



2 September 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4 Sept** **Cranky Bear Year 1 Excursion**
 - 4 Sept** **Jacobs Well Excursion PC & PB**
 - 7 Sept** **Jacobs Well Excursion PA & PD**
 - 7 Sept** **Year 5 Tallebudgera Camp**
 - 7 Sept** **Parent Teacher Interviews begin**
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Dear Parent

Yesterday we celebrated the wonderful contributions that our teacher aides make each and every day for our students and our teaching teams. Teacher Aide Day is traditionally celebrated on the first Friday of September. At William Duncan we are all extremely fortunate to have such dedicated and committed aides. Their assistance provides extra attention students need to ensure they get the most out of a lesson whilst also supporting our teachers to organise engaging and educational activities each day. This year, Teacher aides are celebrating 40 years of service in education. This Friday we say thank you to our teacher aides who tirelessly assist teachers in our classrooms.

SSS Grant

In 2014 William Duncan State School applied to the Smart Schools Subsidy (SSS) Scheme to upgrade our Prep and SchoolPlus Play area. At the time of the application process it was determined that our Prep play area was in need of a significant upgrade. I was extremely pleased late last week to receive a letter from the Honourable Minister for Education, Kate Jones congratulating our school on being selected as a worthy recipient to be included in the 2015 – 2016 Smart Schools Subsidy (SSS) Scheme. The 'Early Year's Outdoor Education Precinct Project' is a much needed investment for our school. I am really excited that this capital expenditure (approximately \$120,000) will revitalise our junior play area. Over the next few weeks I will be working with Mr Fife to ensure this project delivers the best possible outcome for our students. Obviously there will be some disruption during the construction period however the long term outcome will be well worth the short term inconvenience.

Character Parade

Last Wednesday morning William Duncan State School held our annual Book Character Parade. The excitement of this event was at fever pitch when our Prep students took to the stage. This event traditionally draws many interesting and wonderful costumes from our students and their teachers. I wish to acknowledge the contributions that our teaching staff made to the success of this year's event. Their costumes and props made the day so much more special for our students!

I also sincerely thank all of the parents who supported our students to attend school dressed as their favourite character. The judges certainly had a very difficult job deciding a winner in each of the categories. Photos of the event can be found on our school's Facebook page.



Big thank you to our teaching staff who co-ordinated this event. Without the assistance of Mrs Cole and her many helpers this event would not have been as successful.

Parent Teacher Interviews

At this time of year we invite all parents to join with us to celebrate your child's learning. Information was forwarded to all parents last week regarding our school's Term 3 Parent Teacher interview. Attending an interview is a wonderful way parents can stay connected to their child's learning and class teacher. At this meeting parents will be provided valuable information on how to assist your child to further improve their literacy and numeracy during Term 4. It will also provide parents of students in Year 3 and 5 an opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher about the recently published 2015 NAPLAN report.

School Photos

Just a quick reminder that our 2015 school photos will be taken on Thursday 3 September. Information has already been circulated to all parents regarding the costs of each pack and photo options. Parents are reminded that all photo money must be brought to school and handed to the photographer on Thursday morning. It is an expectation that all students wear their full tartan uniform for these photos. Should you wish to obtain more information about our 2015 school photos please contact our school office.

Newsletter

As of next week our newsletter will be emailed to all parents. For your convenience we will also be uploading a copy of each weeks newsletter to our school's web page (<https://willduncss.eq.edu.au>). Any enquiries please contact the office.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS



LOTE AWARD - 4/5



MUSIC AWARD - PB



Music Report – Mrs Melissa Cole



Centre of Musical Excellence

Our Gold Coast Eisteddfod campaign for 2015 was very successful. Listed below are the results that our students achieved this year:

- WDSS Choir – Honours
- Senior Band – Very Highly Commended
- Junior Band – Honours
- Senior Strings – Honours



- Junior Strings – Honours

Congratulations to all of our students who bravely performed on the Arts Centre stage and all of the parents / carers who came to support them.

DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO JOIN THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM IN 2016?

Information will be going home this week to ALL Yr.2 (Strings) and Yr.3 (Band) students this week. Please return to the Music Room, and if you require more information, please contact me.

Term 3 / 4 Music Calendar of Events

- Tuesday 15 September: Yr.3 Beginner Strings performing on the school assembly 9am
- Tuesday 13 October: Senior Band performing on the school assembly 9am
- Wednesday 14 October: Descendants of the Dragon Shows
- Tuesday 20 October: Senior Strings performing on the school assembly 9am
- Saturday 14 November: End of Year Music Concert 9.30am – 11am WDSS Hall
- Thursday 19 November: Kylie Southwell Music Workshop Day
- Monday 23 November: Choir Xmas Tour
- Thursday 3 December: Choir Cushion Concert 7pm
- Tuesday 8 December: Choir performing on the school assembly 9am

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 14 November 2015



**END OF YEAR MUSIC CONCERT
WDSS HALL
BEGINNING 9.30AM**



ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

If you are a small business or sporting group that would like to advertise in our school newsletter we are now giving you this opportunity. For a fee of \$60 for 6 months, the ad will go in to our newsletter each week. It will be business card size and in black and white. If you would like more details please contact the office on 55814 888.

DUNCAN DELIGHTS

Sausage Sizzle



Order forms were sent home yesterday for our end of term sausage sizzle. For **\$4.50** you will receive a sausage sandwich, popper and a quelch lickstick (99% fruit juice). Additional sausages can be ordered for an extra \$2.50. All orders need to be returned by Friday 11 September as no late orders will be accepted.

