



Mt Duneed Regional Primary School News

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'YOU CAN DO IT' Term 4 Focus— 'Confidence'.

Principal's Report

This is the last newsletter for the 2014 year. It's been a fabulous year with many extra-curricula activities and opportunities provided for our students. Included in the newsletter is a summary of many 2014 educational highlights for our school and a list of our varied academic and social/emotional activities offered to our school community.

Year 6 Graduation

On Monday night parents, students and staff celebrated the Year 6 Graduation. It was a wonderful night and the students gave excellent speeches which were thoughtful, organised, insightful and articulate. The staff are very proud of our year 6 students, the way they spoke on the night and how they have been excellent role models for our younger students. We wish them the best of luck for the future and hope that they come back to visit. A big thank you to Mr Lavars, the organising committee and parent helpers who arranged the evening, decorated the room and provided the graduation cake. It was a sight to see and created a special celebratory atmosphere.

Reports

Student achievement end of year reports go home today. This is an ideal opportunity to celebrate the progress and effort that your child/children have made throughout the year. A glossary of educational terms is provided on the back of the newsletter. The glossary may assist parents' understanding of specific teaching programs and strategies.



Emergency Notification



Emergency Management Victoria have provided to the school, parent instructions in case of natural and manmade disasters. We have uploaded the instructions onto the Parent Information page of the school website and the skoolbag app.

Julie Makin

To all our families at Mt Duneed Regional Primary School, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.



EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Thur 18th Dec 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Bus Application to Travel forms due back today Students Last Day of school 2014 Whole school assembly @ 2:50pm. Senior Choir performance . Dismissal @ 3:30pm.
Tues 27th Jan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Requisites & Contribution collection Day #2, STRICTLY 9am-1pm OR 2pm-4pm. No Eftpos facilities. Blue Term 1 Bus Travel Application forms and fares due
Thur 29th Jan 2015	Term 1, 2015 commences for all students

TERM 1 2015 IS A SUNSMART TERM

All students must have a sunsmart approved wide brimmed, navy hat to wear whenever outside. **NO HAT, NO PLAY.**

Extra-curricular Events

<i>Junior School Council National 'No Bullying' Day</i>	<i>Fun Run</i>
<i>Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge</i>	<i>Safety Day</i>
<i>Forensic Science @ Grovedale College</i>	<i>Camp Program</i>
<i>Puberty & Personal Development Program</i>	<i>Wear Pink Day</i>
<i>Adventure Park</i>	<i>Family Maths Night</i>
<i>Cybersmart</i>	<i>Japan Day</i>
<i>Blue Light Disco</i>	<i>AFL Players</i>
<i>Music & Movement Festival</i>	<i>Professor Bunsen</i>
<i>Family Picnic / Bushdance</i>	<i>Whole School Assemblies</i>
<i>Parent Information Sessions</i>	<i>S.S.A Sports Days</i>
<i>Waste Wise Excursion</i>	<i>"Bravehearts"</i>
<i>Hot Chocolate Day</i>	<i>Funky Hair Day</i>
<i>Lunchtime Clubs</i>	<i>Anzac Day Service</i>
<i>Life Education Van</i>	<i>Transition Days</i>
<i>MDRPS's Got Talent</i>	<i>Education Week Open Day</i>
<i>Immigration Museum</i>	<i>THRASS workshop</i>
<i>'Healthy Me' Breakfast</i>	<i>School Concert</i>
<i>Werribee Mansion</i>	<i>Developing Resilience</i>
<i>Active After School Program</i>	<i>Movie on the Mount</i>
<i>Student-led Conferences</i>	<i>CERES Excursion</i>
<i>Swimming Program</i>	<i>Book Week / Fair</i>
<i>Year 6 Graduation</i>	
<i>100 Days of Prep</i>	
<i>SRI Christmas Concert</i>	
<i>You Yangs & Serendip</i>	
<i>End of Year Family Picnic</i>	

SUCCESSSES

- NAPLAN results, particularly reading
- AMSI collaboration in Numeracy
- Introduction of Family Maths Night
- Emotional Thermometer / Catastrophe Scale
- School app for communication to parents
- Professional Learning Communities
- The Delta Canine Program
- Learning Walks
- Bushdance
- School Veggie Garden
- Cybersmart Program
- Developing Resilience Programam
- Parent & Staff Opinion Survey results above the state mean.



Future Direction

- Visible Learning
- Individual Learner Profiles
- Live Reporting
- Continued focus on improving student outcomes

2014
The Mount Duneed Way



GLOSSARY

English	
Blends	When two or more letters are read together to combine sounds, for example, 'br' or 'str'
Chunking	Separating a word into smaller parts so that it is more easily remembered
Decoding	Using letter-sound relationships to translate a word from a series of symbols to a unit of meaning
Digraph	Two letters that represent one phoneme (speech sound), for example, 'ch' or 'ea'
Fiction/Non-fiction	Fiction refers to an invented story, usually narrative and non-fiction refers to a text based on fact
Fluency	To read continuous text with good momentum, phrasing, appropriate pausing, intonation and stress
Genre	A category of written text that is characterised by a particular style, form or content, for example, narrative, recount, persuasive, procedure
High frequency words	Words that occur often in the spoken and written language
Inferential Comprehension	To go beyond the literal meaning of a text and to think about what is not stated but is implied by the writer
Literal Comprehension	Identify information that is directly stated in the text
Metaphors	A figure of speech that makes a comparison of two unlike things without using the word <i>like</i> or <i>as</i> , for example, 'the apple of my eye'
Text	The words in anything written or printed
THRASS	A phonographic methodology to teach children the 44 phonemes (speech sounds) and graphemes (spelling choices) of the English language
Short vowel / Long vowel / Other vowels	A short vowel is brief-duration sound represented by a vowel letter, for example, <i>cat</i> , whereas a long vowel is the elongated vowel sound that is the same as the name of the vowel, for example, <i>cake</i> . There is also other vowel combinations that don't fit into the short or long category, for example, <i>hair</i>
Similes	A comparison of two unlike things in which a word of comparison (often <i>like</i> or <i>as</i>) is used

Mathematics	
Algorithms	A way of setting out a step-by-step mathematical procedure
Analogue/Digital Clock	An analogue clock has the numbers 1 to 12 around the face and rotating hands to show the time, whereas a digital clock is a clock without hands that uses numerals to show the time
Array	A set of objects or numbers arranged in order, often in rows and columns, for example, $3 \times 4 = 12$ can be represented by 3 rows of 4 counters
Automatic recall	When the answer to a Mathematics problem is known and quickly recalled
Concrete materials	Any material that can be used to help solve problems, for example, counters, icy-pole sticks and blocks
Edges	The side of a polygon or a line segment where two faces of a solid figure meet
Faces	The flat surface of a three-dimensional shape
Near-doubles	A counting strategy to build on a child's knowledge of doubles facts, for example, working out $6+7$, students can think <i>double 6 plus 1 more</i>
Net	A flat shape which can be folded up into a three-dimensional solid
Open-ended problems	Mathematics problems that have many different solutions to challenge a student's thinking
Operation	The process of combining numbers or expressions and include addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
Place Value	The value of a digit depending on its place in a number
Skip count	Counting forwards or backwards in multiples or intervals of a given number
Regrouping/Renaming	Rearranging the formation of a group, may be called partitioning • previously called 'trading' or 'carrying' in addition and subtraction
Word Problem	Mathematical problems that are given in words rather than numbers



Follow Mrs. Rowe's Blog on her journey to Japan at senseirowe.wordpress.com.
She is extremely excited and cannot wait to share her adventures with you all!!!

