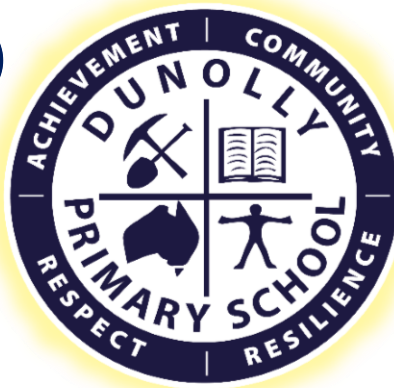


Achievement
Promoting excellence in
education

Resilience
Creating problem solvers
ready to accept challenges



Community
Building responsible citizens

Respect
Developing tolerant,
considerate individuals

Calendar

Term 1 February

16 th	Yr 1 – 6 Swimming Program
19 th	Finance meeting 3.30pm School Council meeting 7pm
21 st	Prep Rest Day PFA Meeting 3.30pm
26 th	Curriculum Day – no school
28 th	Prep Rest Day
29 th	Gymnastics excursion
March	
7 th	Gymnastics excursion
11 th	Labour Day public holiday
13 th – 19 th	Naplan - Years 3 & 5
14 th	Gymnastics excursion
18 th	Finance Meeting 3.30pm School Council AGM 7pm
19 th	Digital Wellbeing for Families webinar 6.30pm
20 th	PFA – AGM 3.30pm
26 th	Stomp Dance
27 th	Yr 5/6 Cluster Excursion
28 th	End of Term

Please note that an up to date calendar is always available within the COMPASS app

This week's value in focus is:

Community

Citizenship – Being a valuable member and contributing to the community.

Contact us:

Principal – Katie Lovel 5468 1111

dunolly.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Around school this week

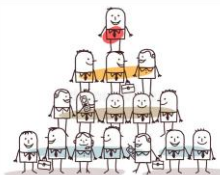


This week we have been challenging students to complete a task each day –

- * Write a short note to someone letting them know why they're so appreciated
- * Give someone a compliment
- * Offer to help someone with a task to make their life a little easier
- * Tell someone why they're really special to you.

Please discuss the challenge with your students and come up with suggestions. Also discuss the feelings we get when we are kind to others without them expecting it.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS



We will announce our 2024 leadership group tomorrow at assembly starting at 2.50pm in the multi purpose room. All welcome. Our year 6 students did a fantastic job of their speeches on Monday and I congratulate them all on their bravery of putting themselves forward.

SWIMMING

Our swimming program for students in years 1-6 will come to an end tomorrow as their last day of lessons.

Update Enrolment Details Form and Local Excursion Permission Form

The above forms were sent home on Friday February 2nd with all students in a large envelope. We still have a few families yet to return these.

If you have not already returned your child's forms please do so **tomorrow.**

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep – Soraya Leech

Grade 1/2 – Morgan Deverell

Grade 3/4 – Troy Tansley

Grade 5/6 – Emily Parker

Principal's – Willow Lawton &
Dean Liddicoat

LAST WEEK'S STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. The annual CSEF amount for primary school students is **\$150 per student**.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

HOW TO APPLY

If you applied for CSEF at our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started at our school this year in Prep or any other year level.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form. The application form needs to be filled in and returned to the office for processing.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will begin operating next week.

Please ensure that you use the attached 2024 Term 1 list.

Some reminders –

Orders are due into the office on Wednesdays by 9am.

Strictly no late orders can be taken.

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CASH ONLY. Correct cash appreciated. (If change required, it will be sent back with student's order on the Friday).

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We are a child safe school; committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. We have zero tolerance of child abuse.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/protect/Pages/default.aspx>

We have policies and processes in place to protect the care, safety and welfare of children.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Finance Meeting – Monday February 19th at 3.30pm

School Council Meeting – Monday February 19th at 7pm.