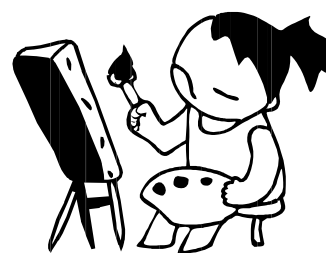
P & C NEWS

Father's Day Stall – On Thursday 3 September the Father's Day stall will be open before school, morning tea and big lunch for ALL students. We will also be open Friday 4 September before school for all last minute purchases.

Disco – We are holding a whole school disco next Friday, 11 September, starting at 6pm and finishing at 8 pm. Entry is \$4 with plenty of glow products for sale. We are also running a sausage sizzle for \$2.50, so there is no need to worry about dinner. Other snacks and drinks will be available for purchase on the night as well. There will be a lucky door prize on the night. You could win a family pass valued at \$42 to the Planetarium for 'The Cosmic Skydrome Show'. As always we are looking for volunteers to help supervise on the night, so if you are able to help please see Kim in the tuckshop.

Community Fun Day – On Saturday 14 November we are holding a Community Fun Day. There will be lots of rides, show bags, stalls and other fun activities. An event like this takes a lot of planning as well as volunteers. If you are able to help or would just like to know more about what is involved please come along to our next **fundraising meeting** on Monday 14 September at 3.15pm in the hall meeting room.

YOU ARE INVITED TO



Senior Arts Day

Date: Wednesday 16 September 2015

Time: 1.45pm – 2.30pm

ALL STUDENTS IN YR4 – YR 6 WILL BE PARTICIPATING

Come along and join in the fun and engaging Art activity that your child will be creating.



COMMUNITY NEWS

MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC

Gold Coast Oral Health Services are offering free dental check-ups to children in Year 1,2 and 3. The clinic has arrived at William Duncan. Other year levels will be offered shortly.

This service will be provided on-site by Mobile Dental Clinic 148. Hours of operation for this clinic are Tuesday to Friday 8am to 4pm.

To arrange an appointment for your child telephone:

The Oral Health Client Service Centre

☎1300 300 850

Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm

Excluding Public Holidays

Child Dental Benefit Schedule Vouchers are accepted. When your child's \$1000 cap is reached, there will be no out-of-pocket expenses provided your child meets *eligibility criteria.

* Eligibility – All Queensland resident children aged four years or older who have not completed year 10 of secondary school. Please ask if you have younger siblings also eligible for Child Dental Benefits.

Further information on public funded oral health services can be accessed via URL:

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/goldcoasthealth/html/services/oralhealth.asp>

Woolworths Earn & Learn – It's back

You can help our school by shopping at your local Woolworths store. It's simple to participate From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September everybody can collect their Earn & Learn stickers from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the sticker sheet in the collection box at the office. We do have some sticker sheets available at the office.



School Plus William Duncan Fun



This week we started our Christmas concert rehearsals and have children excited about being part of the end of year celebration. The children are still deciding what they would like to do for the occasion. The weather is still lovely and warm in the afternoons for the children to enjoy the sun before Summer and have been spending time outside in the fresh air playing soccer, cubbies, skipping, chasing, trikes and super heroes. The entries for the Gold Coast show go in this week, we wish all of the children who entered good luck!

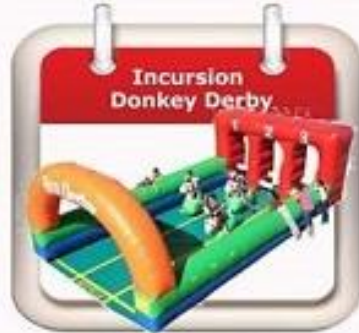
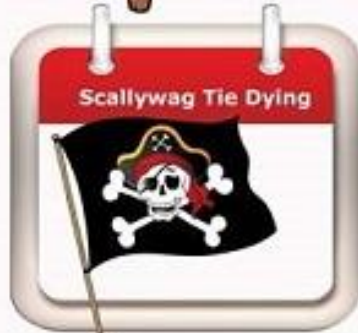
Vacation care is coming up fast and we have a fun filled program for the children to be a part of. We will be going to Air Factory, the movies and have a Donkey Derby coming to William Duncan! The theme this vacation care is Pirates! The race is on to find the treasure and challenge the other team on some awesome Topsy Turvy challenges. Don't forget our special wheels days when the children can bring their bike or scooter!

Laugh Out Loud with School Plus! We welcome new friends to join in the excitement. For further details please call the Service on 07 5581 4804/0456 439 013 or email williamduncan@schoolplus.com.au or visit our website at www.schoolplus.com.au.





Ahoy ye Mateys
come and join School Plus in partnership with
William Duncan State School
for a treasure filled Vacation Care program
Book Now for the September School Holidays
All school age children welcome - invite your friends to join you.
Laugh out loud - learn through play!



Full fee is \$42.50* per day. Extra for incursions (see program)
Casual Rate of \$44.50* apply after 11th September 2015

For full details on how to book and to obtain a copy of daily
program please email williamduncan@schoolplus.com.au
or phone 07 5581 4804.

Hours : 6.30 am to 6.00 pm

All children attending must bring a broad brim hat, water bottle,
wear closed in shoes, Sunsmart clothing and their lunch daily.

*Daily fees are calculated for each individual family and are based
on a family's eligibility for Child Care Benefits and rebates.
Incursions have an additional cost.

Daily Fees from
\$NIL* per child

includes
breakfast,
morning and
afternoon tea.