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DUNDULA STATE SCHOOL HARVEST FAIR

All proceeds go to the school P&C to put towards purchasing much-needed resources for our students.

We invite Stall Holders to come to our Dundula State School Harvest Fair on Saturday, 22nd October, 2016 from 11am to 4pm.

- Stall Holders are to supply their own generators if power is required.
- Stall Holders are to provide their own shelter / marquees.
- Stall Holders are to pay the school in advance, a fee of $25.00 to be paid to the school via cash / cheque. Cheques made payable to Dundula State school P & C.
- In addition to the $25.00 fee, Stall Holders are welcome to donate part of their proceeds to the school prior to the Harvest Fair OR donate part of their earnings to the school, at the conclusion of the fair.
- Stall Holders must have own (current) insurance.

If you are interested, please contact the school office on 40528333 or ring or text school mobile on 0408280292 or alternatively email johood79@eq.edu.au to confirm your interest in this event before the end of August. Spaces are limited and are filling fast.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

YEAR 1/2 HISTORY CLASS

What a fantastic day it was to share past school experiences with Grandparents of our students of year 1/2. It was lovely to hear the students share the highlights of the day and well done to Mrs Denman on organising this great event.

CLUSTER UPDATE

Our end of term is fast approaching and we are finalising many things. This week I attended a data day at Bloomsbury where cluster principals met to analyse our focus areas. At Seaforth we will continue to focus on reading as part of our whole school improvement agenda. Our students continue to improve in reading due to consistency across our classrooms. On Thursday I attended a planning morning at Glenella State School to encourage professional discussions between teachers across the cluster to coincide with the launch of a consolidated curriculum. An outcome of this meeting is that we will continue to plan, resource and moderate with like schools. Friday I have been invited to attend a meeting at Regional Office with the Assistant Regional Directors to represent our Northern Highway cluster.

A very busy few weeks are coming up—please stay up to date with our important dates published to the right of this column.

MEET OUR PROMISING WRITERS

I love reading outstanding work from our students. Renee in Year 3 and Isabella in Year 4 recently received a principals award for their excellent story writing.

The Graveyard—Just a Dream by Renee Doumergue

I was in the park, playing a game of tag with Abi, when all of a sudden, the wind started to blow. The round-a-bout started to turn, the swings started to swing and we got blown into a graveyard and fell flat on our faces.

We got up, looked around, but it was silent until… Aarrgh! We heard an ear piercing shriek! Then a scream, then a squeal, then a screech!

I felt Abi grasp onto my arm. I was trembling, so was she. We looked at each other face-to-face and quickly looked back at what was happening.
Bats were swooping overhead, looking down at us with red, beady eyes. Just then, something hit me hard on the head. I fell to the ground. When I woke up I saw nothing except my own room, surrounding me.

PHEW! WHAT A NIGHTMARE!

It’s cold, dark and wet. I’ve got shivers up my spine. All I can taste in the air is blood, cold blood, and dead bones everywhere. When I walk on the ground all you can hear is Snap! Snap! Snap! And I see grave stones everywhere. Bats are flying in an instant, spider webs are blowing in the wind. Foxes are howling and you can hear zombies murmuring.

Isabella Cole

CLASS NEWS FROM YEAR 1/2 HISTORY CLASS

Grandparent’s Day - Earlier this week the year 1/2 class enjoyed Grandparent’s Day. In history classes this term they have been learning about what daily life was like in the past and comparing the past with the present to notice things that have changed and things that have stayed the same. Students invited their grandparent’s, or someone of a similar generation, to be interviewed about their lives when they were children. Our visitors had a lot of stories to share with us and we all learnt something interesting about the past. Most student’s were fascinated to learn that their grandparent’s didn’t have to wear shoes to school and some even travelled to school on a horse! After the interviews were finished we enjoyed a shared morning tea and played games such as marbles, elastics, pick up sticks and hopscotch!

I would like to say a very big thank you to all our visitors, not only for coming along (I know a lot of our visitors travelled from town and further), but for enthusiastically sharing your stories and playing games with us.

Mrs Teegan Denman
History teacher

ANTICIPATED RETIREMENT OF THE McKENZIES

After almost 12 years as the Seaforth area school bus operators Robyn and myself have decided it is time to move on and retire. Our school bus services are provided under contracts administered by the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads and as such the department has the final say over who the services can be transferred to and how that transfer will occur. At this time the department has partially approved a transfer to Bus Fox Mackay and a transfer date has been negotiated between all parties. Up until that date we will continue to provide services as normal and will be carrying Seaforth State School children to the their annual swimming lessons at the end of this term and to school camp in Week 1 of Term 4. Assuming all government approvals are forthcoming and all sale conditions are met we will finish up on Friday 28th October and Bus Fox Mackay will commence morning services on Monday 31st October which is the start of Week 5 in Term 4.

Currently Bus Fox Mackay has commenced advertising for employee drivers and if local parents and residents are aware of anyone looking for a driving position they are encouraged to let them know about these jobs and to contact Bus Fox Mackay directly to apply for them. Their phone number is 1800 809 734 and Karl Fox is the person to contact.

Closer to the settlement date, during Term 4, we will update the school community on the progress of the expected transfer.

Thank-you
Graham & Robyn McKenzie