Term Dates 2024

Term 1

Monday January 29th to Thursday March 28th

Term 2

Monday April 15th to Friday June 28th

Term 3

Monday July 15th to Friday September 20th

Term 4

Monday October 7th to Friday December 20th

School Council Elections – information for parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected parent member category** – members of this category generally comprise more than one third of the council's total membership. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.
- **A mandated elected school employee member category** – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional community member category** – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.
- A small number of school councils have nominee members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- **act with honesty and integrity** – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty
- **act in good faith in the best interests of the school** – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds
- **act fairly and impartially** – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest
- **use information appropriately** – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available
- **exercise due care, diligence and skill** – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school

School Council Elections – information for parents

- **use the position appropriately** – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage
- **act in a financially responsible manner** – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions
- **comply with relevant legislation and policies** – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law
- **demonstrate leadership and stewardship** – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

- a. the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or
- b. the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same category that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate).

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Consider standing for election to school council.
- Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.
- Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.
- Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.

School Council notice of election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of (<i>school name below</i>)
Dunolly Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on (<i>insert day, month and year</i>).
Monday February 19 th

The ballot (if required) will close at 4.00pm on (<i>insert day, month and year</i>).
Monday March 4 th

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category
Parent member

Term of office	Year
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2024
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2026

Number of positions:	4
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Membership category
School employee member

Term of office	Year
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2024
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2026

Number of positions:	3
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Membership category
Student member

Term of office	Year
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	N/A
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	N/A

Number of positions:	N/A
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Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Principal signature


PARENTS & CARERS



Digital Wellbeing for Families Webinar

Tuesday March 19th at 6.30pm

AUDIENCE
Parents & Carers

TIME & DURATION
60 minutes

FORMAT
Online Webinar

ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

This new presentation gives parents/carers the opportunity to reflect on their family's digital wellbeing. They will explore **practical tips and strategies** to create **healthy habits around screen time** to positively impact relationships and **strengthen connections** within the home.

Presented to you and other schools, parents/carers throughout the session will:



Gain insight into the **latest research around family screen time and its impact** on individual and collective wellbeing in the home.



Be provided with **ideas and strategies to enhance their own digital wellbeing** to role model for their family.



Feel equipped to **support their children's device usage with practical strategies** without screen shaming, banning or removing devices.

1875 - 2025

Dunolly Primary School 150 years



About Us

The first school in the area was conducted in a tent as early as 1856 as the gold rush boomed. After much debate about where the majestic Dunolly PS No. 1582 should be located it was built at 8 Elgin Street, Dunolly in 1875.

Join us as we celebrate the 150th anniversary in 2025.



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contact details
for the event**



**Call us to be a part
of the organising
committee**



Visit Our Website

<https://www.dunollyps.vic.edu.au/>



Welcome to TheirCare Dunolly. My name is Sam, and I am the co-ordinator for the Dunolly service. TheirCare run the before and after school care program in the school's multipurpose room during school term and some pupil free days during the year too!!!!

In the mornings we have a few activities going and enjoy our breakfast together (provided by us) before heading out to play with our friends before school.

In the afternoon we have games and craft activities as well as fruit and something yummy for afternoon tea (again provided by us)

We run each week as a different theme usually around what is happening in our world (like Valentine's Day or back to school) and our games and activities revolve around our theme.

On Pupil free days we will let everyone know via the school newsletter or email (if enrolled with us) that we are taking bookings for the special day. We will provide the usual breakfast and afternoon tea but ask kids bring a healthy snack and lunch. These days usually have their own theme and activities we prepare especially for that day.

To book in is super easy if you follow the steps on our booking platform (found on our website) or if you want come see Sam and her fellow educators who can help you.

Attached is our session times and costs but if you have any questions please pop in and see Sam or give our service phone a call 0499855565 and we will be happy to chat.





Pupil Free Day Pajama Party Day!!!!!!!



Monday 26th February
7am-6pm

**TheirCare in the Multipurpose
room**

**To book you can follow
the link on our website
www.theircare.com.au
or give us a call on
0499855565**

**Wear your pajamas and slippers (bring a
pair of runners) your hat, a healthy snack
and healthy lunch**



TheirCare
Where Kids love to be!
Dunolly Primary School

Social, enjoyable
& fun experiences
for children

Develop creativity, life
skills & confidence
through play

Qualified, caring &
engaged staff

Exciting &
thoughtfully
developed programs

Healthy & Yummy
food provided
each day

Bookings now open!

