around us.

We look forward to seeing our students wonder, explore and discover!



ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH

As a part of Science Week, students in grades 4-6 headed off to Talbot Primary school to participate in three activities - bikes, push & peddle-powered carts and robotics. It was a fun day!





Individual winners

Beau - 1st Hurdles
2nd Discus
3rd Long Jump

Will - 2nd Hurdles

Jayda - 2nd Hurdles

Gracie - 1st 800m
2nd High Jump

Relay winners

10 year old boys - 2nd



Our Trivia Night last week was a success. This year with a Hawaiian theme, the vibe certainly brightened up the gloomy winter night! We raised over \$2500 and had a really Good time while doing it!



We want to thank all supporters for the lovely donations towards prizes and decorations to make it a successful night.

We also want to thank the community for showing up, digging deep and adding to a super fun vibe.

Regards,
PFA

FREE ONE HOUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES TERM THREE 2026

The Local is offering one-hour sessions on topics for building skills in relationships and wellbeing during the September school holidays. And they are Free and open to children 4-11.

The sessions are fun, educational and a safe space to explore the topics listed below. You will gain skills to apply at home to help build confidence with these topics.

Staff from the Child Health and Wellbeing local will run the sessions and answer questions throughout.

Groups are small: five children with one parent per child attending.



TOPICS and DATES

21st Sept, Mon Bendigo, Magnificent Me, at the Local 10.30am 4-6 year olds; learn to celebrate your unique qualities and build your self-esteem.

30th Sept Wed Bendigo, Managing Feelings, at the Local 10.30am 4-6 year olds; 1.30pm **7-11 year olds**. Learning about what happens in your body when you have big feelings, what you can do to help yourself cope.

2nd Oct Fri Bendigo, Building Social Skills 10.30am 4-6 year olds, 1.30pm **7-11 year olds**. Learn about friendships, what is helpful and when boundaries might be needed.

Bookings are essential:

Please call Annette or admin on 1800 433 977 or email us which sessions you want to attend, your child's name and age, your name and contact details including telephone number and email address, icfhwlocals@bchs.com.au.

We will be in touch prior to the session to confirm details including how to access the venue.



Early Help Support at Our School

Every Thursday, Judy Gersch, the Early Help Practitioner for Maryborough and surrounding areas, will be available at our school from 1:00pm in the Library.

If you would like to meet with her for a confidential chat, please contact Judy Gibbs on 54681111 or Compass to arrange a suitable time.

What is Early Help?

Early Help is a short-term, early intervention program that supports families who may be experiencing challenges or changes in their lives. It is designed for families who would benefit from some extra support before concerns become more serious.

Early Help can assist with:

- Parenting support and strategies
- Managing children's behaviour and routines
- Strengthening family relationships
- Support during separation or family changes
- Connecting families with local services and community programs
- Assistance with school engagement and attendance
- Linking families to counselling, health, or financial support services.
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The program is available for families with children from birth to 18 years of age who are connected to a universal service (such as school or kindergarten).