	Monday - Friday Hours of Operation	Fees before Child Care Subsidy*	Out-of-pocket fees after Child Care Subsidy**
Before School Care (BSC)	7:00 AM to 8:45 AM	\$18.62	\$1.86
After School Care (ASC)	3:15 PM to 6:00 PM	\$24.09	\$2.41
Pupil Free Day	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$60.23	\$6.02
Holiday Program***	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Standard fee costs before Child Care Subsidy / ** Standard fee costs after maximum Child Care Subsidy / *** Standard fee costs excluding incursions/excursions

Cancellation Fees

(No Child Care Subsidy applied to Cancellation Fees)

BSC/ASC within 24 hours of session start time: \$4.00

Holiday Program within 5 days of session start time: \$10.00

Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.

Late Booking Fees

(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Booking Fees)

BSC/ASC within 24 hours of session start time: \$4.00

Holiday Program: book less than 5 days from

the session start time fee is \$10.00

Late Pick-up Fees

(Child Care subsidy does not apply to Late Pick-up Fees)

\$1 per minute after service close time.

To register visit theircare.com.au

Service Phone number:
0499 855 565
Your service Coordinator will be
available during session times.

**Save up
to 90% With
the Child Care
subsidy!**



**TheirCare support team is available between 6.30am - 9pm weekdays (Eastern Standard Time)
on 1300 072 410 or info@theircare.com.au**

Dunolly Football
Netball Club

Free



11am
**SUNDAY
25TH
FEBRUARY**

Contact Junior
Coordinator
Ross
Pechlivanidis
for more
information
0415 926 533

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**SUNDAY
MARCH 3 2024**
9am REGISTRATION
9:30am START

KIDZ TRIATHLON
Presented by
MARYBOROUGH
& DISTRICT TRIATHLON CLUB

SWIM 25m (indoor Pool)
RIDE 900m (2 laps of oval)
RUN 400m (1 lap of oval)
(Swim indoor pool RIDE run & ride both Pitches Reserve)

ENTRY FEE \$10
(registrations and cash only on the day)

AGES 7-12

YOU DID IT!

For more information
email: mbtriathlonclub@icloud.com
or contact Jenny Barrow 0423495768

TRIATHLON



CIRCLE OF SECURITY® PARENTING PROGRAM

All children want to feel loved and safe. The Circle of Security Parenting Program has been developed with decades of evidence on ways to strengthen secure parent-child relationships.

The program supports parents to provide children with the confidence and freedom to explore their world while feeling a sense of comfort and security. The program assists parents to see behaviour as communication rather than a problem.

Experienced and trained Circle of Security® practitioners will facilitate the group sessions.

The Circle of Security® parenting program will help you:

- Support your child's self esteem
- Tune in to your child's world by reading important cues
- Understand your child's emotional needs

- Connect with your child and enjoy being in the moment
- Strengthen your bond and attachment with your child

LOCATION: Maryborough

DATE: Each Thursday from 18th April to 6th June

TIME: 11.00am-1.00pm

COST: Free

For more Information contact
Judy on 5461 0200 or M: 0458 813961
or email:
judy.gersch@anglicarevic.org.au

DUNOLLY PRIMARY CANTEEN LIST- Term 1 2024

DRINKS

BIG M 250ML	\$2.50
(strawberry or chocolate)	
GOLDEN CIRCLE JUICE 250 ML	\$2.20
(apple, tropical or apple & blackcurrant)	
PLAIN MILK 200 ML	\$2.20

FOOD

SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE	\$5.50
FRIED RICE (Ham, egg, carrot, corn, peas)	\$5.50
TOASTIES - CHEESE	\$3.50
HAM AND CHEESE	\$4.20
HAM CHEESE PINEAPPLE	\$4.50
HAM CHEESE TOMATO	\$4.50
WRAPS OR ROLLS - CHICKEN OR HAM WITH CHEESE AND SALAD	\$5.00
STEAMED DIM SIM	\$1.20
CHICKEN NUGGETS	\$1.10
SAUSAGE ROLL	\$3.20
PARTY PIE	\$1.50
HOT DOGS	\$4.50
SAUCE SACHET (Tomato or Soy)	30 cents

SNACKS

YOGHURT TUB (strawberry, vanilla or mango)	\$1.80
FRESH PIECE OF FRUIT (SEASONAL BANANA, APPLE, MANDARIN)	\$1.00
BANANA BREAD	\$4.00

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